



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 26th, 2026 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2026 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.
Notable Accountability	• 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 6:05pm**

In attendance Rob Allison, Stephanie Smitley, Kristin Carlson, Michael Faulise, Liliya Tsibulko, Victoria Regehr, Eric Sandberg, Jackie Miaffo

Authorizer Comments _____

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**

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

• Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (December 8th, 2025).

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

Student Board Representative Report: By Zoe – Kindergarten is working on self-help skills like tying shoes and zipping jackets independently. 1st grade will be going to a field trip at the end of the month. 2nd grade started learning about electricity. Art work is on display at Savage City Hall this month. By Aiza – 3rd grade is continuing work on their fiction writing piece. 4th grade is finishing up their Bridge2Read curriculum for the first time. 5th grade has shown great progress on their CBM reading assessment. Middle school finished up FastBridge assessments, is looking forward to the dance next week and NJHS sold over 1,000 candy grams!

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mr. Sandberg): Shout-out to all of the Paraprofessionals during Paraprofessional Week! Thank you to Mrs. Mong and Mrs. Yohn for organizing a great week for the para's. Shout-out to the staff members who showed high expectations working from home on a frigid day!

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- Anna Larson, para (effective 1-5-26)
- Deris Morgan, para (effective 1-12-26)
- Godfrey Luke, para (effective 2-1-26)
- Shamiyia Webb, para (effective 2-1-26)

- School Board Norms of Engagement for 2026.

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

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)

- Committee Report: The committee met last week to review the options for the calendar. The committee recommended the version that begins before Labor Day and ends early June, a compromise between 2 of the options presented to staff.

- Motion: **Approve the 2026-2027 school calendar.**

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

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Tsibulko)

- Committee Report: The committee met prior to the meeting. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – Budget revision should be coming next month. 50% through the fiscal year. Enrollment at 648. Expenditures and revenue at 48%. Should get most of payouts by end of April, still coming – fundraiser, field trip, etc. Will have a bond follow-up call

after Feb board meeting. Fund balance is 22%, bank transfer should be finalized soon, earned first month of interest.

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

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

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

- Committee Report: The committee will meet in February to get dates for the election going.

Community Engagement Committee (Regehr/Carlson)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee (Faulise)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

- **Adjournment at 6:24pm**

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