



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

MINUTES

**Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 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 (*by phone*)
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

Minutes were prepared by Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson.

A. Introductions

1. Call to Order

President Cadwallader called this meeting to order at 6:06 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. Board President Report on February 21, 2024 Separately Held Closed Meeting

President Cadwallader stated that no action was taken by the Board during their closed meeting. Matters discussed were limited to those published on the agenda.

6. Welcome and Introduction

B. Approval of Minutes - ACTION

1. January 16, 2024 Board Work Session

2. January 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

3. February 5, 2024 Special Board Meeting

4. February 8, 2024 Special Board Meeting

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

C. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Presentation: First Savings Bank Donation to Alamogordo Public Schools – School Debit Card Program

Mr. Reid Griggs, President of First Savings Bank presented a check in the amount of

\$ 2722.77 to the District. These are funds that are earned through their Tiger Debit Card Program, a program that was started 5 years ago. Each time a customer uses their special Tiger debit card, the bank earns money through an interchange fee. The bank donates 10% of this earned money to Alamogordo Public Schools.

2. Presentation: AHS Engineering/MESA Students

Ms. Daniela De Santiago introduced and recognized students that are currently in her program. One of her students, Mark Allen, gave the Board an overview of the development of a prosthetic for an Alamogordo High School student. Since then, they have collected market research and professional insight on how to implement and build this prosthetic.

3. Presentation: ASTRO Robotics

Dr. Sarah Cerra gave the Board an overview of the A.S.T.R.O. Robotics Program and introduced students in the Short Circuits, SupercalifragilisticA.S.T.R.O.alidocious and the A.S.T.R.O. Vikings programs. Each student shared information about these programs and highlighted future plans to expand and improve the programs.

The group will be representing the state at World Championship in Houston in April. Dr. Cerra also spoke about the hope of developing a program that would allow the participation of all APS elementary schools next school year.

4. Presentation - Love INC of Otero County-Backpack Program

Susan Payne, Executive Director of Love INC, provided an overview of the program and introduced some of the 30 volunteers who assist those in need. Love INC. was started in 2009 and was created out of a vision of local churches to connect churches and services to meet the needs of those less fortunate in our community. Love INC bridges the GAP between those in need and the resources to assist. Executive Director Payne spoke about the community classes and outreach programs Offered through Love INC. The backpack weekend food program is a huge success and is a great partnership with the school district. It was launched in January, 2011 with an approximate total of 21 bags provided each week to three schools in the Alamogordo Public Schools. Currently, the program provides approximately 237 bags each week to Alamogordo and Tularosa districts, grades K-12. Love INC is privately funded by the community and local businesses.

D. Public Participation

There was no public participation at this February 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report - Acting Superintendent Michael Crabtree

Acting Superintendent Crabtree reported as follows:

- Was pleased to report that AHS Culinary Teacher, Mr. Walter Aleluya was named CTE Teacher of the Year by the NM Association for Career & Technical Education. The official award from the Association will be presented to Mr. Aleluya at a later date.

- The Alamogordo Community recently received the Altus Trophy Award for their support to Holloman AFB. The nomination package consisted of the many partnerships between Holloman and the Alamogordo community, from education, housing, on and off base volunteering, military spouse employment, and military construction projects. The Altus chamber partners with Air Education and Training Command officials each year to recognize a community that goes above and beyond. What an outstanding celebration of the Alamogordo community!
- This month is *Love the Bus* Month. Acting Superintendent Crabtree expressed appreciation to Transportation Coordinator, Mr. Donovan Balsley and his team for the great job they do and the efforts they do to keep students safe every day.
- This month is *Kindness* Month. Thank you to Executive Director Lisa Patch and her team for the many activities and challenges held this month to spread kindness awareness throughout the district.
- Expressed appreciation to school resource officers, Officer Escalante and Officer Alonzo. We appreciate everything they do.
- 6th Annual Alamo Innovate & Educate Professional Development Opportunity will be held on 2/28/24 with keynote speaker Gerry Brooks
- Provided an overview of state data highlighting school designations. Holloman Middle, Sierra, High Rolls and Buena Vista all ranked as Schools of Excellence. Holloman Elementary was ranked as a Spotlight school, and all other schools ranked as Traditional schools
- Expressed appreciation to Student Nutrition Coordinator Sandra Davis for applying and receiving a student nutrition grant for 1.4 million. The grant is intended for school kitchen infrastructure and equipment. The five schools that will benefit from this grant include Buena Vista, La Luz, Sierra, North, and Yucca.
- Acting Superintendent Crabtree shared attendance (excused/unexcused) and truancy data reporting that last year we ended with a 9.75% district wide that were chronically absent. Our goal is to be at 5% or below. We currently have 5 schools that are below 5%, 3 schools between 5% and 10% and 5 schools between 10% and 15%.
 - Truancy Officer Charles Turpin works closely with Data Assessment Coordinator, Carrie Rowe and Admin staff to review data, student cases, and to discuss interventions to offer support for improving student attendance.

