

Aurora Public Schools



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Thank you APS Board of Education

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education.

The APS seven-member board provides leadership and establishes policies that keep APS focused on what is best for students. Board members are constantly on the go, attending school and district events and representing APS on local, state and national levels. Despite their hard work and dedication, elected board members receive no financial compensation.

Thank you APS Board of Education for your commitment to students.

APS Board of Education clockwise from top left: Board President JulieMarie Shepherd, Matthew Cook, Dan Jorgensen, Jane Barber, Cathy Wildman, Mary W. Lewis, Superintendent John L. Barry and Jeanette Carmany.



Board of Education Announces Meeting Changes

Beginning January 2013, the Aurora Public Schools Board will move to holding only one business meeting a month. The second meeting of the month will be restructured as a work session.

During the monthly business meetings, the board will proceed as it has in the past. These meetings will follow the traditional board agenda, which includes preliminary business, informational reports, consent agendas and board monitoring reports. Staff, parents, students and community members will also have the opportunity to speak on an item on the agenda or any topic of their choosing.

The new monthly work session will provide an opportunity for board members to discuss board governance and key board matters. Both meetings are open to the public.

When needed, the board will continue to hold executive sessions, which are closed to the public, to discuss confidential matters such as personnel items, negotiations or discussions with legal counsel.

The Aurora Public Schools Board of Education meetings are generally held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at the Dr. Ed Lord and Patricia Lord Board Room, Educational Services Center - 4, 1085 Peoria St., 80011.

Superintendent Search Update

The Aurora Public Schools Board of Education has begun its search for the district's new superintendent. Current superintendent John L. Barry recently announced that he will leave APS in July 2013. The board is working with the Colorado Association of School Boards on the superintendent search process.

"I would like to emphasize that the APS Board of Education is committed to conducting a national search and will create an open and inclusive search process that will involve APS stakeholders, including staff members from each employee group, students, parents, and our key community partners," said Board President JulieMarie Shepherd. "We are working with the CASB search team and will release more details later this month."