



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

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present were: President Angela M. Cadwallader
Vice-President Ryan Sherwood
Secretary Carol Teweleit
Member Anthony Torres
Member Judy Rabon
Student Ex-Officio Megan Steeby

Holloman Ex-Officio Col Rashone Tate was absent from this meeting.

District staff members present: Jerrett Perry, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Cara Malone, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent of Operations
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 6:01 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

Led by the students of High Rolls Mountain Park Elementary School

4. National Anthem

Led by the students of High Rolls Mountain Park Elementary School and by AHS choir students

5. Adoption of Agenda - ACTION

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

6. Welcome and Introduction

B. Approval of Minutes - ACTION

1. Consider Approval of Minutes for the January 11, 2020 Board Planning Session and Executive Session, the January 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the January 28, 2020 Special Meeting

Member Rabon made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Torres seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Presentation - 2018-2019 Alamogordo Public Schools Audit
Presented by Audrey Jaramillo, Jaramillo Accounting Group (JAG)

Audrey Jaramillo and Scott Eliason from Jaramillo Accounting Group presented the results of the 2018-2019 annual audit and gave an overview of the financial statements and findings. Ms. Jaramillo congratulated APS for making such great progress forward and stated the district received a great audit.

2. Galactic Journey Recognition for January – RECOGNITION

Presented by Deputy Superintendent Cara Malone

Deputy Superintendent Cara Malone recognized and congratulated Desert Star Elementary for “Responsibility” for the month of January. Desert Star was also recognized as the Title I Distinguished School. They were one of two schools in the state of NM that was recently honored in Atlanta.

3. Presentation - PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS)

Mr. Steve Monks, Mr. Victor Cuadra and Mr. Darren Perl gave the Board an overview of PowerSchool and answered questions posed by the Board. PowerSchool is the #1 leading provider of K-12 Education technology solutions. In New Mexico, 70% of school districts use PowerSchool SIS with 69 utilizing PowerSchool SIS & SPED. Parent real-time updates for attendance, grades and assignments are some of the many features offered through PowerSchool SIS. PowerSchool will also communicate with some of the programs our district already uses, such as School Messenger and the Raptor Management System.

4. Presentation - APS Technology Plan

Presented by Cara Malone, Steve Van Duyn, and Whitney Anderson

Coordinators Whitney Anderson and Steve Van Duyn gave the Board a presentation on the Technology Strategic Plan for the district. Ms. Anderson explained the plan development and components of this plan. Through this process, committees were formed and the use of Bright Bytes were implemented. Bright Bytes gives us data and compares our district to districts around the country and also gives us a rating in four categories, known as C.A.S.E. (Classroom, Access, Skills, Environment). The projected plan and funding for the next four years was also discussed.

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:

- We are truly the best district in the state of NM because of the people that are doing the work.
- Amazing things are happening at Desert Star Elementary and to have national recognition is remarkable.
- Expressed his appreciation to Coordinator Kristie Eamello, Deputy Superintendents Cara Malone and Colleen Tagle
- Recognized Deputy Superintendent Malone for obtaining the 2.5 million dollar Comprehensive Literacy Grant
- Exciting things are happening with Shockwave and CMS LEGO League Tiger Bots
- We were awarded with the zSpace District of Distinguish award
- Deputy Superintendent Malone and her team are putting together a great plan on communicating effectively and efficiently.
- Was pleased to report that SB 35 has passed
- Congratulations to the AHS Wrestling Program and the four wrestlers that will be competing at the state level.
- It is Black History Month and had an opportunity to meet with a Buffalo Soldier on 2.18.2020. The history with buffalo soldiers is exciting.
- Had a great meeting with the student advisory council and expressed appreciation to student ex-officio Megan Steeby for her leadership.
- Congratulations to the AHS Business Professionals of America students. We had 12 students make it to state, 11 made it to finals and 9 have qualified for nationals.
- Discussion of proposed dates for upcoming work sessions took place. Work sessions will tentatively be as indicated at 5:30 p.m.
 - March 2: ELT & CMS Location
 - March 9: Board Smart Goals
 - April 6: LaunchPad & Budget
 - May 4: Special Education & Procurement
 - June 1: Superintendent Goals
- On February 24, the Board will be touring some schools with Supt. Perry

2. Departmental Reports

a. **Justin Burks, Chief of Capital Outlay & Facilities - Facilities Update**
Chief Burks provided an update on ongoing construction and maintenance projects.

