



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

MINUTES

**Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 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 November 17, 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

The meeting was live-broadcasted to the public.

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. National Anthem

Performed by AHS Choir Students and Instructor, Kasi Bryant

5. Adoption of Agenda - ACTION

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

6. Welcome and Introduction

B. Approval of Minutes - ACTION

1. Consider Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes

- a. **October 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting**
- b. **October 25, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

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

C. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. Presentation - Alamogordo High School Tiger Band**
AHS Band/Music Director David Bouma highlighted the program's many great accomplishments. Mr. Bouma was proud to report that the band has taken home 15 awards within a matter of three weeks. Some of these awards included 1st place in Class C at the SISD Marchfest on October 16, 1st place in Class AA at the Zia Marching Fiesta on October 23, and 1st place in Class B at the Tournament of Bands in Las Cruces on October 30.
- 2. Presentation - Project SEARCH**
Director of Special Education, Mr. Steve Starkovich explained that Project SEARCH is a school to work transition program for young adults with cognitive disabilities. The goal is for each intern to be competitively employed for 16 hours or more a week within three months of completing Project SEARCH. Student interns were introduced and each student shared what they have learned and enjoyed while in the program.
- 3. Recognition - Alamogordo High School Future Farmers of America (FFA)**
Ms. Stephanie Moon, FFA Advisor, shared the many amazing things happening within in her program. Ms. Moon introduced six of her seven officer members. These students recently attended the 94th National FFA Convention where they attended workshops and sessions about leadership and other aspects of FFA. They will also be competing at the district contest on December 10th in Silver City; a contest where members properly run a meeting, demonstrate that they can make motions, debate, and vote correctly. Students are also getting ready to do their winter community service project, where donations will be collected for the local animal shelter.
- 4. Recognition - Alamogordo High School Choir Program**
Ms. Kasi Bryant, Choir Director was excited to report the many amazing accomplishments of the Choir program. The AHS Tiger Choir recently sent 7 performing groups to NMMEA-SW District Solo and Ensemble Festival. All 7, (3 soloists and 4 ensembles) received the highest rating of "Superior" for their performance.
- 5. Recognition - Alamogordo Public Schools Maintenance Team**
Mr. Bobby Lara, Physical Plant Manager, introduced maintenance team members in attendance, Mark Campbell, Todd Penka, and Guy Archuleta and expressed his appreciation to his entire team. The maintenance team recently received the 2021 Ben Lujan award for Maintenance Achievement and the 2021 Class 5A Ben Lujan Award for Maintenance achievement, an award given by the State of NM Public School Facilities Authority. Superintendent Moore announced all members of the Maintenance team and expressed his appreciation to them for keeping the schools and buildings in the best shape possible.

D. Public Participation

President Rabon read a statement of procedures for public participation.

Ms. Sandra Mata expressed her appreciation to the district for all they do for students and to Deputy Superintendent Cara Malone for the great things she has done for the district. Ms. Mata also addressed the Board about her concerns with current district policies and procedures for filing formal complaints and the need for improving district communication.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson read a statement on behalf of Amy Barela concerning one's freedom, the curriculum rule making, and the McKinley/Harris Lawsuit, a lawsuit where 24 school districts are currently participating in to challenge the authority of the NM Public Education Department.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Ken Moore

Superintendent Moore reported as follows:

- The district's annual audit exit meeting was recently held; Superintendent Moore was pleased to report that the district had no unresolved findings from previous audits and only two minor findings this year.
- AHS Best Robotics Team will be competing at the BEST Robotics Regional Championship event in Texas next month. A Virtual Special Board Meeting will be held Monday, 22 November to approve the out of state travel request
- We are at 90% staffing level for teachers; a recruiting fair will be held in January/February timeframe
- Superintendent Moore announced that Deputy Superintendent Malone is leaving the district and expressed his appreciation to her and all she has done for the district; he wishes her all the best in Texas.
- Holloman Elementary construction remains on schedule to open in the fall of 2022
- The initial design review with PSFA for Chaparral Middle School was held recently. Architects are awaiting citations from PSFA for the items challenged as over adequacy. Upon receipt of these, a report will be given to discuss the next steps for reviewing the PSFA adequacy standards.
- Met with the OLDCC to review the district's proposal for 100% federal funding for a new Holloman Middle School. The proposal went very well; Superintendent Moore is confident this will move forward to a grant award early next year.
- Superintendent Moore provided an update on Academy del Sol, "AdS". He intends to keep AdS at and under the Alamogordo High School. The main reason is equity and course offerings. Students have more opportunity to earn career certifications after graduation. Students deserve to have industry recognized career certifications and the opportunity for full range course offerings. AdS will continue to operate as an alternative program with special flexible interventions individualized to each student.
- The Test-to-Stay program is underway. Any student or employee identified as a close contact is eligible to test every other day and if tested negative, they can remain at school/work. Superintendent Moore expressed his appreciation to Health Services Director Lisa Patch and her awesome team for implementing the program and the many hours committed to getting the program up and running.
- Superintendent Moore announced that he is now allowing our professional partners, Big Brothers Big Sisters, COPE, Counseling Center, Boys Council, Girls Circle back into our schools beginning Monday.
- Our new website will be up and running this month.

