



ALAMOGORDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Administrative Complex – 1211 Hawaii Ave., Alamogordo, NM

MINUTES

VIRTUAL BOARD WORK SESSION

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Upon roll call of the Board by Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson,

Board Members present (*via Google Hangouts Meet, Virtual Meeting*) were:

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

Holloman Ex-Officio Col. Bryan Callahan was absent from this meeting.

District staff members present (*via Google Hangouts Meet, Virtual Meeting*):

Jerrett Perry, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Cara Malone, Deputy Superintendent
Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent
Lisa Patch, Director of Health Services

The work session was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson recorded the minutes.

Superintendent Perry announced that the re-entry plan was just released from the NM Public Education Department through our Governor. The Alamogordo Public School District did not invent this plan; these are the guidelines set forth by the CDC, the Department of Health and NM Public Education that we must follow. We understand the frustration everyone is feeling throughout the community and the state of NM. The District has not stopped working; the administrative team has been working vigilantly behind the scenes to be prepared for anything that comes our way. Our number one priority is the safety of our students and staff.

Lisa Patch, Director of Health Services gave the Board a presentation about the COVID-19 virus. Director Patch went over the typical symptoms of the virus. According to statistics, 12% of NM cases are children versus 5% of US cases are children. Transmission is more likely with close contact so it is imperative that we follow social distancing. Director Patch noted that the incubation period ranges from 2 to 14 days and the infectious period begins two days before the start of signs and symptoms of the virus. It is quite challenging for people who are asymptomatic as they can also be infectious. Director Patch also discussed the two testing types, isolation vs. quarantine, reproductive numbers, and prevention.

Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, gave the Board an overview of the APS Return to School plan. We are committed to providing hand sanitizer and lotion and ensuring all buildings are cleaned and disinfected appropriately. Face coverings, whether they are disposable, cloth, or plastic face shields, must be worn by staff and students while in school. Deputy Tagle discussed

signs/messages and the protocols for cleaning and disinfecting. A revised school supply list will be developed. There will be no shared items. The ventilation in buildings will be reviewed and increased. Deputy Tagle spoke about the possibility of shutting down water fountains and supplying water bottles to students. Physical barriers and guides will be provided. Rolling carts will be available to provide food to classrooms and touchless pre-order apps will be made available. Deputy Tagle spoke briefly about the communication systems. The estimated cost analysis for cleaning supplies, masks, and the extra things needed, absent COVID-19, were also discussed.

Cara Malone, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning gave the Board a presentation on the instruction plan for re-entry and answered questions posed by the Board. According to a recent parent survey, approximately 55% parents stated they plan to return their children to school. Deputy Malone discussed the instructional core beliefs. Due to COVID-19 and the guidance from NMPED, students will attend a HYBRID model for the beginning of the school year. Students and families will have the ability to choose other options because of the fact that Alamogordo Public Schools is providing CHOICE. Deputy Malone explained the HYBRID model along with the Base Camp Academy Pilot (PK-5 Learning from home with limited number of seats available), the Onward Academy (6-12 virtual academy) and the Infinity Academy (PK-5 Virtual plus academy) that APS will be offering. Parents will be provided with guidance and instruction on how to assist their students at home.

Under the HYBRID learning, elementary students will attend two days per week in the building, either Mon/Tues or Thurs/Fri in person and learn online the remainder of the week for a blended learning experience. Students will attend digital intervention sessions virtually on Wednesday mornings from 8-12. Secondary students will attend under a block schedule (Mon/Tues or Thurs/Fri) with Wednesdays designated for acceleration or remediation.

All students will receive a laptop at the beginning of the school year. We are committed to providing the best instruction for our students.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Board President

7/23/2020
Date

Board Secretary

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