

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

MINUTES

**Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

Board members present were: President Judy V. Rabon
Vice-President Amber Ross
Secretary Carol Teweleit
Member Angela Cadwallader
Member Amanda Jewell
Holloman Ex-Officio Col. Nicholas Pederson

Student Ex-Officio Member Savannah Veith was absent from this February 22, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

District Staff Members present were: Pam Renteria, Acting Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Colleen Tagle, 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 Ross made 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. **January 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting**
- b. **February 12, 2023 Executive Session**
- c. **February 12, 2023 Special Board Meeting**

Member Jewell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Vice-President Ross seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Recognition - APS Students for Kindness Month

Executive Director Lisa Patch shared information about Kindness Month. The 31 days of kindness is a positive way to promote kindness and prevent bullying. Each week consisted of a different theme; the first week: "Say Something Kind, second

week: “ Do Something Kind, third week: “Be a Kindness Superhero, and the last week: “Pay it Forward.” Principals from Holloman Elementary, North, Sunset Hills, and Yucca introduced and honored some of their students that were nominated for the Kindness Award. These students went above and beyond to be kind and helpful.

Students receiving the Kindness Award were:

Holloman Elementary: Ferne Hakos and Nadia Maar

North Elementary: Isaiah Martinez

Sunset Hills: Caleb McKinley and Madisyn Salazar

Yucca Elementary: Tarin Dennison, Serenity Monk, Ryson Beach, Amia Rodriguez, and Grace Arrington

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS BE KIND!

Acting Superintendent Pam Renteria Read the Proclamation by the Board of Education of the District in Recognition of Kindness Month, February 2023

2. Presentation - 2021-2022 Alamogordo Public Schools Audit, Presented by Jaramillo Accounting Group

Mr. Scott Eliason, CPA with Jaramillo Accounting Group, virtually presented a Post Audit presentation to the Board and answered questions posed by the Board.

Discussion points included components of APS’s audit, scope of the audit, timing of the audit, auditor’s opinions and report, and audit findings (*APS had just two findings*).

Mr. Eliason stated that APS is rated as an A-.

President Rabon expressed her sincere gratitude to the entire district for everyone’s role in ensuring that the district is operating effectively and efficiently.

D. Public Participation

President Rabon read a statement of procedures for public participation.

Public comment was given by Mr. William English, Ms. Miller, Mr. Chuck Andreas, Ms. Sandra Mata, and Mr. Josiah Vesey.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report - Acting Superintendent Pam Renteria

Acting Superintendent Renteria reported as follows:

- The new turf is being installed at the Reiner Steinhoff Soccer Complex and it is absolutely beautiful. The field will be completed on or before March 10. Stay tuned for information about the ribbon cutting event.
- A robust summer camp is planned under the direction of Dr. Christina Calentine and her team. One-week camps are planned for all grade levels.
- Alamo Educate & Innovate training will be held at AHS on Saturday, 2/25/23.
- Expressed appreciation to Executive Director Lisa Patch and her team for everything they have done during the month of kindness.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Community Meeting on 2/21/23. Responses to questions are available on our website.
- Deputy Superintendent Tagle reported on the Chaparral Middle School project. Anticipate ground-breaking around the Fall of 2023.
- Deputy Superintendent Tagle stated that the training on the OLDCC Grant is complete. Our first reimbursement for the funds that have already been expended as part of the project will be submitted.

3. Holloman Ex-Officio Member's Report - Col Pederson

Col Pederson expressed his appreciation to the Holloman Elementary Staff for the opportunity to read to the students for African American Heritage Month. Col Pederson stated that 47 airmen have volunteered to judge at the AFJROTC Drill Competition that AHS is hosting this weekend. Col. Pederson suggested the Board hold a work session to discuss the district's discipline policy.

4. Student Ex-Officio Member's Report - Savannah Veith

Student Ex-Officio Member Savannah Veith was absent from this meeting.

F. Board Discussion

President Rabon concurs with Col Pederson that a work session should be held soon to discuss the district's discipline policy and to also discuss an anonymous staff survey concerning retaliation. President Rabon will email the Board to propose a date for this work session.

Member Cadwallader inquired about exit interviews for staff leaving the district and also about grief and trauma school counselors in light of recent discipline issues.

Member Jewell expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the recent community forum. It was great to see so many in attendance. Coming together as a community for student support, not only at community meetings, but also at school events and games, would be great to see.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. Contracts

a. Consider approval of renewal contract #005-1718-C7 between Jaramillo Accounting Group and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting purchase requisitions

2. Budget Adjustment Requests

- 1) BAR 046-000-2223-0032-I- Increase – 28208- ECECD Direct**
- 2) BAR 046-000-2223-0033-IB- Initial Budget – 31703– SB-9 State Match Cash**
- 3) BAR 046-000-2223-0034-T- Transfer -15200 – Local Revenue Operational**
- 4) BAR 046-000-2223-0035-I- Increase – 21000- Student Nutrition**
- 5) BAR 046-000-2223-0036-I- Increase – 11000 – Operational**
- 6) BAR 046-000-2223-0037-T- Transfer – 27552 – Statewide Innovation Zones**
- 7) BAR 046-000-2223-0038- M- Maintenance – 27552 – Statewide Innovation Zones**
- 8) BAR 046-000-2223-0039-I – Increase – 24330 – ARP ESSER III**
- 9) BAR 046-000-2223-0040-I – Increase – 24308 – CRRSA ESSER II**