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

Col Rosales spoke about the Starbase Program and stated that they may have some space to assist Dr. Sarah Cerra and the Robotics Program. April is the Month of the Military Child with many activities taking place throughout the month of April. APS designates April 25th as the military child day of celebration with various events taking place at the schools. Col Rosales spoke about the The Purple Star Program, a program that publicly recognizes and designates schools that meet certain requirements which schools are the most committed and best equipped to meet military-connected students and their families' needs. The three schools designated as Purple Star Schools are Alamogordo High School, Holloman Middle School, and Holloman Elementary School. APS was the first district in New Mexico to go forth and figure out what a

Purple Star Program was. Col Rosales briefly spoke about the Project Search Program, a program for 18-22 year old developmentally delayed individuals.

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

Student Ex Officio Olivia Goodier reported on student sports activities being held throughout the secondary schools. The recent Winter Wonderland was a huge success!

F. Board Discussion

There was no board discussion.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. Bids

- a. Award Recommendation for RFP #002-2024 - Licensed Professional Services –On Call
- b. Award Recommendation for RFP #003-2024 - Professional Consulting Services

2. Contracts

- a. Contract 002-2024-C between CARDINA Consulting LLC and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- b. Contract 002-2024-C between Desert Peak Architects PC and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- c. Contract 002-2024-C between Energy Engineering Associates Inc. and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- d. Contract 002-2024-C between GeoTek, Inc. and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- e. Contract 002-2024-C between Mitchell Associates, Inc. and Alamogordo P Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- f. Contract 002-2024-C between Pettigrew & Associates, P.A. and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- g. Contract 002-2024-C between Stubbs Engineering, Inc. and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- h. Contract 003-2024-C between Breathe for Change, Inc. and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- i. Contract 003-2024-C between Catapult Learning West, LLC and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- j. Contract 003-2024-C between Leadership Training Group, LLC and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions
- k. Contract 003-2024-C between Learner-Centered Collaborative and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions

3. Budget Adjustment Requests

- 1) BAR 046-000-2324-0036- I – Increase – 24174 – Carl Perkins
- 2) BAR 046-000-2324-0037-T – Transfer – 11000 – Operational
- 3) BAR 046-000-2324-0038-T – Increase – 31703– SB 9 State Match
- 4) BAR 046-000-2324-0039- D – Decrease – 24330 – ESSER III
- 5) BAR 046-000-2324-0040- I – Increase – 24154 – Teacher/Principal Training & Recruiting
- 6) BAR 046-000-2324-0041-IB – Initial Budget – 24333 – ESSER 3/Near Peer

Tutoring

7) BAR 046-000-2324-0042-IB – Initial Budget – 28221 – Public School Kitchen Infrastructure

8) BAR 046-000-2324-0043-M – Maintenance – 27552 – Innovation Zones

9) BAR 046-000-2324-0045- I – Increase – 24189 – Title IV Student Support

4. **Charitable Donations**

1) Anonymous Donor – Prom Dresses valued at \$300 - APS Health Services

2) Anonymous Donor – \$25 – AHS Cheer

3) Anonymous Donor – Graduation Cap & Gown valued at \$60 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center

4) Anonymous Donor – Table Cloths valued at \$67.62 – APS District

5) Anonymous Donor – Clothing, shoes, blankets valued at \$500 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center

6) Anonymous Donor – Backpacks & Laptop Bags valued at \$100 – APS Health Services

7) Anonymous Donor – 23 Nissan Cup of Noodles, valued at \$20 – APS Weekend Food Bags

8) Annette Joyner – AHS Tiger Branded Clothing valued at \$100 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center

9) Arthur Lopez – \$5000 – Tiger Baseball Program

10) Catherine Carter – \$50 – Tiger Baseball Program

11) Central Church of Christ (Steve & Brenda) – School Supplies valued at \$393.03 – Yucca Elementary

12) Dolly Parton Imagination Library – 70 Books valued at \$600 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center

13) First Savings Bank - \$2722.77 – Alamogordo Public Schools

14) Flores Studios – \$500 – AHS Athletic Training Program

15) God's House of Tularosa, Brian Gaffney – Clothing valued at \$100 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center

