



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

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
(Virtual Meeting)
Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 6:00 pm

Upon Roll Call of the Board, the following board present (via GotoWebinar, 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

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

Jerrett Perry, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent
Cara Malone, Deputy Superintendent
Justin Burks, Chief of Capital Outlay & Facilities
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 6:00 p.m
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda - ACTION**
Superintendent Perry requested the agenda be amended as follows:

Under I. Other Items of Business

Item #3. - Consider approval of the Recommendations of the Committee for the Purple Star School Designations was moved to **C. Presentations**....Board Action was not necessary since the Resolution for Purple Star was approved at the November 18 Regular Board Meeting.

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

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted "aye"
Vice-President Sherwood voted "aye"
Secretary Teweleit voted "aye"
Member Rabon voted "aye"
Member Torres voted "aye"

All Board members voted "aye", motion passes.

4. Welcome and Introduction

B. Approval of Minutes – ACTION

1. Consider Approval of the December 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the December 16, 2020 Special Board and Work Session Meeting Minutes

Vice-President Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Torres seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted “aye”
Vice-President Sherwood voted “aye”
Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”
Member Rabon voted “aye”
Member Torres voted “aye”

All Board members voted “aye”, motion passes.

C. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. Presentation - Desert Star Elementary School - Presented by Principal Kaye Crecelius**
- 2. Presentation - Holloman Elementary School - Presented by Principal Rachell Lynn**

Desert Star Elementary Principal Kaye Crecelius and Holloman Elementary Principal Rachell Lynn highlighted the many great things happening at their schools.

A video of the Purple Star School Designations was given at this point in the meeting. The committee recommended Holloman Elementary School, Holloman Middle School and Alamogordo High School as the 2020-2023 Purple Star designated campuses. Each school was presented with a Purple Star banner.

D. Public Participation - first session for agenda items only

There was no public participation during the first session.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Perry reported as follows:

- Expressed appreciation to the 800 champions of APS.
- Expressed appreciation to the Alamogordo Board of Education; your support is extremely respected.
- The Purple Star Program is a very unique program; we are the only district in the State of NM that has implemented the program. We are excited for this program.
- Thank you to our mental health counselors for the amount of work they are putting in.
- It is important for APS to work collectively together to get our students back in school in a face-to-face setting.
- Thank you to Deputy Supt. Tagle and her team for utilizing the CARES Act monies and mitigating through all the challenges we face from the pandemic.

- Thank you to Deputy Supt. Malone and her Technology Team for ensuring our students have the technology they need.
- Superintendent Perry feels confident that the \$41 million taken from LEAs will be granted back to districts; this is the money that the state held back from LEAs last year.
- Optimistic that CRSSA Funding under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act will be distributed to LEAs, when available
- Expanded COVID testing internally and have begun the process of offering vaccines to staff; the vaccines are not mandatory but strongly encouraged
- NMPED is in the process of evaluating the return of secondary school students; APS will continue to advocate to return our Pre-K thru 12th grade students to school in a safe manner
- Reminder that we are bound to the requirements regulated by the NM Governor and the Secretary of Public Education
- There has been discussion about combining ELT(extended learning time) and the K5 plus funds together
- There is talk at the PED level about pausing standardized testing next year; we are still waiting for clarification from PED regarding this.

2. Departmental Reports

a. Justin Burks - Chief of Capital Outlay & Facilities

Chief of Capital Outlay & Facilities Justin Burks provided an update on ongoing construction and maintenance projects in the district.

Holloman Elementary

- The abatement of Intermediate School is nearing completion; should be complete on Feb. 5
- In receipt of the signed memorandum of understanding from the chairman of the public school capital outlay council; will now move on to release the purchase order for the release of funds
- Groundbreaking plans are being finalized

Chaparral Middle School

- All required paperwork for the land sale exchange has been submitted to the State Board of Finance for approval
- The Public School Facilities Authority still has the RFP for design; we are in regular communications with them
- The lease exchange agreement for existing CMS site has been agreed on by the City

Sacramento Elementary

- Demolition is about 90% complete and on track to be complete within the required timeframe of being done

Mr. Burks stated a small in-house security and fencing project is in process at MVMS.