3. Charitable Donations

- 1) The Blackbaud Giving Fund - \$550 – MVMS Cheer**
- 2) The Elks Lodge 1897 - \$800 – APS Athletics**
- 3) Int'l Association of Machinist & Aerospace Workers - \$600 – APS Tiger Track**
- 4) John for New Mexico - \$416.41 – APS Student Nutrition Services**
- 5) Walmart - \$200 – Alamogordo High School**
- 6) Wayne and Millie Martin - \$525 – APS Cheer**

Total \$3091.41

4. Accounts Payable Check Listing

5. Purchase Order Summary

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

Vice President Ross made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Jewell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Information to the Board

1. Financial Reports

President Rabon stated that the Board has reviewed the financial reports for the month of January 2023.

I. Other Items of Business

1. Consideration of and approval of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of General Obligation School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds – ACTION

Deputy Superintendent Tagle clarified that this is the 4th set of sales (2023 series) of the school bonds that passed at the November 2019 general election and has no connection with the upcoming special election.

Vice-President Ross made a motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds. Member Jewell seconded.

President Rabon asked the Recording Secretary to conduct a roll call vote on the Resolution.

The results of a roll call vote taken by Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson were:

President Rabon voted “aye”

Vice-President Ross voted “aye”

Secretary Teweleit – “aye”

Member Cadwallader voted “aye”

Member Jewell voted “aye”

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

2. Consider approval of the 2021-2022 Alamogordo Public Schools Financial Audit - ACTION

Member Cadwallader made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Alamogordo Public Schools Financial Audit. Secretary Teweleit seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider approval of the Proclamation by the Board of Education in Recognition of Kindness Month, February 2023 – ACTION

Vice-President Ross made a motion to approve the Proclamation by the Board of Education in Recognition of Kindness Month, February 2023. Member Jewell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Board Members' Advance Planning/Upcoming Events

February 23, 2023 - HMS Artemis Project Field Trip

February 23, 2023 - Yucca Family STEM Night - Yucca Cafeteria

February 23, 2023 - HMS PTO Meeting

February 23, 2023 - Flo Kindness Tour @ Yucca, 3 pm

February 24, 2023 - Flo Kindness Tour @ Holloman Elementary, 3 pm

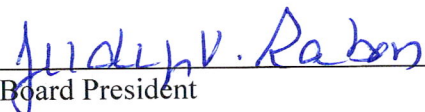
February 24, 2023 - MVMS Program - The Hysterical History of the Trojan War
 February 25, 2023 - Flo @ Educate & Innovate 2023 at AHS, 9-4 pm
 February 25, 2023 - AFJROTC Drill Competition
 February 28, 2023 - Flo Kindness Tour @ HMS, 3:20
 February 28, 2023 - Heart Health Awareness Fair w/Otero County Community Health Council @ White Sands Mall, 4-6 pm
 February 28, 2023 - AHS Tiger Band Performance
 March 2, 2023 - Sunset Hills Dr. Suess/Literacy night, 5:00-6:30
 March 2, 2023 - North Bingo for Books, 5:30-7:00
 March 4, 2023 - Elementary Music Performance
 March 4, 2023 - Flo @ Arts Across the District at Alamogordo High School, 9-12 pm
 March 4, 2023 - APS Health Services @ Cancer Screening Outreach Event - Tays Special Events Center, 9-12 pm
 March 6, 2023 - Roadrunner Food Bank, 4-6 pm
 March 7, 2023 - Mt. View Invitational Track Meet 4:30 @ AHS
 March 7, 2023 - MVMS Honor Band Concert with MVMS Beginning and Honor Choirs - MVMS Cafeteria
 March 14, 2023 - White Sands Jr. Relays 4:30 @ AHS
 March 15, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting
 March 16, 2023 - HRMP Literacy Night (Bingo for Books)
 March 20-24, 2023 - Spring Break

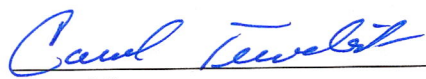
Sports Schedules

February 27 - Tiger Baseball Home, 4:00 & 6:00
 March 7 - Tiger Baseball Home, 4:30 & 6:30
 March 9 - Tiger Baseball Home, 4:00 & 6:00
 March 14 - Tiger Baseball Home, 4:00 & 6:00 & 5:30
 March 2 - Lady Tiger Softball Home, 4:00
 March 7 - Lady Tiger Softball Home, 4:30 & 6:30
 March 9 - Lady Tiger Softball Home, 4:00 & 6:00
 March 21 - Lady Tiger Softball Home, 4:30 & 6:30
 February 28 - Varsity Tiger Golf Home, 9:00
 March 7 - Golf Alamogordo Invitational, Home, 9:00
 February 25 - Tiger Tennis Home, 11:00
 February 28 - Tiger Tennis Home, 3:00
 March 3-4 - Tennis Alamogordo Tournament Home
 March 17-18 - QUAD (Tennis) Home, 9:30
 March 18 - AHS Track Rolla Buck Invite, Home 9:00
 March 7 - Mt. View Invitational Home, 4:30 pm
 March 14 - HMS Track White Sands Jr. Relays Home, 4:30 pm

K. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.


 Board President _____ Date

 3/15/23
 Board Secretary _____ Date