



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

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Board members present were: President Judy V. Rabon
Vice-President Amber Ross
Secretary Carol Teweleit
Member Angela Cadwallader
Member Amanda Jewell
Holloman Ex-Officio Member Col Alfred Rosales
Student Ex-Officio Member Olivia Goodier

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. Member Jewell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Welcome and Introduction

B. Approval of Minutes – ACTION

1. Consider Approval of the September 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

2. Consider Approval of the September 27, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
Secretary Teweleit made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Vice-President Ross seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Presentation - First Financial Capital Corporation Donation to Alamogordo Public Schools Health Services Tiger Care Center

Nicole Brown from First Financial Capital Corporation presented Lisa Patch and her team with a check in the amount of \$3600. The funds will be used to purchase two pairs of shoes for the homeless student population.

2. Recognition: Tiger Athletes for the Months of August and September

Director of Athletics, Mr. Alan Edmonson announced and recognized outstanding

Tiger Athletes for the months of August and September.
Athletes recognized were:

- Omar Enriquez, representing Cross Country
- Toni Wilder, representing Soccer & Cross Country
- Sydney Crispin, representing Volleyball
- Anthony Audette, representing Football
- Maura Corral Diaz, representing Athletic Training
- Sierra Symons, representing Soccer & Cross Country
- Diego Garcia, representing Football
- Ryan Amberson, representing Soccer

D. Public Participation

President Rabon read a statement of procedures for public participation.

Public comment was given by Shannan Wright, Janet Ellis, Sarah Cerra, and Christian Estrada who was representing Solar Energy Savings.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report - Acting Superintendent Pam Renteria

Acting Superintendent Renteria reported as follows:

- We are deeply saddened by the recent tragic loss of CMS student, Jiyrese Collier. Our prayers are with the family of Jiyrese. All joined in a moment of silence for Jiyrese.
- Carrie Rowe, Coordinator of Data & Assessment provided an update on PowerSchool and the new Attendance Suite that was launched on September 29, a new tool to enhance our communication with our families.
- Expressed appreciation to Tami Miranda for setting up the beautiful display of the amazing student artwork in the boardroom lobby/hallway area.
- Reminder that the SB9 and HB33 mil levies will be on the November 7 election ballot
- Enrollment is currently at 5,553
- We currently have 12 teacher vacancies in the district.

2. Holloman Ex-Officio Member's Report - Col Rosales

Col Rosales reported as follows:

- Provided an update on Project Search and reported that they should have interns in place by November 6.
- Provided an update on The Squadron in Schools (SIS) Program. Schools should have received or will be receiving an email about the program.
- Expressed concern about student safety in schools and reported that Holloman families are concerned about the safety of their school aged children in light of the recent tragedy involving a student. Holloman leadership spent hours over the weekend discussing strategies and how to provide response when tragedy occurs. HAFB leadership would like to begin a dialogue with the district to discuss different options to address this topic for military families---one option being a potential exploration of an Alamogordo High School satellite campus on the installation.

3. Student Ex-Officio Member's Report - Olivia Goodier

Olivia Goodier briefly announced the recognition of Tiger Athlete Alejandra Amaya, representing the Athletic Training Program for July/August.. Alejandra is an absolute all-star! Senior night for Football, Cheer, Tiger Band, and Athletic Training Program will be Friday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. where seniors will be recognized. Red Ribbon week is the week of October 23. Veterans Day programs will be held the week of November 6. The AHS student parking lot renovations are looking great! Report cards were issued on October 13.

F. Board Discussion

President Rabon provided a brief explanation about the process for appointing an Acting Superintendent and the process for appointing an Interim Superintendent. When a Superintendent is put on administrative leave as a result of an investigation or negotiation, he/she is still considered to be the Superintendent but he/she is not performing any duties, so the Board will appoint an Acting Superintendent to perform the day to day duties while the investigation or negotiation is happening. When the investigation and/or negotiation is complete and the Superintendent is no longer the Superintendent, the Board must appoint an Interim Superintendent to fill the position until the position is advertised and a new Superintendent is hired.

Member Cadwallader inquired about Project Lead the Way. Acting Superintendent Renteria responded stating this is a curriculum used at Alamogordo High School in our Career Tech Education Programs.

Member Jewell expressed her excitement and appreciation to Lisa Patch and her team for the implementation of the Tiger Care Center, a program funded by McKinney-Vento Homeless funds.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. Contracts

- a. **Contract 2024-001 Holloman Middle School CMAR between Bradbury Stamm and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions**

2. Budget Adjustment Requests

- a. **BAR 046-000-2324-0016-IB – Initial Budget – 27118 – SPECIAL CAPITAL OUTLAY**
- b. **BAR 046-000-2324-0017-M – Maintenance – 24194 CLSD COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY STATE DEVELOPMENT**
- c. **BAR 046-000-2324-0018-IB – Initial Budget – 27516 – NM OUTDOIOR LEARNING GRANT**
- d. **BAR 046-000-2324-0019-I – Increase– 24109 – PRESCHOOL IDEA-B**
- e. **BAR 046-000-2324-0020-IB – Initial Budget – 24355 – ARP/HCY**
- f. **BAR 046-000-2324-0021-IB – Initial Budget – 24350 – ARP/HCY II**

3. Charitable Donations

- 1. **Airgas - \$3,000 - APS CTE Department**
- 2. **B & T Glass Inc. - \$414.56 - Tiger Football**
- 3. **Caliches - \$1,000 - Tiger Soccer, Boys**
- 4. **First Financial Capital Corporation - \$3,600 - APS Health Services**
- 5. **Grace Methodist Ladies - \$55 - APS Health Services**

6. **Holloman Spouses Organization - \$2,850 - HMS**
7. **Holloman Spouses Organization - \$500 - HMS MESA**
8. **The Home Depot - \$5,000 - CTE Agricultural Program**
9. **Otero County Prison Facility - \$600 - APS Health Services**
10. **Anonymous Donation - \$200 - APS Health Services**

Total \$17,219.56

4. **Accounts Payable Check Listing**
5. **Purchase Order Summary**

Deputy Superintendent Tagle provided a brief overview of Contract 2024-001 Holloman Middle School CMAR between Bradbury Stamm and APS

President Rabon provided a brief explanation of the purpose for budget adjustment requests.