b. Cara Malone - Deputy Superintendent Teaching & Learning

Deputy Superintendent Cara Malone gave the Board a report on the Teaching & Learning Department. Mrs. Malone shared the results of surveys that were recently sent to parents, teachers, and students concerning re-entry and how students are doing and feeling right now with the challenges of learning in the current virtual model. Mrs. Malone spoke about the 3rd Annual Teaching and Learning Conference that was held January 3. Mrs. Malone was excited to report that over 40 hotspots have been delivered to families and 4240 chromebooks have been checked out to students. Deputy Supt. Malone shared data on student attendance; attendance continues to be a priority. Approximately 10 to 15% of our NM Pre-K students are Kindergarten ready; this is an increase from 2019-20. Mrs. Malone expressed

appreciation to the district's amazing group of Pre-K teachers. Mrs. Malone presented student data in math and ELA for students in grades 1- 5. We will continue to work hard every day virtual or face-to-face. Progress will be made by working together as a team.

c. Colleen Tagle - Deputy Superintendent of Operations

Deputy Superintendent Tagle gave the Board a report on her department. Transportation continues to support our Student Nutrition staff with delivering meals to rural areas. Student Nutrition continues to provide free meals to students, ages 0-18. Deputy Tagle reported that 60,000 meals were given out to students in the month of December. Mr. Doyle Syling and his team have been working in partnership with law enforcement agencies and county officials to provide district and community wide radio communications. Director of Health Services Lisa Patch and her team held a "Kick off the New Year" health event on January 2. COVID, hearing, and vision testing were some of the great services offered at the event. Mrs. Sandra Wilder has been doing her own great community outreach, reaching and helping many students in distress. The groundbreaking ceremony for Holloman Elementary is being planned for February 19 and will consist of a small group to include Admin Team members, Board members, Holloman Leadership and PSFA. Mrs. Tagle also spoke briefly about the accommodation options being offered to staff with concerns about returning to work.

Director of Health Services Lisa Patch reported that since November 16, the health services staff have done over 2000 COVID tests; 69 positive cases were reported. APS staff have been given the opportunity to receive vaccines from the Department of Health. The vaccine consists of two doses; about a week after the first dose, there is a 52-54% immunity and after the second dose it goes up to 94-95% immunity.

d. Bryan Runyan - K-12 Accounting

Mr. Runyan gave the Board a brief update on the Business & Finance Department. They are nearing the completion in review of W2s and 1099 forms; preliminary information has been uploaded to the IRS FIRE system. The review of the affordable CARE Act reports are also nearing completion; another form that is required to be submitted to the IRS. Quarterly reports are due to NMPED January 31; no discrepancies have been noted. The audit is entering final review with the NM State Auditor; anticipate having it approved in time by February's Regular Board Meeting. Budgets are being evaluated and preliminary budget meetings will be scheduled soon.

3. Holloman Ex-Officio Member's Report – Col. Bryan Callahan

Col. Bryan Callahan thanked Holloman Elementary Principal Rachell Lynn for all she is doing; she is tremendous addition to Holloman and is representing APS well.

F. Board Discussion

The Board discussed potential dates for opening elementary school in hybrid mode. President Cadwallader proposed February 19. It was the consensus of the Board to begin Hybrid Learning (Hybrid I) for Elementary School on February 22 as this coincides with staff receiving their second COVID-19 vaccine dose.. Vice-President Sherwood suggested drafting a resolution to set a date when secondary students can return to hybrid learning. Superintendent Perry will draft a resolution and present it to the Board for approval at a Special Board Meeting that will be held in the very near future.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. **Bids - none**
2. **Contracts**
 - a. **Amendment No. 1 to Contract 006-2021-C Construction of Holloman Elementary School**
 - b. **Contract 017-1819-C3 between AlpenSpruce Education Solutions Inc. and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting purchase requisitions**
3. **Budget Adjustment Requests**
 - 1) **046-000-2021-0036-IB – Initial Budget – 23000 Student Activity Fund**
 - 2) **046-000-2021-0037-T – Transfer - 24301 CARES Act**
 - 3) **046-000-2021-0038-IB – Initial Budget – 24113 Education of Homeless**
 - 4) **046-000-2021-0039-I – Increase – 24153 English Language Acquisition**
 - 5) **046-000-2021-0040-IB – Initial Budget – CARES/GEER Hepa Filters**
4. **Fundraisers**
As submitted.
5. **Charitable Donations**
 - 1) **Yakult U.S.A Inc. – Donation Value \$11,661 – APS Student Nutrition**

