

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Arickaree School District R-2  
Anton CO 80801-9601  
June 19, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Drew Axsom  
Dina Hermes  
Jennifer Koolstra  
Deanna Schrock

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tyson King

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Page, Superintendent/Principal  
Sara Walkinshaw, Business Manager/Secretary to Board

Audience: Jennifer Koolstra, Patricia Harman

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Tyson King, with three members present. Roll call: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Schrock yes, three members present.

Motion was made by Hermes, seconded Axsom to approve the regular May 13, 2025 minutes. Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Axsom, seconded by Schrock to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Axsom, seconded by Hermes to approve the payroll/payables as presented with question on Colorado Learning \$2,500.00 bill. Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Axsom, seconded by Hermes to adopt RESOLUTION #19-25: "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve Jennifer Koolstra as the At-Large Board member to serve until the next regular Board Election in November 2025. Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Jennifer Koolstra was sworn in as an Arickaree School Board Member and will serve until the next regular school board election in November. Jennifer took the oath to serve the school district as a board member. Welcome, Thank you for your service.

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**Audience:**

Patricia Harman addressed the Board to say she was disappointed that her daughter Deanna Harman was not considered for a position. She took a position at Woodlin School District. She continued that Mr. Page is good, just a few concerns, need to feel built up as a veteran teacher. Elementary teachers felt ignored, not inspired. Would like safety minded and accountable leader. Counselor grant was applied for by teacher. Jesse Feather will be good for school.

**Correspondence:**

none

**Celebrations and Congratulations:**

None

**Athletic Director's Report:**

No report. Shot clocks ordered.

**Maintenance Report:**

Glycol leak-Math and Art room. Insurance and clean up in progress by Blue Sky. Kitchen water heater replaced by plumber, FES Lighting company met 3 times- they are offering a savings on the lights and they will be paid by our savings.

Board questioned the Mower issues, rain issue, been out for a few days, Monday will mow, Board wants it kept up looking nice. They have been receiving calls about the school property.

**Superintendent's Report-**

Thanks summer workers for work and Rads put dumpster in place for the removal of items from glycol leak. Title 9 training good at Limon – It is good to listen to both sides of the story. Roof-looking at repairs. Received some bids from 4 different companies. Which would seal seams, spray coat on roof and fix pipes and boots. This is for main metal roof, not the gym or VoAg room. Send bids to the board to consider. The first of school is August 11 with staff, elementary testing is the first two days of school. Tuesday they will check scores to set reading and math block levels. If there is any who didn't make it, they will test on Wednesday. Elementary will begin school August 20. The elementary are



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scheduled for 45 minutes each. July will be used to work on compartmentalizing, make sure enough time. Kassidy Dutton has been meeting with Shonda King- Mike will send out dates for the elementary to get together and work. Gena Ramey is on board to come help again.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Discussion of classified staff to renew: 2025-2026: Food Service clean cafeteria. Custodians clean rooms fully, eat in cafeteria-all-cross training custodians, advertise for substitute custodians, not able to miss so much time. Check list for each room posted. Literacy coaches, Vada/Cindy/Karen also reading and math. Transition day for elementary to review test scores – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly, Daryl and Cindy to help if needed. Lunch program: Cooking more from scratch to keep two cooks fulltime. Midafternoon snacks – Desire to do this – good discussion with cooks, no more processed foods, strive for excellence. Accountability and evaluation. All take pride in school and kids.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Hermes to adopt RESOLUTION #20-25: “Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve classified staff for the 2025-2026 school year with regular evaluations and accountability: Stacey Baar, Kade Dutton, Milton Gribble, Maria Martinez, Cindy Porter, Holly Ray, Tina Ritchey, Jessica Ruiz, Jackie Saffer, Vada Saffer, and Sara Walkinshaw.” Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Axsom, seconded by Hermes to adopt RESOLUTION #21-25: “Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve a 3% pay increase for all employees for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.” Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Budget discussion: What are we doing to protect the school in the future? What are we cutting? No Special Education Teacher, No Business Teacher. Addition of halftime principal, Language and Science Teachers. Will McFadden will teach two business classes, Jesse Feather with teach two history classes and keyboarding classes. Coaches will cost only half this year with full sports co-op, one less paraprofessional. Food service costs will be cut with whole foods and declining enrollment.



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Motion was made by Axsom, seconded by Hermes to adopt RESOLUTION #22-25: "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve and appropriate the Fiscal year 2025-2026 preliminary budget:

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 2,750,000.00
INSURANCE FUND:	\$ 173,000.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND:	\$ 125,500.00
ACTIVITY FUND:	\$ 175,000.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	\$ 50,000.00
SCHOLARSHIP FUND:	\$ 2,500.00."

Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Koolstra yes, Schrock no, motion carried.

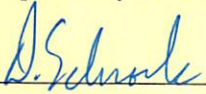
Motion was made by Axsom, seconded by Schrock to adopt RESOLUTION #23-25: "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve Daryl Gaviola J1 Teacher of Foreign Language and ELL for the 2025-2026 school year." Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

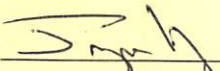
Motion was made by Axsom, seconded by Schrock to adopt RESOLUTION #24-25: "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve Increasing Housing Rent by \$100.00 per month beginning July 2025, communicate to residents." Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Axsom, seconded by Schrock to adopt RESOLUTION #25-25: "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve Sara Walkinshaw retiring as of June 30, 2025 with PERA. Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Axsom to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. with the change of the next regularly scheduled board meeting to be August 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Voting: Axsom yes, Hermes yes, King ab, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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, Secretary

  
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Tyson King, President