



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

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 18, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

Board members present were: President Angela M. Cadwallader  
Vice-President Brandy Murphy  
Secretary Craig Danekas  
Member Shannan Wright  
Member Ryal McMurry  
Holloman Ex-Officio Member Col Alfred Rosales  
Student Ex-Officio Member Olivia Goodier

District Staff Members present were: Michael Crabtree, Acting Superintendent  
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant  
Bryan Runyan, K-12 Accounting (by phone)

Minutes were prepared by Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson.

**A. Introductions**

**1. Call to Order**

President Cadwallader 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 Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Danekas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Welcome and Introduction**

**B. Approval of Minutes - ACTION**

**1. February 21, 2024 Executive Session**

**2. February 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting**

Secretary Danekas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Member Wright seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Presentations/Recognitions**

**1. Recognition: AHS Business Professionals of America Student Lead Organization**

Mr. Richard Koehler, AHS Business Teacher/BPA Advisor introduced and recognized the amazing accomplishments of his students.

- Barry Schmidt-First Place State Competition & National Qualifier in Python Programming

- Austin Stauffacher-Fourth Place State Competition and National Qualifier in Human Resource Management
- Aaron Sapp-Third Place State Competition and National Qualifier in Python Programming
- Christopher Provenzano, Jay Amaya, and Zayn Dotson-National Finalists (top 10 in the Nation) in 2D Animation
- Justin Griffin-Finalist in two areas of competition: Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics and Professionalism

13 students competed at the State level with 7 of those 13 medaling and 6 qualifying for the National Conference. These results are amazing given the fact that this is the first year of competition in BPA for all of these students.

**2. Presentation: Alamogordo Public Schools Audit for FY23, Presented by Jaramillo Accounting Group**

Audrey Jaramillo and Scott Eliason with Jaramillo Accounting Group provided a virtual presentation of the Audit for FY23 and answered questions posed by the board. Discussion points included the scope of the audit, timing of the audit, auditor's opinions and report. There were no corrected or uncorrected misstatements or audit adjustments. Mr. Eliason was pleased to report that Alamogordo had no current year findings.

**D. Public Participation**

There was no public participation at this March 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

**E. Reports**

**1. Superintendent's Report – Acting Superintendent, Michael Crabtree**

Acting Superintendent Crabtree reported as follows:

- City Science Fair was a huge success and a great event. Thank you to everyone for their participation!
- April is the Month of the Military Child with many exciting events taking place throughout the month of April. April 25th is Purple-Up day in recognition of military students.
- AHS Prom will be held on April 20th. Tiger Care Center is accepting donations of formal attire.
- May 1 at 6 pm is Scholarship night at Alamogordo High School
- May 10 will be the APS Retirement celebration of the 2023-2024 APS Retirees at Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center
- May 24<sup>th</sup> is AHS Graduation
- Calendar Committee is in the process of meeting to discuss and plan the 2024-2025 calendar. The calendar will be presented to the Board at the April Regular Board Meeting.
- AHS State testing has begun and is going great! Attendance was great; 92% of students showed up to test for Science.
- HR team is developing a survey, APS Pulse Check Survey, that will be sent to staff on a quarterly basis. The purpose of the survey is to hear from staff about how things are going, express concerns, etc. We want to make sure everything is working out great for our staff and students!

- Industry teachers are needed. Individuals with a high school degree and a minimum of five years of experience are eligible for a Certified Instructor license from the NM Public Education Department.
- On April 6, our team will be participating in a career fair at the Civic Center and on May 29 we will have our own APS career fair
- We will begin working on the 2024-25 FY budget in April. The 2024-2025 budget is due to the State on May 21.

Member Wright briefly expressed his appreciation to Acting Superintendent Crabtree for the progress he has made, his attention to detail, and for visiting with the Board when concerns arise.

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

Col Rosales spoke about these three topics.

