



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 24th, 2025 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2025 The Board of Aspen Academy will

Tenacity	• form cohesion, cooperate, respectfully engage, listen effectively, and remain future minded.
High Expectations	• keep students first, speak with one voice, operate as a governance board.
Integrity	• always remain respectful to staff, employees, parents, students and other stakeholders, hear all voices before key decisions, maintain oversight, and work together to carry out our responsibilities.
No Excuses	• always assume positive intent, be accountable for self-behaviors and their impact on board activities, be open to clarifying questions, constructive comments and relevant discussions, and read all materials before board meetings.
Kindness	• treat each other with respect at all times, respect time allotted for all presentations at board meetings, and respect each other's time.

- CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00pm**

In attendance Michael Faulise, Rob Allison, Andrew Price, Kristin Carlson, Liliya Tsibulko, Stephanie Smitley, Victoria Regehr, Melanie Jiskra

Authorizer Comments Amy Erickson was in attendance.

Community Comments _____

Community members must pre-register to speak at the meeting. Items are limited to those motions on the night's agenda. The Board Chair has the discretion to hear a community member who has not pre-registered, but items remain limited to those on the agenda.

- Motion: Approval of Agenda as amended.**

First Tsibulko Second Carlson Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: Approval of Minutes (January 27th, 2025).**

First Smitley Second Tsibulko Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Thank you to the Middle School teachers for putting together the dance. Thank you to teachers/parents/caregivers for participating in conferences. Thank you to Ms. Carsten and helpers for running the book fair during conferences. Shout out to the SpEd director, Ms. Keroff and Ms. Fisher for putting together the SEAC meeting with parents. Thank you to Ms. Milton and the ILTR committee for all of the activities during ILTR month.

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **Resignations/Terms/Non-renewals**
 - Sophia Raphaelle, special ed teacher (effective 2-14-25)

First Smitley Second Faulise Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)

- Administration Report: Dr. Haley-Strub presented FastBridge winter data.
 - Students took FastBridge assessments in January. Lots of new students to Aspen this year, 33% of 8th graders are new, 21% 6th graders, 16% 3rd graders, 15% 7th graders.
 - Reading – some great data in K, letter sounds 84%, 1st grade 78% hit target in CBM reading. 2nd-5th grades 70% hit target.
 - Math – K, 74% hit target in earlyMath. 2nd-5th 79% hit target. 6-8, 72% hit target.
 - Summary – Continue DDI in Math K-5, add 6 and 7 next year. Have data meetings with individual teachers 2 times a year, collaborative instructional planning for middle school.

Thank you, Dr. Erin!

- Committee Report: The committee met to review the school calendar options for next year. The committee chose option C which starts after Labor Day and ends June 2nd.

- Motion: **Approve Policy 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies, 2nd Read.**

First Tsibulko Second Carlson Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the 2025-2026 school year calendar.**

First Carlson Second Regehr Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise)

- Administration Report: The fundraiser will cover the AV system for the gym.
- Motion: **Approve the technology proposal with bluum for AV system in the gym.**

First Smitley Second Allison Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the amended contract with EdSource Midwest for special education teacher for 2024-2025 school year.**

First Tsibulko Second Smitley Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the contract with Soliant Health, LLC. for special education social worker for the 2024-2025 school year.**

First Smitley Second Regehr Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

An increase of 1 section in grades 5, 6 and 7 over the current year.

- Motion: **Approve up to the following number of sections for each grade level for the 2025-2026 school year: 4 sections each in K, 1, 2, 3, 4; 5 sections of 5th grade, 4 sections of 6th grade, 3 sections of 7th grade and 2 sections of 8th grade.**

First Carlson Second Tsibulko Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Committee Report: The committee met prior to the board meeting. Discussed where to put excess funds and made that a priority. Will look into starting 403b after finances are situated. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter. 58% through fiscal year, revenue 58%, expenses 57%(drain tiles and additional curriculum). Enrollment at 650. Admin is working on a revised budget based on possible 26 legislation budget.

- Motion: **Approve the January check register.**

First Allison Second Faulise Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Board Elections, Responsibilities & Governance Committee (Smitley/Tsibulko)

- Committee Report: The committee will be meeting March 4th to review election dates, etc.

- Motion: **Approve Rachel Mong as secretary for Friends of Aspen Academy board of directors, effective immediately.**

First Smitley Second Carlson Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Community Engagement Committee (Price/Regehr)

- Committee Report: Looking to schedule next month.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price, Allison, Faulise)

- Committee Report: Update on role delineation work. The admin team has been hard at work separating roles based on the job and not the person doing that job. The executive board also met with Julie Goldsmith on splitting the director and principal roles which should be finalized by the next board meeting.

- **Adjournment at 6:39pm**

- First Smitley Second Regehr Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____