



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 18th, 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 6:01pm**

In attendance Kristin Carlson, Jackie Miaffo, Stephanie Oberloh, Liliya Tsibulko, Eric Sandberg, Rob Allison, Stephanie Smitley

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 Tsibulko Second Allison Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

• Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (April 20th, 2026).

First Allison Second Carlson Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

Student Board Representative Report: Zoe reported that Kindergarten is working on planting their Kinder “garden”. First grade presented their American Symbols projects last week. Second grade is working on an interactive way to teach habitats. Aiza reported that 3rd grade is going to Gibbs Farm and has a talent show coming up. 4th grade is doing a countdown to the end of school. 5th grade are “Mars astronauts” for their latest science unit. Taya reported that 6th grade talked to 5th grade about middle school. 7th grade is working on their Rube-Goldberg science fair projects. 8th grade went on their annual Mall of America trip.

Thank you to our Student Board Representatives! Good luck in 9th grade!

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mr. Sandberg): Fine Arts Night was a huge success! Thank you to Mr. Senum, Mr. Gross, Ms. Gale and Ms. Linkert. NJHS had an induction ceremony. Thank you to Ms. Carey and Ms. Ovrebo for their facilitation of that. Shout out to the School of Excellence Committee – 2 year process that ended in a school wide celebration. Thank you to the Lindmeyers for freshening up the flowerpots outside of school. Thank you to the PTO for Teacher Appreciation month. Thank you to Rob Allison for his years of service on the board.

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- Maria Stenslend, sub para (effective 5-5-26)

Service Agreements for 2026-2027

- AmeriCorps for Math and Reading Corps tutors
- Uptick Education for School Psychology services
- Scott County Health and Human Services for transportation

First Tsibulko Second Miaffo Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)

- Administration Report: The Handbook committee met several times and was well attended by different members of the school to provide input. Will add a reference to the AI policy and some other edits before 2nd read.

- Motion: **Approve the Scholar/Caregiver Handbook, 1st Read.**

First Carlson Second Allison Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Committee Report: The committee met last week to review the new AI model policy. Lots of good discussion. The committee will meet again over the summer after gathering more information with possible board policy adoption around September.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Tsibulko)

- Committee Report: Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 83% through fiscal year. Revenue and expenditures at 83%. 990s for Aspen and Friends of Aspen have been submitted. FY27 budget revision possible, depending on enrollment. Health insurance was a big increase in the budget, increase split between Aspen and employees. Food service reimbursement always a month behind. Nate will look into building maintenance fund to see how much is there for upcoming maintenance. No questions on the check register.

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

First Allison Second Tsibulko Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the FY27 budget.**

First Miaffo Second Tsibulko Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the 990.**

First Allison Second Miaffo Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

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

- Committee Report: The election took place May 14th. There were 6 ballots cast. Kristin Carlson and Jackie Miaffo each had 6 votes and Stephanie Smitley had 5. The new terms will start July 1.
- Motion: **Approve Kristin Carlson and Stephanie Smitley as Teacher Board Members and Jackie Miaffo as Parent Board Member for their terms beginning July 1, 2026.**

First Tsibulko Second Miaffo Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

Community Engagement Committee (Regehr/Carlson)

- Administration Report: Mr. Sandberg is looking into having someone available who could help translate for parents coming into the office.
- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee (Faulise)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

This is Rob's last meeting. His son is graduating from 8th grade this year. We thank Rob for his many, many years of service (so many he can't remember). He has been a great board member for Aspen, especially helping to keep Aspen financially sound.

- Adjournment at **6:27pm**

First Allison Second Miaffo Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____