No member had a conflict with respect to any of the items on the consent agenda and no items were opened to discussion.

Member Cadwallader inquired about BAR 046-000-2324-0020-IB – Initial Budget – 24355 – ARP/HCY & BAR 046-000-2324-0021-IB – Initial Budget – 24350 – ARP/HCY II Asking what ARP/HCY stood for. Acting Superintendent Renteria stated the BARs are for American Rescue Plan/Homeless Children & Youth, a part of the McKinney Vento Homeless Program.

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 September, 2023

I. Other Items of Business

1. Consideration of and approval of appointing Mr. Nate Winrow to the City of Alamogordo's Parks and Recreation Board to serve as one of the APS School Representatives – ACTION

Mr. Alan Edmonson provided an overview of this item stating that Mr. Winrow is currently the head baseball coach. Mr. Winrow enjoys parks around the country and is excited to get the opportunity to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board as the second representative for APS.

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

J. Board Members' Advance Planning/Upcoming Events

October 18, 2023 - Tiger Care Center Open House

October 20, 2023 - BV Fall Family Fun Night, 5:00-7:00

October 20, 2023 - DSES Awards Ceremony

October 23, 2023 - Stepping Stones Story & Craft night (virtual) 6:00- 7:00

October 26, 2023 - Yucca Fall Festival, 5:30-7:00
October 16-20, 2023 - AHS Senior Photos.
October 23-27, 2023 - Red Ribbon Week
October 26, 2023 - Panoramic Pictures for Seniors, JROTC & Choir
October 27, 2023 - DSES Jog-a-Thon
October 27, 2023 - La Luz PTA's Fall Festival
October 27, 2023 - HMS Fall Fling Dance, 3:30-5:00
October 31, 2023 - La Luz Spook Walk
November 1, 2023 - HMS Awards Ceremony & Bingo for Books
November 3, 2023 - La Luz Veteran's Day Program, 1:30
November 7, 2023 - AHS Veteran's Day Program
November 7, 2023 - General Election
November 9, 2023 - BV Veteran's Day Program, 9:00
November 9, 2023 - Yucca Veteran's Day Program, 1:15 & 2:00
November 9, 2023 - HES Veteran's Day Program, 1:00 & 2:00
November 10, 2023 - Veteran's Day - No School
November 16, 2023 - HES 1st Annual Thanksgiving Parade
November 20-24: Fall Break

Sports Schedules

AHS

October 19, 26: Boys Soccer vs. Mayfield/Gadsden, Home Games
October 24: Girls Soccer vs. Las Cruces Home
October 19, 24, 31: Volleyball vs. Artesia/Gadsden/Organ Mountain Home Games
October 20: V Football vs. Centennial, Tiger Stadium, 7:00
October 21: JV Football vs. Centennial, Away
October 19: C-Team Football vs. Centennial
October 26: V Football vs. Organ Mountain
October 28: JV Football vs. Organ Mountain, Home
November 7: Volleyball vs Las Cruces, Home
November 19 & 26: AHS Boys Basketball, Home
November 19/22/28: Girls Basketball, Home
November 12 & 19: Boys/Girls Swimming, Away

HMS

October 17: Football HMS vs. Dexter @ AHS Football Field 4:30

Cross Country

October 27: Home, 4:00
November 4: District, Away (Hosted by Gadsden)

K. Convene In Closed Executive Session

- 1. Discussion of a limited personnel matter regarding the Acting Superintendent, pursuant to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2)**

Vice-President Ross made a motion to go into closed Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss this matter as published on the agenda. Member Jewell seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote to convene in closed Executive Session.

President Rabon voted "aye"
Vice-President Ross voted "aye"
Secretary Teweleit voted "aye"
Member Cadwallader voted "aye"
Member Jewell voted "aye"

All Board members voted "aye", motion passes.

L. Reconvene In Open Session

Vice-President Ross made a motion to reconvene in open session at 8:38 p.m. Member Jewell seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Rabon voted "aye"
Vice-President Ross voted "aye"
Secretary Teweleit voted "aye"
Member Cadwallader voted "aye"
Member Jewell voted "aye"

All Board members voted "aye", motion passes.

President Rabon stated that NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, AS REQUIRED BY Section 10-15-1(J) of the Open Meeting Act and that MATTER(S) DISCUSSED WERE LIMITED TO THOSE PUBLISHED ON THE AGENDA.

1. Potential Action Items on Matters Discussed in Closed Executive Session – ACTION

Vice-President Ross made a motion to appoint Pamela Renteria as the Interim Superintendent until a Superintendent is selected and direct our attorney to update the Superintendent's job description to prepare for posting. Member Jewell seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Rabon voted "aye"
Vice-President Ross voted "aye"
Secretary Teweleit voted "aye"
Member Cadwallader voted "nay"
Member Jewell voted "aye"

The motion passes **4 to 1** with President Rabon, Vice President Ross, Secretary Teweleit, and Member Jewell voting in favor and Member Cadwallader voting against the motion. Motion passes, 4 to 1.

M. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Judith V. Rabon 11/15/23
Board President Date

Carol Teweleit 11/15/23
Board Secretary Date