16) Holloman Spouses Organization - \$999 – AHS FCCLA

17) KOATS for Kids – new & used coats valued at \$3000 – APS Health Services

18) Lesia Bryant Gonzales – \$100 – Tiger Cheer

19) LOCO Credit Union – Teacher Supplies, Assorted Candy, valued at \$100 – Yucca Elementary – Teacher & Staff Appreciation

20) Lowe's Home Improvement – wood & materials valued at \$225 – Tiger Baseball

21) Margaret Bowles – clothing valued at \$50 - APS Health Services Tiger Care Center

22) Melissa Cole – Girl's Formal Wear valued at \$200 – APS Health Services

23) Otero County Processing Center – Shelf Stable Food Goods, canned vegetables valued at \$350 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center

24) Sharon McDonald – clothing valued at \$150 – APS Health Services Tiger Care Center

25) Silvano Pacheco – \$200 – AHS MESA

TOTAL \$15,912.42

5. **Accounts Payable Check Listing**

6. **Purchase Order Listing**

Secretary Danekas requested additional information about Contracts H & I and asked how these contracts would be utilized. Acting Superintendent Crabtree provided an explanation on these two contracts discussing how they will be utilized.

Member McMurry had a conflict with respect to Item 4, Charitable Donation # 12 – Dolly Parton Imagination Library and recused himself from voting on this particular item.

Vice-President Murphy had a conflict with respect to Item 4, Charitable Donation # 13– First Savings Bank and requested to be recused from voting on this particular item.

Secretary Danekas made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the Charitable Donations. Member Wright seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Danekas made a motion to approve the Charitable Donations. President Cadwallader seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Vice-President Murphy and Member McMurry recused themselves from voting on the charitable donations.

H. Information to the Board

1. Financial Reports

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

I. Other Items of Business

1. Nomination for NM School Boards Association Excellence in Student Achievement Award – ACTION

Member Wright made a motion to nominate Anna Alday for the NMSBA Excellence in Student Achievement Award. Vice-President Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

President Cadwallader made a motion to also nominate Heather Kangas of the ASTRO Vikings Program for the NMSBA Excellence in Student Achievement Award. Member Wright seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. In the Board's capacity as Advisory Board to New Mexico State University – Alamogordo, consider approval of the Operating Agreement between APS NMSU-A Advisory Board and NMSU Board of Regents - ACTION

Secretary Danekas made a motion to approve the Operating Agreement between APS NMSU-A Advisory Board and NMSU Board of Regents in the Board's capacity as advisory board to NMSU-A. Vice-President Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Board Members' Advance Planning/Upcoming Events

February 22: AHS Band Concert at 5:00 p.m.-AHS Cafeteria

February 23: Buena Vista Spelling Bee, 9:00 a.m.

February 23: ROTC Demonstration for 8th graders

February 27: North & Stepping Stones, Buena Vista Picture Day

February 28: 6th Annual Alamo Educate & Innovate, 2:30-6:30 p.m.- AHS Cafeteria

February 28: Holloman Elementary Writing Fair, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
February 29: North Science Fair, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
February 29: CMS Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.; Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m.
March 2: Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 4-8: North Dr. Seuss Spirit Week
March 4: AHS Counseling Visit to HMS 8th Graders
March 6: North Writing Fair
March 6: Desert Star Science Fair
March 6: Holloman Elementary Science Fair, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
March 9: AHS AFJROTC Military Ball at 6:00 p.m. - Willie Estrada Civic Center
March 13: Desert Star Writing Fair
March 13: CMS School-Wide Writing Fair
March 14: Holloman Elementary Art Show, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
March 20: HMS 3rd Quarter Awards, 12:45 p.m.- HMS Gym
March 21: HR-MP Family Engagement Literacy Night
March 25-29: Spring Break

Sports Schedules

AHS

February 20: Girls Basketball, Home
February 23: Boys Basketball, Home
February 26-March 2: District 3-5A Tournament, TBD
March 7: Baseball C-Team, Home
March 7-9: Baseball-V, Home
March 9: Baseball-JV, Home
March 4: Golf Alamogordo Spring Invite, Home
March 2 & 30: Boys/Girls Power Lifting, Home
March 12, 22 & 25: Lady Tiger Softball, Home
March 1-2: Boys/Girls Tennis Alamogordo Invite
March 6, 9: Boys/Girls Tennis, Home
March 23: Boys/Girls Track, Rolla Buck Invite, Home
Middle Schools
March 6: Mt. View Track Invitational at AHS Field,
March 13: White Sands Jr. Relays-CMS at AHS Field

K. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

Date