- The Liberty Air Show will be held on June 2 with a heavy emphasis on the STEM Programs.
- Expressed appreciation to Racquel Labadie, Holloman School Liaison for connecting the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program with Holloman Elementary School leadership. Holloman Elementary is the newest school site to participate in the program.
- April is the Month of the Military Child where military connected students are recognized and to also raise awareness of the life of a military student and the adventures and challenges they overcome. April 25 is designated as Purple Up! day for the military child.
- Stepping Stones will attend the Month of the Military Child Bash event on April 6 at the Youth Center on base.
- In addition to April 25, Purple Up day, Holloman will be hosting a *Senior Recognition* ceremony of all military connected students on April 25 at 5:00 p.m. at Holloman Club
- Holloman is having a “bring your child to work” day on April 26

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

Student Ex-Officio Olivia Goodier reported on the upcoming sports (Powerlifting, Tennis, Track, Baseball, and Softball). The high school FCCLA recently had their state competition where students did great! All students will be competing in Nationals in May. HOSA State Leadership Conference is coming up in April. The National Honor Society Induction will be on April 3.

Member Wright proudly mentioned that the Boy’s and Girl’s Golf teams are currently participating in a tournament in Las Cruces and are doing amazing. Member Wright shared the stats for day one of the tournament. Congratulations to both teams! Alamogordo is doing exceptionally well in representing our community with the Golf Team!

## **F. Board Discussion**

President Cadwallader and Member Wright had the opportunity to read to La Luz students and had a fun time interacting with the students.

Vice-President Murphy and her daughter had the opportunity to attend and judge the Science Fair at Yucca Elementary. Vice-President Murphy shared information about a kindergartner’s project, which was comparing the different kinds of soaps and different kinds of stains. Students did a great job on their projects.

**G. Consent Agenda - ACTION**

- 1. Bids**
  - a. Award Recommendation for RFP #006-2024 - Maintenance Services - On Call**
- 2. Contracts**
  - a. Contract 006-2024-C between Conti Energy Control LLC and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions**
  - b. Contract 006-2024-C between Zuni Electric Inc and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions**
- 3. Budget Adjustment Requests**
  - 1) BAR 046-000-2324-0046- I – Increase – 31100 – GO Bond Building**
  - 2) BAR 046-000-2324-0047- M – Maintenance – 24194 - Comprehensive Literacy CLSD**
  - 3) BAR 046-000-2324-0048- T – Transfer – 27149 - PreK Initiative**
  - 4) BAR 046-000-2324-0049- T – Transfer – 24194 - Comprehensive Literacy CLSD**
  - 5) BAR 046-000-2324-0050- D - Decrease – 11000 – Operational**
  - 6) BAR 046-000-2324-0051- I – Increase – 21100 – Universal Free Lunch**
  - 7) BAR 046-000-2324-0052-IB I – Increase – 24101 – Title I**
  - 8) BAR 046-000-2324-0053- I - Increase – 11000 – Operational**
  - 9) BAR 046-000-2324-0054-T – Transfer – 24330 – ARP – ESSER III**
- 4. Charitable Donations**
  - 1) Albertsons – Snacks, Appetizers, and Bottled Water valued at \$500 – AHS FFA**
  - 2) Anonymous Donor – Boy’s Clothes valued at \$100 - APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 3) Anonymous Donor – \$100 – Alamogordo City Science Fair**
  - 4) Anonymous Donor – Tuxedos, Ties, Shirts and Dress Shoes valued at \$100 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 5) Anonymous Donor – Dress valued at \$50 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 6) Anonymous Donor – Clothing valued at \$1000 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 7) Anonymous Donor – Backpack valued at \$30 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 8) Anonymous Donor – Children’s Clothing valued at \$100 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 9) Anonymous Donor – Clothing and Personal Care Items valued at \$20 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 10) Anonymous Donor – Laundry Detergent and Feminine Products valued at \$50 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 11) Anonymous Donor – Men’s Shirts valued at \$40 –APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**

- 12) **Anonymous Donor – Clothing valued at \$200 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 13) **Debbie Phillips – Clothes valued at \$100 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 14) **Elks – \$100 – Alamogordo City Science Fair**
  - 15) **Grace Methodist Church – \$250 – AHS AFJROTC**
  - 16) **Lowe’s Signature Market – Snacks, Appetizers, and Bottled Water valued at \$500 – AHS FFA**
  - 17) **Michelle Gill – Clothing, Shoes, Jackets, Prom Dresses valued at \$200 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 18) **Mildred Toon – Blue Jeans and Blouses valued at \$50 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center**
  - 19) **Nicholas Aragon – Books and Posters valued at \$417.28 – APS Elementary Schools**
  - 20) **Real Alamogordo – Real Estate Company – Non-Perishable Food Items valued at \$1000 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center and McKinney Vento Homeless Youth**
- TOTAL \$4,907.28***

- 5. **Accounts Payable Check Listing**
- 6. **Purchase Order Report**

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

Member Wright made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice-President Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**H. Information to the Board**

**1. Financial Reports**

President Cadwallader stated that the Board has reviewed the financial reports for the month of February, 2024.

