

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

These minutes are unofficial until the board approves them at the next month's meeting.

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	Easley
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Dr.Tori Lindeman JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Special Ed Coordinator/Dean of Students Casey Welscher Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley, Phillip Scrogum

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 8.2 Health insurance premiums

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes, bills, payroll) as presented. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Casey Welscher updated the board on her activities. She has been meeting with teachers, getting curriculum to them, and will be having interviews for the teaching position on Friday.

Phillip Scrogum updated the board on the work he has done to the building. He also talked about the condition of the buses and the quote he received from Central States for a new bus.

We received a FOIA from CT Mills for a summary of our current contracts. The requested information has been submitted.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to approve the high school senior parking project, subject to approval of parking spaces. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Dr. Lindeman will attend a CIE meeting on the 23rd to discuss the bids received on our health insurance for next year.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Lindy Schenk received a \$2,000 grant from the Tracy Family Foundation.
- The chairs and desks we ordered have been delivered.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Dr. Lindeman included:

- School registration is open and has been moving forward without concern. New students to the district can enroll in person beginning July 23, 2025, when the secretaries return to duty.
- St. Jude runners will be here on Saturday, August 2, to use the showers and facility.
- The New Superintendent Conference (July 14-16) ended today, and it provided me a wonderful opportunity to meet the other area superintendents and ISBE team.
- The final budget update for the 2024-25 fiscal year has been provided.
- The South Fulton Pom Squad has received a large donation from Kristopher Langley and his company, Midstate Fire and Repair, to fund new uniforms for the pom team. Currently, co-sponsors are working with the 14 students to get fitted and the orders submitted. The goal is to be ready for the fall sports season! Stephanie Carithers and Emily Miller conveyed they are overjoyed and grateful for the generous gift.
- Mr. Scrogum has provided a detailed update on the maintenance progress and changes since his arrival in May. He has also shared a detailed update on the bus and vans services and future needs.
- Ms. Massaglia has noted that she and Ms. Wherley have been working ahead of schedule this summer to complete the IT work. The REAP Grant and annual purchase of IT items has been submitted. The submission was approximately \$50,000. This will provide all incoming fifth graders and freshman a new laptop. All other laptops have been updated.
- The next board meeting is Wednesday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 8:25 p.m. for the following purposes:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules
- Purchase or lease of real property
- Setting of price for sale or lease of property

Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles seconded by Prather, to convene into closed session at 8:30 p.m. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the closed session at 9:10 p.m. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve the minutes of the closed session. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to hire Daisy Ratcliff as a paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to hire Dagain Reneau as a paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to hire Wendy Danner in the role of classroom paraprofessional, substitute, and food service for the 2025-26 school year. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m.