Total \$11,661
6. **Resolution No. 2020-2021-07 and Resolution No. 2020-2021-09 - Providing for the Sale or Disposal of Personal Property of the School District**

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 voted “aye”
Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”
Member Rabon voted “aye”
Member Torres – “aye”

All Board members voted “aye”, motion passes.

H. Information to the Board

1. **Purchase Order Listing**
2. **Accounts Payable Check Listing**

President Cadwallader stated that the Board has reviewed these reports for the month of December 2020.

I. Other Items of Business

1. **Consider approval of Resolution No. 2020-2021-08 - Alamogordo Public Schools Labor Management Relations Resolution – ACTION**
Deputy Superintendent Tagle stated that this resolution is a state template and is being presented in order to avoid a hearing with New Mexico’s Public Employees Labor Relations Board (PELRB) and to also agree with all the terms.

President Cadwallader made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-2021-08, Alamogordo Public Schools Labor Management Relations Resolution. Vice-

President Sherwood seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted “aye”
Vice-President Sherwood voted “aye”
Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”
Member Rabon voted “aye”
Member Torres – “aye”

All Board members voted “aye”, motion passes.

2. **Consider approval to set date to begin Phase 1 of Hybrid Entry – ACTION**
Secretary Teweleit made a motion to approve the date of **February 22, 2021** to begin Phase I of Hybrid Entry. President Cadwallader seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted “aye”
Vice-President Sherwood voted “aye”
Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”
Member Rabon voted “aye”
Member Torres – “aye”

All Board members voted “aye”, motion passes.

3. **Consider approval of the Recommendations of the Committee for the Purple Star School Designations – ACTION**

This item was moved to presentations (no action was required)

4. **Reorganization of Board of Education – ACTION**

President Cadwallader called for a motion in regard to the reconstitution of the Alamogordo Board of Education.

Member Torres made a motion to constitute the Alamogordo Public Schools Board of Education consisting of current officers without change for the upcoming 2021-2022 term. Secretary Teweleit seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted “aye”
Vice-President Sherwood voted “aye”
Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”
Member Rabon voted “aye”
Member Torres – “aye”

All Board members voted “aye”, motion passes.

J. APS Board Policy Manual

1. **Consider approval of updates to Policy IKC - Class Ranking and Grade Point Average – ACTION**

Deputy Superintendent Cara Malone led the discussion on this item. To ensure that procedures for valedictorian and salutatorian are outlined and consistent, we are recommending these procedures be included in Policy IKC.

Member Rabon made a motion to approve the updates to Policy IKC – Class Ranking and Grade Point Average. President Cadwallader seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Cadwallader voted "aye"
Vice-President Sherwood voted "aye"
Secretary Teweleit voted "aye"
Member Rabon voted "aye"
Member Torres – "aye"

All Board members voted "aye", motion passes.

K. Public Participation - second session for non-agenda items

There was no public participation during the second session.

L. Board Members' Advance Planning/Upcoming Events

February 10-13, 2021 - NMSBA Virtual 2021 Board Institute

February 15, 2021 - Presidents' Day

February 17, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting

President Cadwallader suggested the Board and Superintendent meet in person at the February 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Masks will be worn and social distancing guidelines will be followed and no more than 10 people will in the Board Room. The meeting will still be held virtual to the public.

Superintendent Perry proposed February 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the Holloman Elementary Groundbreaking Ceremony. A Virtual groundbreaking will also be held where the Board will be video-taped with their shovel in hand.

M. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

<u>Angela M. Cadwallader</u> ^(AP)	<u>2/17/21</u>	<u>Carol Teweleit</u> ^(CT)	<u>2/17/21</u>
Board President	Date	Board Secretary	Date