**I. Other Items of Business**

**1. Consider approval of the Alamogordo Public Schools Financial Audit for FY 23 – ACTION**

Secretary Danekas made a motion to approve the Alamogordo Public Schools Financial Audit for FY23. Vice-President Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Consider approval of Resolution No 2023-2024-08, Resolution in Support of the Superintendent Involvement in the NM School Superintendent Association Legal Defense Fund - ACTION**

Acting Superintendent Crabtree provided an overview of the resolution explaining that the resolution will allow Alamogordo’s involvement with the New Mexico School Superintendent Association Legal Defense Fund not to exceed professional dues support of \$1000 in their efforts to challenge the PED's proposed changes to the school calendar and instructional hours along with other rules and regulations that may

conflict with the best interests of our community and students, including school accreditation.

Secretary Danekas made a motion to Resolution No 2023-2024-08, Resolution in Support of the Superintendent Involvement in the NM School Superintendent Association Legal Defense Fund. Vice-President Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Consider approval of Out of State Travel for AHS Business Professionals of America (BPA) to travel to Chicago, IL, May 10-14, 2024 for the National Conference & Competition - ACTION**

Secretary Danekas made a motion to approve the out of state travel for AHS Business Professionals of America (BPA) to travel to Chicago, IL, May 10-14, 2024 for the National Conference & Competition. Member McMurry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Consider approval of Out of State Travel for AHS HOSA to travel to Houston, TX, June 26-29, 2024 for the HOSA Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference & Competition - ACTION**

Member Wright made a motion to approve the out of state travel for AHS HOSA to travel to Houston, TX, June 26-29, 2024 for the HOSA Future Health Professionals International Leadership Conference & Competition. Vice-President Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Consider approval of Out of State Travel for AHS FCCLA to travel to Seattle, WA, June 27-July 3, 2024 for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference – ACTION**

Secretary Danekas made a motion to approve the out of state travel for AHS FCCLA to travel to Seattle, WA, June 27-July 3, 2024 for the FCCLA National Leadership Conference. Vice-President Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Consider approval for Sunday Use of CMS Gym and MVMS Gym – ACTION**

Acting Superintendent Crabtree clarified that Board policy states Board approval is required if a facility is being used on a Sunday. The tournament for this particular basketball team is occurring on a weekend, Friday through Sunday.

Vice-President Murphy recused herself from voting on this item because her daughter participates on this travel team.

Secretary Danekas made a motion to approve the request to use the Chaparral Middle School and Mountain View Middle School Gyms on a Sunday. Member Wright seconded. Motion passed 4-0 (*Vice-President Murphy recused herself from voting*)

**J. Board Members' Advance Planning/Upcoming Events**

**March 20: HMS 3rd Quarter Awards, 12:45, Gym**

**March 20: BV Spelling Bee**

**March 20 - AHS SAT Day**

**March 21: HRMP Family Engagement Literacy Night**

**March 25-29: Spring Break**

**April 12: 2024-2025 Registration Opens**

**April 15-19: ASR Testing, 5th-8th Grade**

**April 22-26: MSSA Testing, 3rd-8th Grade**

**April 24: Pre-K Round-Up**

April 25: Purple Up Day  
April 25: HES Purple Up! Clap Out  
April 26: Snow Day - No School  
*Sports Schedules*  
March 25: Baseball Home Game  
April 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 19, 20, 23: Baseball Home Games  
March 30: Boys/Girls Power Lifting Home Game  
April 12-13: Powerlifting State Tournament, Location TBD  
March 12, 22, 25: Lady Tiger Softball Home Games  
April 2, 12, 16, 26, 30: Lady Tiger Softball Home Games  
April 9, 16, 27: Boys/Girls Tennis Home Games  
March 23: Boys/Girls Track Rolla Buck Invite, Home  
April 26: Boys/Girls Track Bob Sepulveda Invitational  
April 3: Middle School Boys/Girls Track - Holloman Invitational  
April 10: Middle School Boys/Girls Track - Pete Shockey Middle School  
Championships

K. **Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Angela M Cadwallader April 17, 2024  
Board President Date

Craig Denebas 4/17/2024  
Board Secretary Date