Nine state competitors, 5 medalists, 2 state champs

Aberdeen High School sent nine students to the state SkillsUSA competition April 13-15 in Tacoma. The team came home with five medals – including two state championships.

Above, from left, Henry Nelson, Charlie Ancich, Alaura Beeson, Keara Burns, Ayden Giffin, Tute'sum Baller, Dustin Olson, Isai Renteria and Asher Holen.
Keara Burns, above, a junior, earned her second state championship in Residential & Commercial Appliance Technology. Keara represented Washington state at the national competition last year and earned the bronze medal.

Junior Charlie Ancich won the gold medal in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). Burns and Ancich both advance to the national competition in Atlanta, Ga., in July.
Bobcat juniors Alaura Beeson and Ayden Giffin took second place at state in Audio/Radio Production. Ayden and Alaura each received $6,000 in scholarships towards an arts college.
Senior Isai Renteria, above left, won the silver medal in Electrical Construction Wiring.

They're hired!
The Boeing Co. had a strong presence at this year's competition and students had the opportunity to interview for jobs. Both Renteria and senior Asher Holen, above right, received and accepted job offers that will focus on their electrical wiring skills. Advisor Chuck Veloni reports they both begin employment after graduation.

Wait, there's even more SkillsUSA news

Chuck Veloni, Aberdeen's longtime advisor for SkillsUSA, received the state CTE Champions Award for his influential and proactive advocacy of Career and Technical Education.

Also noteworthy, the state director for SkillsUSA is an Aberdeen High School graduate. Karmen (Ayres) Warner was one of Mr. Veloni's students and a SkillsUSA standout during her high school career.
BBQ fundraiser planned for May 18

The Aberdeen chapter of SkillsUSA will host the 15th annual Cowboy BBQ from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, in the Commons at AHS to help raise funds for the two state champs and two advisors to attend and compete in the 2023 SkillsUSA National Conference and Skills Championships in Atlanta this summer.

To make donations, or to purchase tickets for the BBQ, contact Aberdeen High School at 360-538-2040.

Principal Lisa Grieben presented the Harbor Learning Center’s annual report at the School Board meeting earlier this week. Read more.

Summary of the April 18 meeting

Agenda (pdf)

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the Harbor Learning Center in the Hopkins Building.
In attendance were Jessica Jurasin, Suzy Ritter, Annica Mizin and Jeremy Wright, along with Superintendent Jeffrey Thake and 23 patrons and staff. The meeting began with the flag salute.

**Minutes, Bills, Trips & Gifts**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

1. The minutes from the regular meeting on March 21, 2023, and the special meeting on March 27, 2023;
2. Payroll vouchers for March totaling $4,288,616.29;
3. General Fund vouchers totaling $690,293.36, ASB Fund vouchers totaling $15,850.37, and a Private Purpose Trust Fund voucher in the amount of $1,500.00;
4. An overnight trip request for Skills USA at Aberdeen High School which traveled to Tacoma for the state conference on April 13-15;
5. An overnight trip request for FFA Forestry at Aberdeen High School to travel to Deer Park for the state Forestry Career Development event on April 27-28, and
6. Gifts to the district for Aberdeen Rotary Business Week from Timberland Bank, $1,000; Greater Grays Harbor, $2,000; Twin Star Credit Union, $1,000; Ingram, Zelasko & Goodwin, $1,000; Sierra Pacific Foundation, $1,000; Darrell and Jill Bellis, $300; Anderson & Middleton, $750; Aberdeen Rotary, $5,000, and Harbor Pacific Bottling, product donations.

**Harbor Learning Center Presentation**

Principal Lisa Griebel presented a report on the academic programs offered at the Harbor Learning Center and shared data and other information from the school’s improvement plan.

**Comments from the Board**

The directors discussed the high school musical scheduled to open April 20, commended CTE Director Lynn Green for another outstanding Business Week at Aberdeen High School, and discussed the stellar showing of Aberdeen students at the SkillsUSA State Conference.

**Comments from the Public**

The board received an email from Sara Cavin encouraging board members to visit the Hopkins Preschool and other programs that operate in the Hopkins Building.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Jeffrey Thake discussed the budget planning process for 2023-2024. The next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, so that the plan, which will include up to $3.5 million in program and staff reductions, can be presented.

Superintendent Thake discussed planning for summer school. Staffing is being finalized along with available funds. It will be targeted for credit recovery and the Skills Center at the high school level and be offered to identified students in the elementary grades.

Superintendent Thake reported that emergency radio communications are being improved at Miller Junior High School and Aberdeen High School to address a safety concern that some areas of the buildings didn’t have service.

Superintendent Thake invited board members to take part in Senior Boards for the Class of 2023 on May 11-12.