Vice-President Sherwood expressed his deepest appreciation to Deputy Superintendent Cara Malone and the great standards she set for the district.

2. Holloman Ex-Officio Member's Report - Col Nicholas Pederson

Col. Pederson expressed his appreciation to Director Starkovich and the Project SEARCH team and for the opportunity to host the interns on the installation. Col. Pederson reiterated how well the presentation for OLDCC went and stated that the district is doing a great job with the application process. Col. Pederson appreciates the board's effort to improve communication.

Superintendent Moore requested Col Pederson's assistance in securing a date to hold a forum with Holloman families in the very near future.

3. Student Ex-Officio Member's Report - Nathaniel Calentine

Student Ex-Officio Nate Calentine reported on the various activities in the secondary schools. JROTC students and advisory are currently holding a food drive for the local community. Mr. Calentine met with the student council and they are planning to have a kindness anti bullying campaign to promote kindness throughout the schools. Mr. Calentine is developing a school survey to gather student feedback about nutrition services, spirit week, and how school is going.

Member Cadwallader requested information about the Military Student to Student Clubs. Nate will provide this information in his December report.

F. Board Discussion

Member Cadwallader stated that she would like the Board to consider joining the McKinley Gallup Lawsuit against PED Overreach. Vice-President Sherwood requested more information about the lawsuit. Member Cadwallader will email the lawsuit to the Board for their review.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. **Bids - No bids for November**
2. **Contracts - No contracts for November**
3. **Budget Adjustment Requests**
 - 1) **BAR 046-000-2022-0019-T – Transfer– 24154 Teacher/Principal Training & Recruiting**
 - 2) **BAR 046-000-2022-0020-T – Transfer– 25179 ALAMO DOD**
4. **Fundraisers - As submitted.**
5. **Charitable Donations**
 - 1) **Big Wave Car Wash – Yucca Elementary - \$25**
 - 2) **Cathy Pierce Brewer – APS Health Services - \$30**
 - 3) **Crime Stoppers of Otero County – Alamogordo High School AFJROTC - \$250**
 - 4) **Elks Lodge – Tiger Cross Country - \$500**
 - 5) **Fatwood BBQ – Yucca Elementary - \$50**
 - 6) **Hi-D-Ho – Yucca Elementary - \$40**
 - 7) **Home Services Contractor's – AHS Educator's Rising Club - \$100**
 - 8) **Kaias Dance –Health and Fitness – Yucca Elementary - \$50**
 - 9) **King's Treasure Thrift Store – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$500**

- 10) Les Combes – Yucca Elementary - \$50
- 11) Lesia Bryant Gonzales – AHS Tiger Cheer - \$100
- 12) Lowe’s Home Improvement – High Rolls Mt. Park Elementary - \$2,500
- 13) Margo’s Mexican Food – Yucca Elementary - \$30
- 14) McDonald’s – MVMS - \$375
- 15) Moose Lodge – AHS Tiger Cheer - \$1,000
- 16) New Mexico Fire – MVMS - \$250
- 17) Otero Federal Credit Union – Yucca Elementary - \$110
- 18) Rotary Club of Alamogordo – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$500
- 19) Rotary Club of White Sands – Alamogordo High School FFA - \$500
- 20) Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories – Buena Vista Elementary - \$100
- 21) Y’Alls Steakhouse – Yucca Elementary - \$30

TOTAL \$7090

- 6. **Accounts Payable Check Listing**
- 7. **Purchase Order Listing**

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

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

H. Information to the Board

1. Financial Reports

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

I. APS Board Policy Manual - No Policies for November

Superintendent Moore expressed his deepest gratitude to all principals.

J. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Mindy V. Rabon 12-15-21
Board President Date

Coral Tejada 12/15/21
Board Secretary Date