

Arvon Township School Board
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

Roll call: M.DeLine, K.Laramore, K.Hendrickson. Absent: N.Wahmhoff, L.Griffith.

School Personnel: K. Waara, T.Hollon.

Motion to approve the Minutes from January 14,2025, and current agenda by K. Hendrickson and 2nd by K. Laramore.

Financial report by T.Hollon- Total liabilities & equities \$519,253.22.

Lead teacher report- K.Waara. The students are progressing nicely. See separate report provided by K.Waara.

Correspondence: the ISD would like a picture of our board to use in a presentation they are making. Tammy will take a picture at the March board meeting.

Old Business:

Thrun School Board Policy: we will follow up on a small school reduced rate for another week or so. A motion was made by M.DeLine to purchase the service for the asking price of \$10,500 if they don't come down in price. *All in favor.*

ATS Committees-

Policy Committee- M.DeLine, K. Laramore.

Contract Committee- K. Hendrickson, L.Griffith.

New Business:

Update on Federal Executive orders- M.DeLine participated in a Webinar put on by Michigan Association of School Boards. Information shared said Federal money already allocated cannot be taken back. There is no funding freeze. The presenters are unclear of the immediate impact. We were informed to have School policies in place regarding "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion" as well as other areas of the school operations. The Feds are not closing the Department of Education(atm). Funding should remain the same for the 2025-26 school year.

State Budget- a 4.4% increase in State Aide is in the Education Budget now. That's an increase to \$10,000. Per student for Public Schools. All other grants and initiatives will remain at the same funding level for the 2025-26 school year. That may change once the final budget is adopted by the Michigan legislature.

Food service update. M. DeLine met with Pam Martinez, observed her in the lunchroom and looked over her paperwork. Pam was visited by the Michigan Health Dept in the fall and the inspection was excellent. There are 8-9 students eating everyday at school.

Some days, all 15 students eat lunch. The students like the meals and there is a lot less waste. The Food Service Program is a success.

Theater Agreement with NMU- we have contracted with the Wildcat Academy of Performing Arts for an all day event with Northern students and ATS students for April 14, 2025 at the Skanee Townhall. The children will have an introduction to acting etc. and even put on a short play. The cost is \$1,000.00 to ATS.

School Energy Audit- this was conducted by an outside agency hired by the Michigan Dept of Ed. We will use the Audit report as a guide for building upgrades/improvements.

Bus maintenance- Pete reported that there is not a spare tire for the bus. Also, a licensed mechanic is required by law to do bus maintenance. After discussion, it was decided to check with 906 Trucking for school bus needs. K.Hendrickson will check with LAnse Area Schools and let M. DeLine know.

Next meeting set for March 11, 2025.

Motion to adjourn at 5:55pm by K.Laramor 2nd K.Hendrickson

*Mary DeLine,
Board president 3/11/2025*