



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

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 6:00 pm

The following board members were present:

President Judy V. Rabon
Vice-President Ryan Sherwood
Secretary Carol Teweleit
Member Angela M. Cadwallader
Holloman Ex-Officio Col. Nicholas Pederson
Student Ex-Officio Nathaniel Calentine

Member Anthony Torres was absent from this October 20, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

District Staff Members present:

Dr. Kenneth Moore, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent
Cara Malone, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were prepared by Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson.

A. Introductions

- 1. Call to Order**
President Rabon called this meeting to order at 6:00 p.m
- 2. Posting of Colors - By the Alamogordo High School Air Force Junior ROTC**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico**
- 4. Adoption of Agenda - ACTION**
Vice-President Sherwood a motion to adopt the agenda. Secretary Teweleit seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Welcome and Introduction**

B. Approval of Minutes - ACTION

- 1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**
 - a. September 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting**
 - b. September 23, 2021 Board Work Session**
 - c. September 23, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

Secretary Teweleit made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Vice-President Sherwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Participation – Agenda/Non-Agenda Items

President Rabon read a statement of procedures for public participation.

Mr. Gary Sanders with No Squad Youth Organization, a youth sports city league, addressed the Board about youth sports and the communication between his organization and the district about using district fields and gyms for their games. Mr. Sanders also expressed concern about 7th graders not being allowed to play schools sports if playing sports for leagues outside of the district.

Ms. Jane Richardson requested an update on Academy del Sol and asked if there was a resolution for a long term plan. President Rabon responded stating that an update for Academy del Sol would be provided at the November Regular Board Meeting.

Mr. John Block addressed the Board about federal overreach of school districts and a memorandum that was issued by Attorney General Merrick Garland that instructed the FBI to target/intimidate people participating in school board meetings. Mr. Block urged the Board to bring a resolution forward to go against this memorandum and to support the first amendment rights.

D. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Moore reported as follows:

- Today's presentation to the community of the schematic design of the new Chaparral Middle School was a great success! This is going to be a school like no other. It is being built to specs that are based on student learning. More public presentations will be scheduled.
- The construction of Holloman Elementary is well past vertical and continues to remain on schedule
- Progress is being made on the Holloman Middle School project; a project being funded by federal funds
- Had the opportunity to testify before the legislative education study commission earlier this month on the issues with the Public School Facilities Authority's outdated adequacy standards for new schools.
- Vacancies compared to other area school districts are low. We are at about 10% overall.
- Enrollment, based on 40th day report, is 5,604
- Superintendent Moore provided a brief summary of the mass action lawsuit against vaping manufacturer, JUUL Laboratories, an item being presented for Board approval this evening. Superintendent Moore discussed two benefits for joining the multidistrict litigation and stated there is no cost to join the lawsuit. It is based on a contingency fee basis of 20%. The deadline to join is January 2022.
- The District's 2021-2022 ARP ESSER III Application was submitted to the NM Public Education Department. The district has applied for \$13.2 million. The money will be spent over two years and will be used to address learning

loss, recruiting and retention and for after school programs. NMPED has also requested that districts commit 20% of the funds to social emotional support.

- AHS Tiger Band recently had their first competition in Socorro, Texas and won 1st place
- APS Maintenance recently received the Ben Lujan award for facility maintenance excellence
- AHS FFA students competed in three fairs and did amazing. One student won the grand champion angus steer and sold it for \$31,000! Ms. Stephanie Moon is doing a wonderful job with this program!
- AHS Tiger Choir won a superior at the recent Solo Ensemble Music Festival
- Cross Country is having great season! Boys have won 1st place five times, girls just won a 1st and 2nd place and they just won 3rd place at a competition held this past weekend.
- Athletic Training team placed 2nd in the 2020 state championships
- Our athletes and coaches are doing a phenomenal job!
- On November 2, Superintendent Moore will be joining Holloman at an Association of Defense Communities Conference in San Antonio, TX that will be featuring the partnership between Holloman AFB and Alamogordo Public Schools.
- Students will attend school virtually on Veterans Day. Teachers will give students a short virtual assignment related to Veterans Day that day.
- Information sheets are available for the new Social Studies standards. Public comment is open. A public hearing is being held in Santa Fe on November 12. Full implementation of these standards will occur in the Fall, 2023.

Vice-President Sherwood spoke briefly about the petition the district recently Approved concerning the social studies standards. The state did deny the petition, however, they pushed the date by a year. This additional time allows the district to figure out the curriculum our district wants to use to meet the district's requirements for our students and also allows us to compile information to take to state leaders.

2. **Holloman Ex-Officio Member's Report – Col. Nicholas Pederson**
Col. Nicholas Pederson reported that interns will be giving a presentation at the November Board Meeting about their experiences with Project Search; a program that benefits both the students and the installation. Col Pederson expressed appreciation to Superintendent Moore for the continued communication to resolve any issues they have.
3. **Student Ex-Officio Member's Report – Nathaniel Calentine**
Nathaniel "Nate" Calentine was excited to report on the various school activities and events that have taken place over the past month. Students had a great time at the outdoor homecoming dance. Red Ribbon week activities will occur the week of October 25 to include a door decorating contest and a costume contest being planned by AHS Student Council. AHS Marching Band placed first in the SISD Marching Festival. Nate also highlighted the sports records. Holloman Middle School has a program called Anchored for Life, a program that helps students be involved in their school community. Chaparral Middle School is planning a Spirit Week every Wednesday and is also planning a drive for COPE for the next couple of months.

Mountain View Middle is planning a canned food drive.

E. Board Discussion

Vice-President Sherwood requested an update on the APS website. Superintendent Moore stated the district has contracted with a new provider and the new website should be up and running by the middle of November.

F. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. **Bids - none**
2. **Contracts**
 - a. **Contract between K12 Accounting, LLC and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions**
 - b. **Contract between NM GRADS System and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions**
3. **Budget Adjustment Requests**
 - a. **BAR 046-000-2022-0011-IB – Initial Budget – 24316 Air Quality – Fed Sub-Awards**
 - b. **BAR 046-000-2022-0012-M -Maintenance – 24106 Entitlement IDEA-B**
 - c. **BAR 046-000-2022-0013-M -Maintenance – 24106 Entitlement IDEA-B**
 - d. **BAR 046-000-2022-0014-M -Maintenance – 25145 Impact Aid SPED**
 - e. **BAR 046-000-2022-0015-IB – Initial Budget – 24330 ARP ESSER III**
 - f. **BAR 046-000-2022-0016-T – Transfer– 24113 Education of Homeless**
 - g. **BAR 046-000-2022-0017-T – Transfer– 24154 Teacher/Principal Training & Recruiting**
 - h. **BAR 046-000-2022-0018-IB – Initial Budget – 28190 GRADS Instruction**
4. **Fundraisers**

As submitted.
5. **Charitable Donations**
 - a. **Aggregate Technologies, LLC – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$250**
 - b. **Brenda Guin – MVMS - \$100**
 - c. **Brown Bag Deli – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$200**
 - d. **Class of '66 – Alamogordo High School - \$144.11**
 - e. **Class of 1971 – AHS AFJROTC - \$100**
 - f. **Danielle Kusmak – MVMS - \$176.63**
 - g. **Desert Lakes Golf Shop – Yucca Elementary - \$50**
 - h. **Donovan & Cynthia Heithold – Alamogordo High School - \$100**
 - i. **Eddie Aguilera – Alamogordo High School - \$20**
 - j. **Home Depot – APS District Services - \$1,500**
 - k. **Home Depot – Alamogordo Public Schools - \$496**
 - l. **Johnna Rucker-Clinton – Alamogordo High School - \$1,710**
 - m. **Lesia Bryant Gonzales – AHS Tiger Cheer - \$100**
 - n. **Marcus D Jones – AHS Automotive Study - \$1,500**
 - o. **Mesa Verde Enterprises, LLC – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$250**
 - p. **Mesa Verde Enterprises, LLC – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$1,000**
 - q. **Neudorf Enterprises, LLC – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$200**
 - r. **Peg Crim – Alamogordo High School - \$40**
 - s. **Pioneer Abstract & Title Company – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$500**
 - t. **Sarah Johnston – Alamogordo High School - \$50**

- u. **State Farm, Amy Tillotson – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$500**
- v. **Steven & Danielle Roberts – AHS Tiger Volleyball - \$100**
- w. **Vaisnave Selvan – Alamogordo High School - \$292**

TOTAL \$9,378.74

- 6. **Accounts Payable Check Listing**
- 7. **Purchase Order Listing**
- 8. **2021-2022 ARP ESSER III Application and Assurances**
- 9. **Certification of Emergency Connectivity Funding Application and ARP ESSER III Air Quality Sub Award Assurances**
- 10. **Resolution for Disposition of Surplus Personal Property, Resolution 2021-2022-07**

Secretary Teweleit inquired about the disposal of the laptops listed on the disposition of surplus personal property listing. Deputy Superintendent stated these are all outdated and can no longer be updated.

Vice-President Sherwood requested clarification on the increase in charges based on the increase to services that are outlined in the K-12 Accounting Contract.

Mr. Bryan Runyan, CEO for K-12 Accounting, provided an overview of the increases to the contract. K-12 originally entered into the engagement in 2019 as a consultant with the understanding that if staff were to leave the district, K-12 would absorb those positions. Since then, K-12 has absorbed all positions related to the district's Business & Finance department with the exception of the Chief Procurement Officer, a position that cannot be contracted. In addition, an added service is an MOU agreement that K-12 recently entered into with NMPSIA, a state insurance agency, that allows access to the NMPSIA Benefit Platform. Mr. Runyan also stated that the operating revenue for the district in 2019 was about \$39 million; the district is now at about \$48 million, a significant increase in revenues.

No members had a conflict with respect to any of the items on the consent agenda.

Member Cadwallader made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Secretary Teweleit seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Information to the Board**
 - 1. **Financial Summary**
 - 2. **Revenue Report**
 - 3. **Expenditure Report**

President Rabon stated that the Board has reviewed these reports for the month of September 2021.

- H. Other Items of Business**

- 1. **Consider approval of the Alamogordo Public Schools Board of Education Handbook – ACTION**

Superintendent Moore stated the draft handbook has been reviewed and there are no conflicts with the state handbook and recommended approval of the handbook.

Vice-President Sherwood requested an amendment be made to the statement that reads “If outside the board room, make it clear that when we speak in public we are speaking as individuals, not as a school board member.” Vice-President Sherwood suggested including “if giving our personal opinion on a topic” to the statement.

Member Cadwallader recommended this item be tabled. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table this item until the November Regular Board Meeting.

Member Cadwallader made a motion to table the Alamogordo Public Schools Board of Education Handbook. Vice-President Sherwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board Discussion to Consider Potential Action of the Multidistrict Litigation Against JUUL Laboratories, Inc. – ACTION

Vice-President Sherwood made a motion to approve joining the multidistrict litigation against JUUL Laboratories, Inc. Secretary Teweleit seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

I. APS Board Policy Manual

1. First Reading of Open Enrollment Policy, Regulation and Exhibit

Secretary Teweleit made a motion to approve the Open Enrollment Policy, Regulation and Exhibit on the first reading. Member Cadwallader seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Judith V. Rabon 11-17-21
Board President Date

Carol Teweleit 11/17/21
Board Secretary Date