



ALAMOGORDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Administrative Complex – 1211 Hawaii Ave., Alamogordo, NM

MINUTES

BOARD WORK SESSION

Thursday, August 8, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Board Members present were: President Timothy C. Wolfe
Vice-President Angela M. Cadwallader
Secretary Carol Teweleit
Member David W. Weaver

Member David Borunda and Holloman Ex-Officio Col. Rashone Tate were absent from this meeting.

District staff members present: Jerrett Perry, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Cara Malone, Deputy Superintendent
Lisa Patch, Director of Health Services
Colleen Tagle, Deputy of Support & Human Resources

The work session was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson recorded the minutes.

Director of Health Services Lisa Patch gave the Board an overview on medical cannabis use and storage in schools. Ms. Patch discussed the changes to the current Public Education Department rules based on the two bills (Senate Bill 204 and Senate Bill 406) that were passed during the 2019 state legislative session. Storage and how and who will administer the medical cannabis are among the biggest challenges. There are also concerns with how the district would address field trips and transportation. A public hearing was held on July 26, 2019 for public input on the proposed new rule. At this hearing there was much debate on the language in the proposed rule that reads *address the administration of medical cannabis in school settings during the school day by: primary caregivers and designated school personnel* whereas the law states primary caregivers **or** designated school personnel.

A student is not allowed to carry medical cannabis and nurses are not allowed to administer it. According to the law, parents and legal guardians can administer medical cannabis to students. The Board of Education can also designate school personnel to do this.

The FDA cannot approve medical cannabis and a physician cannot prescribe the medical cannabis. Physicians have a list of conditions that allows them to write a note to the state stating the patient has a diagnosis that may benefit from medical marijuana.

A parent spoke briefly of the effects of cannabis on a young child and of her concerns about children being exposed to it that are not intended to get it.

President Wolfe suggested a letter be drafted to the NM Public Education Department stating the district cannot meet the August 27 deadline for adopting the rule change since no guidance has been given on this yet.

The work session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Timothy C Wolfe 8/21/2019 Angela M Cadwallader 8-21-19
Board President Date Board Secretary Date