



ALAMOGORDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administrative Complex – 1211 Hawaii Ave., Alamogordo, NM

MINUTES
Special Board Meeting
(Virtual Meeting)
Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 7:00 pm

Board Members present (via GoToWebinar, Virtual Meeting) upon roll call were:

President Angela M. Cadwallader
Vice-President Ryan Sherwood
Secretary Carol Teweleit
Member Judy Rabon
Member Anthony Torres

District Staff Members present (via GotoWebinar, Virtual Meeting):

Jerrett Perry, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent
Cara Malone, Deputy Superintendent
Lisa Patch, Director of Health Services
Melissa Cole, Sierra Elementary Principal
Catherine Diaz, Yucca Elementary Principal
Bryan Runyan, K-12 Accounting

Minutes were prepared by Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson.

A. Introductions

1. Call to Order

President Cadwallader called this meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico

3. Adoption of Agenda

Vice-President Sherwood made a motion to adopt the agenda. Secretary Teweleit seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted “aye”

Vice-President Sherwood – “aye”

Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”

Member Rabon voted “aye”

Member Torres – “aye”

All Board members voted “aye”, motion passes

B. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. Budget Adjustment Requests

- 1) 046-000-2021-0020-IB – Initial Budget – 24194 CLSD Grant**
- 2) 046-000-2021-0021-IB – Initial Budget – 27123 STEM Career Tech**
- 3) 046-000-2021-0022-IB – Initial Budget – 24118 Fresh Fruit & Vegetables**
- 4) 046-000-2021-0023-M – Maintenance – 24101 Title I ESEA**
- 5) 046-000-2021-0024-M – Maintenance – 24101 Title I ESEA**
- 6) 046-000-2021-0025-D – Decrease – 11000 Operational**

Secretary Teweleit requested clarification on BAR 046-000-2021-0020-IB

Member Rabon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Vice-President Sherwood seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted “aye”

Vice-President Sherwood – “aye”

Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”

Member Rabon voted “aye”

Member Torres – “aye”

All Board members voted “aye”, motion passes

C. Discussion and Possible Action of School Closure in regard to COVID-19 – ACTION

Superintendent Perry led the discussion on this item. To date, we have 25 confirmed COVID cases in the district and 81 confirmed staff that have either tested positive or are in quarantine.

Deputy Superintendent Tagle gave a report on school closures, quarantined staff and discussed the process for deep cleaning/disinfecting the buildings that have had to shut down. Director Lisa Patch has been working non-stop, tracking data, working with PED, etc.

Director Lisa Patch shared information about positive cases in the district reporting that since the beginning of school, there have been 25 positive cases, 10 adults and 15 students. Of the positive cases, 14 are attending hybrid. We are required to report cases that are completely virtual and have not been in the building. Eight of our locations have been affected by positive cases. Principals are doing a great job to minimize contacts. There were 146 close contacts to the 25 people that had tested positive. Of the 146, 81 are staff members and 65 are students. Nurses are working very hard and are continually assessing students as they come in. We have definitely seen an increase in COVID cases since Thursday, November 5 and continue to watch and monitor several potential cases.

Deputy Superintendent Malone gave the board an update on the impact on instruction as a result of the positive COVID cases and answered questions posed by the Board. It has become difficult to maintain leadership on our campuses. Deputy Malone reported that 63% of elementary principals are not in the building and 40% of middle school principals are not in the building because of COVID. Sierra Elementary school was closed this past Friday for in-person learning; students attended virtually that day. Attendance at Sierra has

been affected; a week ago there were 99 students and today’s attendance was half of this. Teachers are beginning to feel uncertain and worried.

Sierra Principal Melissa Cole and Yucca Principal Catherine Diaz shared information on the impact the recent positive COVID cases have had at their schools and answered questions posed by the Board. Parents are beginning to feel nervous and are now requesting that their students return to virtual learning.

The Board shared their thoughts and discussed options for moving forward.

Vice-President Sherwood made a motion to return to virtual learning effective **Thursday, November 12, 2020** until the Board deems it safe for students to return. Secretary Teweleit seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted “aye”

Vice-President Sherwood – “aye”

Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”

Member Rabon voted “aye”

Member Torres – “aye”

All Board members voted “aye”, motion passes

D. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Angela M. Cadwallader^{lp} 11.18.2020
Board President Date

Carol Teweleit^{lp} 11.18.2020
Board Secretary Date