

Aberdeen Christian School

Board meeting minutes

January 19, 2026

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

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

Members excused: Michelle Ramirez, Larry Inches and Jen Schaeffer

Along with: Dr. Sombke, Jamie Schwartz and Rodney Johnson

**Good news items:** Dr. Sombke has given 3 family tours with 1 new enrollment. ACS was the recipient of a SD Dept. of Education scholarship for \$2,500.

Approval of minutes: Minutes were emailed out to the board earlier. A motion was made by Mandilyn to approve the minutes. Linda provided a second to the motion and they were approved by the board.

Persons wishing to address the board: None

### **Administrative Report**

Enrollment: We had one student leave and gained one new enrollment.

Athletics: We are in a busy basketball season.

School Improvement/ Accreditation/ Testing/ Data/ Curriculum: Dr. Sombke found out we will be able to give State Assessment Testing to our grades 3, 8, and 11 at no cost to the school this year. The State Assessment Testing will be replacing the IOWA testing that we

have done in the past. Mrs. Harms is getting certified to administer the test. Testing will take place in the last week of January and before spring break in March.

Strategic Plan: Linda made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Calendar. Mandilyn provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the Board.

**Policy Review:** Nothing

### **Committee Reports**

Finance: Linda reviewed the financial reports with Board.

Facilities: The lift is not working and needs new batteries. Discussion was held on reorganizing the committee because of hiring Mr. Sass as our new maintenance manager.

Boosters: Didn't meet

Fundraising/ Development: Nothing

Education/ Scholarship: Nothing

Public/ Alumni Relations: Production Monkeys will be meeting on January 20 to help with the marketing of our new 4-day week.

Ad-Hoc updates:

12/20/25- Approval of Mr. Ethan Sass as Facilities/ Maintenance Manager and Mrs. Debra Dargatz in custodial services

1/9/26- Email approval to create a new position of Dean of Students

1/15/26- Mrs. Maggie Jett accepted position of Dean of Students

Executive Session: Linda made a motion to start executive session at 7:31 PM. Karen provided a second to the motion. Linda made a motion to end executive session at 8:17 PM. Mandilyn provided a second to the motion.

Final comments, Questions, Concerns- None

Betsey Dinger, Secretary