b. **Cara Malone, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching & Learning – Department Updates**

Deputy Superintendent Malone reported on the excited happenings in the Teaching & Learning Department. On February 14th, Cara and 13 administrators went to Socorro ISD where they visited Hilley Elementary, Socorro Middle School and Socorro High School. It was a great day of seeing many amazing things and great student led instruction. Mrs. Malone was pleased to report that the new website for the district is up and running. She was also excited to

report that the district is receiving 2.5 million dollars for the next 5 years for literacy. With this grant, the district will partner with Zia Therapy. Mrs. Malone reported on upcoming professional development opportunities.

Board Member Rabon briefly stated that she has heard from some community members, teachers, and parents about ELT and about 98% of them are excited about this new initiative.

- c. **Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent of Operations - Department Updates**
Deputy Superintendent Tagle reported an increase of 5% on our 120th day Transportation Report from our 80th day report. Student Nutrition is doing great and A'viands catering is going well. Our numbers continue to increase in meals, claims and reimbursements. In Human Resources, applicant responses are being tracked on our social media, with a greater reach across the nation on Twitter. Indeed is another source used for job postings. Mrs. Tagle also met with Ms. Laurieann Goodier recently about the recruitment of military spouses. Mrs. Tagle spoke briefly about cyber security and stated that a group of NM Tech students have offered to assist the district with a security audit.
- d. **Bryan Runyan, K-12 Accounting - Business & Finance Updates/Reports**
Mr. Runyan reported on the finance department and stated they are gearing up for budget season. In addition, a budget committee will need to be developed soon along with budget committee meetings. The final unit value was received and resulted in approximately a \$370,000 increase in operational funding.

Vice-President Sherwood requested a report to show the potential impact the NMRHCA Rule Change could have on our SEG numbers .

3. Holloman Ex-Officio Member's Report - Col Rashone Tate

Col Tate was absent from this meeting.

4. Student Ex-Officio Member's Report - Megan Steeby

Student Ex-Officio reported on the various “kindness” activities in the secondary schools. Ms. Steeby spoke about the “Great Kindness Challenge” app and encouraged all to participate in the challenge.

F. Board Discussion – none

There was no board discussion.

G. Consent Agenda – ACTION

1. Bids

- a. **Award Recommendation of RFQ 012-1920 Facility Improvement at Various Schools**

2. Contracts

- a. **ACES Contract and any resulting Purchase Requisitions for K-12**

Vice-President Sherwood made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Torres seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

H. Information to the Board

- 1. Purchase Order Listing - January 2020**
- 2. Accounts Payable Check Listing - January 2020**

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

I. Other Items of Business

- 1. Consider approval of the 2018-2019 APS Audit - ACTION**
Member Rabon made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 APS Audit. Secretary Teweleit seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Consider approval of the APS District Logo – ACTION**
Member Torres made a motion to approve the APS District Logo. Member Rabon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Consider approval of PowerSchool as the new Student Information System for APS – ACTION**
Vice-President Sherwood asked if this was an annual contract. Deputy Superintendent Malone responded stating this is an annual contract with the rate guaranteed for several years and will be renewable every July 1. Deputy Malone stated this will replace Synergy Education Platform, our current student information system.

Vice-President Sherwood made a motion approve PowerSchool as the new Student Information System for APS. Member Torres seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Consider Approval of the Amended Grant Agreement for the purchase of Smaller sized school buses – ACTION**
Secretary Teweleit made a motion to approve the amended grant agreement for the purchase of smaller sized school buses. Member Torres seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

J. APS Board Policy Manual – No Policies
There were no board policies.

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 22, 2020 - NMSU-A Health & Wellness Fair - Tays Center, 8:00-5:00**
- March 18, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting**
- March 23-27, 2020 - Spring Break**
- April 1-3, 2020 - 2020 Spring Budget Workshop - Albuquerque**
- April 15, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting**
- April 21, 2020 - NMSBA Region VII Meeting - Alamogordo**
- April 29, 2020 - Alamo Educate and Innovate 2020 - Alamogordo High School**

Date correction: **February 29, 2020** (not April 29, 2020 as indicated) - Alamo Educate & Innovate 2020 Conference

M. Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Angela M. Cadwallader (P) 3.26.2020
Board President Date

Carol Sweleit (P) 3.26.2020
Board Secretary Date