

Aberdeen Christian School

Board Meeting minutes

Dec 15, 2025

The monthly meeting was held in the library conference room at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Becky Kaiser, Karen Edwards, Linda Shoup, Betsey Dinger, Michelle Ramirez, Larry Inches, Mandilyn Fliehs, Jen Schaeffer and Steven Schaeffer per phone.

Good news items: The Knight Out was successful. A great night to hear from students about their time at ACS and how it has impacted their life. The 5-12 grade students had a wonderful Music Concert.

Approval of minutes: Minutes were emailed to the Board earlier. A motion was made by Larry to approve the minutes. Jen provided a second to the motion and they were approved by the Board.

Persons wishing to address the Board: None

Administrative Report:

Enrollment: 174

Athletics: Boys and girls basketball season has started.

School Improvement/ Accreditation/ Testing/ Data/ Curriculum: ACS has been approved by the accreditation board to participate in State Spring testing at our own cost. Dr. Sombke will be looking into the cost of the testing. This testing will allow us to collect data regarding our students achievements in contrast to local schools and across the state.

(The following paragraph was amended by full board on February 2, 2026.)

Administration notified board of the need to remain in compliance with the State of South Dakota teacher certification guidelines to include the necessary long-term subbing documentation, as needed. For 2025-2026 school year, this includes Grade 4 classroom and K-12 PE. With board approval, the administrator will complete and submit required documentation to SDDOE.

Strategic Plan: We discussed the 4-day meeting we held. We had approximately 60 people attend the meeting. The main concern from attendees was care of younger students on Fridays. A motion was made by Michelle to approve transitioning to a 4-day week beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Jen provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the Board.

Policy Review: The Board reviewed and updated the policies on ACS Facility Use Agreement form. A motion was made by Michelle to approve changes to the ACS Facility Use Agreement. Larry provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the Board.

Committee Reports

Finance: Linda reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

Facilities: Didn't meet

Boosters: Didn't meet

Fundraising/ Development: The Knight Out was successful in raising about \$25,000. They raised about \$8,000 toward the purchase of a new school van, silent auction brought in about \$12,000 and monetary donations of about \$5,000.

Education/ Scholarship: During the Knight Out Event at ACS, we were gifted a new scholarship to offer to students and families. More information to come.

Public/ Alumni Relations: Nothing

Ad Hoc updates: Acceptance by Rachel Aman as new ACS Kitchen Coordinator effective January 5, 2026, as of December 9, 2025.

12-9-25- Acceptance by Tracy Iverson taking charge of Concessions for home games at ACS.

Final comments, Questions, Concerns- None

Executive Session: A motion was made by Michelle to start executive session at 7:41PM. Jen provided a second to the motion. A motion was made by Jen to end executive session at 8:18 PM. Larry provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the board.

Betsey Dinger, Secretary