Arickaree School District R-2
Board of Education
Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2026

5:00 PM – Board Work Session – Facility Tour
7:00 PM - Regular Meeting

Arickaree Board of Education welcomes public input. All meetings are open to the public and citizens are invited to attend. We would ask that any person wishing to speak ask to speak during the public audience portion of the meeting and be recognized by the presiding officer. He/She must also state the subject and agenda/item number to which he/she wishes to speak. He/She may speak to the Board on any number of items on the agenda. It is requested that comments be limited to five (5) minutes.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Consent Agenda:**
   - 2.1. Minutes of previous meeting(s): Regular Aug 11, 2026
   - 2.2. Agenda: Additions, Corrections, Blanket Motions
   - 2.3. Bills/Payroll/Treasurer
3. **Celebrations and Congratulations:**
   - 3.1
4. **Audience/ Correspondence**
   - 4.1
5. **Reports**
   - 5.1. Athletic Director Report
   - 5.2. Maintenance Report
   - 5.3. Principal / Academic Report: Accountability Committee, Adulting Classes, Ornithological (Bird) Society.
   - 5.4. Superintendent's Report: Lighting, Mower, HVAV, State Testing, Open Positions, Apartments Repairs, Gym Floor 24th of November
6. **Old Business**
   - 6.1 School Roof
7. **New Business**
   - 7.1 Approve Robin Nickell as Maintenance/Transportation
   - 7.2 Approve Policies Updates: JIC, JICA, JICC, JICDD & JIH
   - 7.3 Apartment Repair Bid
   - 7.4
   - 7.5
8. **Executive Session**
   - 8.1

Adjournment

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting **October 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Drew Axsom
Colt Baker
Jennifer Koolstra
Dina Hermes, by electronic means
Deanna Schrock

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Jesse Feather, Principal
Sara Walkinshaw, Business Manager/Secretary to Board

Audience: Missey Trim, Misty Lyman and Patricia Harman

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Deanna Schrock, with all members present. Roll call: Axsom yes, Baker yes, Hermes yes, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, all members present.

Motion was made by Koolstra seconded by Hermes to approve the minutes from the previous meeting August 11, 2026 as presented. Voting: Axsom yes, Baker yes, Hermes yes, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Axsom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voting: Axsom yes, Baker yes, Hermes yes, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Baker to approve the payables/payroll as presented. Voting: Axsom yes, Baker yes, Hermes yes, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Celebrations and Congratulations:
Misty Lyman opportunities for new families to come to Arickaree. Sports teams did well at games. Patricia Harman said all are working hard in the Elementary and breezed through week #4!!

Audience:
Thank you to Jennifer Koolstra for the goodies from Dandelion Farm Stand on Tuesday.

Athletic Director's Report:
Page given to Board. Thank you

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Maintenance Report:

Principal/Academic Report:
Setting up an Accountability Committee group. They will advise on Evaluation process, policy changes review. There are Administrators, Parents, Taxpayer, Business people working on getting this all pieced together. Work on curriculum discussion and changes, UIP work would like before the end of September to go forward in October. Adulting classes – class advisors seeing if what P.E.P. areas students want. October meeting with the student body. Mike Bowers from Lonestar has this with ICAP with a purpose. 4 adulting days per year which consists of experts in their fields. Mike shared information with Jesse, kids create and plan service activity for 9 months – teachers help students who are unable to drive. Potential for best schedule. #hours = 32 total, no classes for 6-12 grades. We also now have a Bird Society club, Will McFadden receive a grant for binoculars, Global Harvest had T-shirts made for them, sent bird feeders and feed. May go to Pruitt for duck and geese migrations. State bird.

Superintendent's Report-
Jesse gets kudos for GoEdustar training for teachers, very appreciated. Lighting – some classrooms have issues with not all lights working. R&L Electric has come and replaced, repaired and continues as they have time going throughout the building. Mower – getting repaired. HVAC Aaron sampled water, there are copper shavings in pipes. Open Positions: Counselor, need a BA and willing to do a Masters for position. Paraprofessional for pre school student is needed immediately. Possible Elementary opening for next year. Apartment repairs. Gym floor will be refinished November 24th. Gena has opportunity to help with Elections again this year October 26-November 3, will be gone a couple of days.

Students state testing still improving this year. UIP this is what we want to do to prove our scores. MAPS testing – if no information is given back to students, then they don't know how they are progressing. Jesse and Gena brought some students down to show them how well they are advancing and what it will take to go further. Considering a pizza party for success. IXL individualized to each student, there are 136 skills for a kindergarten student – assign tasks to begin where they are testing and then boosts them to succeed. We use it as a supplemental program. We will show and instruct teachers how to use it and little steps become big accomplishments. Kids are very insightful. Dibels, Star, MAPS, all more helpful than the state testing. We need to send letters home to show state testing didn't fare as well by October meeting. State on looks at CMAS, can't incentivize the test, take longer on test to read and answer correctly. There are some area schools who opt out completely, LoneStar and Julesburg.

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Board questions: If you opt out of testing, what happens? We were told LoneStar has not taken state testing, they use other test results. Come to board meetings and want to focus on other things by community. (After 3rd year, state can come in to help school) 40% proficient or advanced – show growth. UIP always to state.

Can students opt out if we are on turn around- helping students take ownership in their learning.

Old Business:

Roof – is all completed – windows south of patio in bad shape. Quotes for windows.

New Business:

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Baker to adopt RESOLUTION #44-26: "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve Robin Nickell as Maintenance/Transportation." Voting: Axsom yes, Baker yes, Hermes yes, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Baker to adopt RESOLUTION #45-26: "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Arickaree School District R-2 in Washington County to approve Policies JIC, JICA-remove optional language clause, JICC, JICDD & JIH with option 1, Voting: Axsom yes, Baker yes, Hermes yes, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Discussion on Apartment #3 repairs of painting and installing flooring. Try to get more bids.

Motion was made by Schrock, seconded by Axsom to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. with the next regular board meeting to be Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Voting: Axsom yes, Baker yes, Hermes yes, Koolstra yes, Schrock yes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Colt Baker, Secretary

Deanna Schrock, President