**Financial Services**
April is National Occupational Therapy Month

Superintendent Thake presented the Fiscal Status Report for March. With 58.3 percent of the fiscal year elapsed, the General Fund is at 47 percent of expected revenue and 57.8 percent of expenditures.

New Buses
The Board approved changes in the planned purchase of two buses because production has been suspended on the models originally identified for purchase and the district’s order was canceled.

New Business

Graduation Photographer
Moyer Multi Media was selected to be the official photographer for graduation at the Harbor Learning Center on June 8.

Windows Change Order
The Board approved a change order from J.A. Morris expanding the warranty and providing for additional abatement for the window replacement project at the Administration Building.

Surplus
The Board declared surplus the inventoried items presented by the Business Office, Technology Department and Stevens Library.

Personnel Matters
Following an executive session, the Board approved the Personnel Report and assignment exceptions for four teachers.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 9
The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

Those who attend regular meetings are welcome to sign up at the meeting to provide public comment on agenda items. Written public comment for the record can also be submitted up to noon the day of the meeting by writing to schoolboard@asd5.org. Comments or concerns not on the agenda can be brought to the attention of the district by contacting the Superintendent’s Office or by contacting individual board members.
"Occupational Therapy, Hopeless into hope, Can't into can, Impossible into possible."

Sending appreciation to our OTs:
- Healey Miller OTR/L
- Cyndy Mitby OTR/L
- Cindi Bonnanzio OTR/L
- Jessica Sison COTA/L
- Andria Hainey COTA/L
# All City Elementary Music Concert

Band and orchestra students from all five grade schools will come together for a joint performance at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023, in Sam Benn Gym at AHS. Come enjoy the return of this popular event!

A.J. West, Central Park, McDermoth, Robert Gray, Stevens

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Get your tickets! Two performances left

Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets purchased online will be waiting for you at the Auditorium.

Aberdeen High School
Annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale 2023

AHS Greenhouse at 2nd and H Streets

Wednesday and Thursday, May 3-4, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, May 5-6, 9 a.m. - Noon

Aberdeen High School FFA is selling a variety of 12-inch hanging baskets, annual bedding plants, perennials, tomato starts and more. Prices vary.

All proceeds support our FFA chapter’s community service projects and student leadership activities.

In person, cash or checks only.
For more information contact Mike Machowek at mmachowek@asd5.org
Preschool / Kindergarten Registration
Opens March 27 for 2023-24
Register online: www.asd5.org

Pre-School
Must be 4-years-old on or before Aug. 31, 2023
Open to children in the Aberdeen School District. Eligibility requirements apply.
• Call Hopkins Preschool (360) 538-2190
• Register early! Space is limited.

Kindergarten
Must be 5-years-old on or before Aug. 31, 2023
• Register at www.asd5.org and select your neighborhood school.
  A.J. West Elementary: 1801 Bay Ave. (360) 538-2130
  Central Park Elementary: 601 School Road (360) 538-2170
  McDermoth Elementary: 409 North K St. (350) 538-2120
  Robert Gray Elementary: 1516 North B St. (360) 538-2130
  Stevens Elementary: 301 S. Farragut St. (360) 538-2150

You will need:
Proof of Age, Immunization Records, Emergency Contact Information,
Proof of Address (utility bill, cable bill, lease agreement)

If you have a student ready for preschool or kindergarten this fall, please register now.
Early registration helps ensure that our schools can be ready for all new students.

Staying in touch with Leadership
• Superintendent Jeffrey Thake, jthake@asd5.org
• Business Office, Shannon Ramsey, shramsey@asd5.org
• Human Resources, Christi Sayres, csayres@asd5.org
• Special Education, Rick Bates, rbates@asd5.org
• Career & Technical Education, Lynn Green, lgreen@asd5.org
• Teaching, Learning & Technology, Traci Sandstrom, tsandstrom@asd5.org
• Food Services, Jaime Matisons, jmatisons@asd5.org
School Office Hours

A.J. West Elementary School
- Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2130 / Interim Building Leader Nani Villarreal

Central Park Elementary School
- Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2170 / Principal Joan Hoehn

McDermoth Elementary School
- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2120 / Principal Mindi Hammill

Robert Gray Elementary School
- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2140 / Principal Sherri Northington

Stevens Elementary School
- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2150 / Principal Jamie Stotler

Harbor Learning Center
- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2180 / Principal Lisa Griebel

Hopkins Preschool
- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2190 / Principal Joan Hoehn

Miller Junior High School
- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2100 / Principal John Meers

Aberdeen High School
- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2040 General / Principal Aaron Roiko
- (360) 538-2060 Attendance Line
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