



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

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 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
Member Anthony Torres
Holloman Ex-Officio Col. Nicholas Pederson
Student Ex-Officio Nathaniel Calentine

District Staff Members present:

Dr. Kenneth Moore, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent
Pamela Renteria, 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

5. Adoption of Agenda – ACTION

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

6. Welcome and Introduction

B. Approval of Minutes - ACTION

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- a. **November 17, 2021 Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting**
- b. **November 22, 2021 Special Board Meeting**

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

C. Presentations/Recognitions

1. AHS MESA Robotics Team

Superintendent Moore introduced the AHS Robotics Team. Students introduced themselves and spoke about the program. The team performed at the BEST competition last month; this performance is what qualified them to the championships in Frisco this past weekend.

During the BEST Competition in November, the team placed as follows.

- Exhibit and Interviews-4th place
- Marketing Presentation-4th place
- Robot Performance-7th place
- Engineering Notebook-5th place
- BEST Award (overall) - 5th place in New Mexico

The team scored many points and the robot performed better than previous years. They were one of four NM teams, out of 34 NM teams, who made it to the regional championships in Frisco, TX.

2. Ed Rising Program

Ed Rising Instructor Ms. Courtney Gagnon and a couple of her students shared information about The Educator's Rising Program, a nationwide program.

- The vision is to make a clear pathway in every school district in America for young people who want to serve their communities as highly skilled educators.
- Approximately 40 students are in the program
- The goal is to recruit youth from our community and to keep them in the community to become teachers
- Recruit teachers with a more diverse background
- Almost 60% of teachers teach within 20 miles of where they went to school
- The program is a community-based model in which chapters at schools feed teacher preparation programs at institutes of higher education with the support of the State Department of Education and local funders and foundations
- Students will be attending a state conference in Las Cruces in March, 2022.

3. AFJROTC Cadets

Superintendent Moore introduced the AFJROTC cadets and instructors Maj Odgers, MSgt Sanders. Cadets highlighted their recent accomplishments and were proud to announce that they placed 1st and 3rd overall in the State of NM in the individual drill routine where over 200 students competed. The cadets competed against 20 other schools around the state of NM. These students work very hard and are very dedicated. The JROTC mission is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving our nation and community.

Superintendent Moore also shared information about FFA. Superintendent Moore was proud to announce that Executive Director of Health Services Lisa Patch just won the National Public Health Official of the Year Award and will receive her official award at a national conference in June.

D. Public Participation

There was no public participation at this December 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Ken Moore

Superintendent Moore reported as follows:

- A job fair is being held December 16, 2021 from 1:00-5:00 at the HUB (aka Building B on the corner of 12th and Florida)
- Mr. Billy Hays has been appointed as the Acting Athletics Director
- Ms. Pamela Renteria has been hired as the new Deputy Superintendent
- Ms. Danielle Kusmak has been hired as the new MVMS Principal
- Superintendent Moore expressed appreciation to Board Member Anthony Torres for serving on the Board and for all he has done for the school district.
- Our enrollment at AHS increased and as a result NMAA moved us to a 6A Classification
- In January, we will have two to three work sessions to discuss strategic planning
- A Holloman Parent Forum was recently held and went very well
- Construction of Holloman Elementary remains on schedule and as of November 30, construction is 40% complete.
- Scheduled substantial completion date remains 1 Aug 2022
- The new Alamogordo Middle School (CMS replacement) Schematic Design phase is complete
- Negotiations with PSFA and PSCOC regarding State funding participation is ongoing
- For Holloman MS, we have received feedback and additional questions from the Federal Review Committee regarding the grant proposal
- Several revisions are required and updates are being made by our consultants as quickly as possible
- A meeting is scheduled for 20 Dec to present our NEPA position to the federal team and develop consensus on the path forward
- For the Sacramento Site, demolition is complete and the design and pricing to renovate the landscape, playground, and basketball court areas is in progress; project is anticipated to begin in early spring of 2022

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

Col Nicholas Pederson expressed appreciation for hosting the Holloman Parent Forum and for listening and addressing parent concerns.

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

Student Ex-Officio Member Nataniel Calentine reported on the various activities in the secondary schools

F. Board Discussion

Member Cadwallader requested an update and the Board's thoughts about the Gallup-McKinley lawsuit.

Member Torres expressed his appreciation to Superintendent Moore and former Superintendent Perry for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Board.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. Bids - none
2. Contracts - none
3. Budget Adjustment Requests
 - 1) BAR 046-000-2122-0021-M – Maintenance– 28190 GRADS Instruction
 - 2) BAR 046-000-2122-0022-I – Increase – 24118 NM Fresh Fruit & Vegetables
 - 3) BAR 046-000-2122-0023-IB – Initial Budget – 24330 ARP-ESSER III
 - 4) BAR 046-000-2122-0024-IB – Initial Budget – 24355 ARP-HCY II
 - 5) BAR 046-000-2122-0025-T – Transfer – 24113 Education of Homeless
 - 6) BAR 046-000-2122-0026-I – Increase – Title II
4. Fundraisers
As submitted.
5. Charitable Donations
 - 1) First National Bank – APS Community Schools - \$500
 - 2) Lowe’s Signature Market – Alamogordo Public Schools - \$125
 - 3) Matt and Margaret Barry – Alamogordo Gifted Education - \$100
 - 4) Stuart Herman – AHS Mesa Best Robotics - \$1,000
 - 5) Tularosa United Methodist Women – APS Community Schools - \$50

Total \$1775
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. Member Torres 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 November 2021. Mr. Bryan Runyan briefly reported on the business and finance department.

I. APS Board Policy Manual - No policies for the month of December

There were no policies for the month of December.

J. Adjournment

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

Judith V. Rabon 1-19-22
Board President Date

Carol Teweleit 1-19-22
Board Secretary Date