

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Those in attendance were members Derek Berger, Janice Baker, Adrian Newton, Michelle Gilbert and Anthony Piascik. Also in attendance was Principal Lori Collins, Assistant Principals' Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Technology Director Adam Hollins, Director of Student Services, Meredith Davine, Director of Maintenance Scott Dube, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick and Business Administrator, Cindy Bourgeault.

The 2026/27 budget was reviewed. Though much discussion took place, no action was taken. Changes were made to the budget and conveyed to the Business Administrator, were the consensus of the Board.

Technology:

Drivers are Servers, Teacher devices, Yearly expenses

Purchasing Chromebooks for \$3,500 each is less expensive than ordering other types at \$4,900.

Only Chromebooks will be purchased. Servers are on a 7-year cycle and are overdue for replacement.

Maintenance:

Drivers are Grounds (Preschool playground/Sealcoating parking lot), Discussion regarding purchasing new software for air controllers for the gym.

A schedule will be created for maintenance items.

Janice Baker stressed that safety or code issue should be addressed.

Regular Education Transportation:

Contractual

Special Education Transportation:

Additional students and need a monitor

Pinkerton Tuition

17 additional students this year.

Large incoming class, small outgoing class

Break from budget to enter regularly scheduled School Board Meeting

Resumed budget meeting.

Regular Education:

Enrollment changes

No staffing additions

Bare bones budget

Haven't increased operational lines

Wage increases for admin and support 2%

Need to budget for retirement stipends

Bill stated there is a significant increase in health care.

Special Education:

Drivers: Newly hired BCBA

ESY: Middle school tuition and new out of district placement

ELL

Co-Curricular

Athletics

Health

School Psychologist

Speech

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Other Support Services

Cindy Bourgeault stated that there was significant movement between funding lines. This was due to her putting them in the proper lines after being in incorrect lines in the past.

The bond schedule was discussed. We are in year 8 of the bond.

The Board ended their budget discussion at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
School Board Recording Secretary

**AUBURN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2025
6:00 P.M.
AUBURN VILLAGE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

These minutes have been approved.

Derek Berger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were members Janice Baker, Adrian Newton, Michelle Gilbert and Anthony Piascik. Also in attendance was Principal Lori Collins, Assistant Principals' Lindsay Murray & Jennifer Barnhill, Technology Director Adam Hollins, Director of Student Services, Meredith Davine, Director of Maintenance Scott Dube, Superintendent William (Bill) Rearick and Business Administrator, Cindy Bourgeault.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eighth grader Ava DiClemente led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF POSTING

Bill Rearick provided proof of posting.

PINKERTON LIAISON

Cooper Morrison updated the Board with events at Pinkerton Academy, which included:

- CTE Night
- 'Pinkerton's Got Talent'
- Sophomore Semi Formal
- Girls Volleyball Team are State Champs
- A Christmas Carol – Stockbridge Theater
- Thanksgiving Break

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the October 14, 2025 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the sealed minutes of October 14, 2025 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to approve the sealed minutes of September 9, 2025 Board meeting minutes, and the motion carried unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC to ADDRESS THE BOARD

No participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Bill Rearick reported that he attended the Veteran's Day breakfast. He said over 200 veterans and their families attended.

REPORTS

Reports of Administrators

Reports of administrator's were reviewed.

Janice Baker asked if we are on track with our assessment schedule: student tests, results, reporting to the Board. Bill Rearick stated that administrators will create the schedule which will be included in all packets as an informational item. Lori Collins will provide the NHSAS results at the December meeting.

Discussion ensued relative to the preschool population which Meredith Davine stated how difficult enrollments are to project as there are too many unknowns. Cindy Bourgeault explained how Catastrophic Aid (CAT) funds are processed and are considered revenue.

Standing Committees

Derek Berger stated that the budget committee has started meeting. The School Board will present on 12/11/25 at the AVS Media Center at 6:00 p.m.

Michelle Gilbert spoke to drafting a communication policy, as there is no current policy governing communication. PTA: Anthony Piascik reported that the PTA is doing a fantastic job. He highlighted recent and upcoming events such as:

- Revamped Spooky Walk
- Mosaic Mural
- Successful Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
- Missoula Production
- LaBelle Lights Fundraiser (12/3/25)
- Holiday Movie Magic (12/5/25)

Technology: Adam Hollins said he is still trying to set up a meeting.

Negotiations: Bill Rearick said negotiations are ongoing. The next meeting is 11/17/25)

Pinkerton Start Time: Adrian Newton said there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Updates/Milestones

Lindsay Murray, Jenn Barnhill and Lori Collins reviewed the goals and the steps being taken to attain each.

NEW BUSINESS

SAU Internal Control Assessment

Bill Rearick said two representatives from BerryDunn attended the SAU meeting in October, and summarized their conclusions from the operations assessment. Bill said there were nine areas of focus, only one which was considered a high priority. Five were considered medium priority items and three were considered low. Though some items were addressed immediately, and they will concentrate on all after budgets are done.

The complete internal control assessment report is online.

Manifest Approval

Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Anthony Piascik, to approve the manifest in the amount of \$1,058,685.55, and the motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Report and Summary

The expenditure report was in the packet for review.

Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Anthony Piascik, to amend the agenda to include discussion on the Health Care assessment, and the motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Bourgeault reported that School Care voted to allow districts to pay 1/3 by December 31 and pay the balance by July 15. Cindy recommended that the district pay \$75,000 now, as there is a healthy fund balance. Janice Baker suggested waiting until later in the year to see how the fund balance looked. It might be used to pay off the balance. Anthony Piascik reviewed the options to pay it off which were discussed at the Board's October meeting. No action was taken. The Board will discuss this further at their meeting on December 2.

POLICIES

Policies JICJ Unauthorized Use of Electronic Devices, JLCD Administering Medication to Students, and JFAA Admission of Resident Students were reviewed for a first reading.

Motion by Michelle Gilbert, seconded by Janice Baker, to approve the first policy readings of JICJ and JLCD as presented and amended, and the motion carried unanimously.

Policy JFAA will return to the policy committee for further review.

PERSONNEL

Retirement

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Anthony Piascik, to accept, with regret, the notifications to retire from Sherri Smith and Lori Collins as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Adrian Newton, seconded by Michelle Gilbert, to accept the Superintendent's nomination as presented, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

No participation.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Adrian Newton at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Michelle Gilbert, to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91:A 3 Section II c & I

A roll call vote was taken. With all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board resumed their public session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to seal the non-public minutes in perpetuity, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Janice Baker, seconded by Adrian Newton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The Auburn School Board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, **December 2, 2025** at 6:00 p.m. in the Auburn Village School Media Center.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
School Board Recording Secretary