



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

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 6:00 pm

Board members present were: President Judy V. Rabon
Vice-President Ryan Sherwood
Secretary Carol Teweleit
Member Angela Cadwallader
Member Amber Ross
Holloman Ex-Officio Col. Nicholas Pederson
Student Ex-Officio Savannah Veith

District Staff Members present were:
Dr. Ken Moore, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent
Pamela Renteria, 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**
Member Ross made a motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-President Sherwood Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Welcome and Introduction**

B. Approval of Minutes - ACTION

- 1. Consider approval of Board Meeting Minutes**
 - a. July 18, 2022 Executive Session**
 - b. July 20, 2022 Executive Session**
 - c. July 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**

Vice-President Sherwood made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Secretary Teweleit seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Presentations/Recognitions

- 1. Recognition - Jamie Atkinson, 2022 John Batcheller Award for Excellence in Teaching Music in Elementary Schools**
Superintendent Moore introduced and recognized Elementary Music Teacher, Mrs.

Jamie Atkinson for being awarded with the 2022 John Batcheller Award for Excellence in Teaching Music in Elementary Schools; one of the top music teacher awards for elementary music teachers.

2. Recognition - Courtney Gagnon and Educators Rising Team

Superintendent Moore introduced and recognized the Ed Rising Team for representing New Mexico in Washington DC at the Ed Rising National Competition in June where one student placed 7th in the nation; her topic was Impromptu Speaking.

D. Public Participation

President Rabon read a statement of procedures for public participation

Ms. Sandra Mata thanked the district for a successful start of the year and for the safety protocols that have been put in place for the students and their safety. Ms. Mata asked if future community forums could be planned around sporting events to allow parents the opportunity to attend both events. Ms. Mata also addressed the board on parent volunteering and asked the district to continue working on transparency and keeping parents informed.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Ken Moore

Superintendent Dr. Ken Moore reported as follows:

- We have had an awesome first full week of school!
- Superintendent Moore expressed appreciation to the school teams, Maintenance, Custodial, Student Nutrition, Transportation, Administration, making school start a success!
- Superintendent Moore also expressed appreciation to parents & students for following car line routes & procedures.
- Thank you to Alamogordo City Manager Brian Cesar & his team for joining us in sprucing up areas around schools!
- Enrollment is 5,326, down 189 from 5,515 last year
- We have an increased emphasis on safety and security with coverage of security at all schools.
- We have an increased presence/supervision at the arrival & dismissal areas of all schools.
- APS is purchasing solar school zone crosswalk lights and signage to be installed at the area of Florida Ave & Santa Cruz Dr; City of Alamogordo will install/maintain the lights.
- Adding time to existing school zone lights to increase safety; 30 minutes before and 20 minutes after
- Eliminating lunchtime lights on 1st & Cuba; no need for this since AHS is a closed campus
- Superintendent Moore provided information on the updated COVID guidance received from the NM Public Education Department
 - Social Distancing, COVID testing, Quarantine requirements, and participation in the test to stay program are all local decisions
- Community Forums are planned for August 23 and 24, 2022.
- AHS Homecoming - Friday, Sept 9, 2022
- We continue to work on our Strategic Plan.
- APS Priorities/Pillars

- Student and staff well-being
- Positive relationships that support learning
- Excellence in Instruction, Student Achievement, and Learning Environments
- Superintendent Moore discussed Strategic Plan Objectives and Action Plans
- Provided a status of Special Education
 - APS has 1,174 IEPs, including gifted
 - 1068 students with IDEA Disabilities
 - 106 Gifted Students 2nd-12th
 - Shared student data by disability and service level breakdown by school
- We are all in to serve, support, educate, and elevate all students!

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

Col Nicholas Pederson stated they are very excited for the upcoming forum. Senator Lujan recently visited Holloman and was impressed with the new Holloman School and was excited about all the education initiatives at Holloman. Col Pederson spoke about the Anchor for Life Program, a program available at the Holloman Schools for military families. Col Pederson stated they are looking at hiring another Military Family Life Counselor to be placed at Alamogordo High School.

Vice-President Sherwood asked if a well-publicized plan was in place or if there has been discussion about a safe practiced route for students walking and/or being dropped off at the new Holloman Elementary school because of the busy intersection near the school. Col Pederson stated that this is a concern that will definitely be looked into. Security Forces will work with the district to ensure there is a safe area for students getting to and from school.

Vice-President Sherwood also announced and congratulated Col Pederson for being selected to be the Wing Commander at Creech AFB, a year from now.

3. **Student Ex-Officio Member's Report - Savannah Veith**

President Rabon introduced and welcomed Student Ex-Officio Savannah Veith.

Student Ex-Officio Savannah Veith reported on the upcoming fall sports. Savannah also stated that the Anchored for Life Club will begin this week and that AHS is one of four military schools chosen to be a pilot for this club. Students are informed about clubs during assemblies and announcements made by student council. Savannah is looking forward to a great and positive school year.

F. **Board Discussion**

- Member Cadwallader requested an update on the Chaparral Middle School project. Superintendent Moore stated they are in the construction document phase and anticipating ground breaking in the Spring of 2023.
- President Rabon spoke about the call for 2023 Legislative Resolutions. NMSBA calls on school boards annually to submit resolutions to help form NMSBA's priorities for the next legislative session. Keep in mind the 2023 Legislative Session is a 60-day session open for legislative proposals on any policy or budget issue. President Rabon requested that the Board and Col Pederson review the information she sent to them and to present their suggested topics to her by September 1, 2022.

President Rabon had the opportunity to drive through all school zones and was impressed to see staff presence at each campus assisting at crosswalks, assisting with traffic control, and greeting parents and students.

- Vice-President Sherwood reminded everyone we are here for the students. Remember we are all about providing the best education to our students.
- Member Ross expressed her appreciation to the district for the great job they are doing and for ensuring the first couple of weeks went smoothly for parents.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. Contracts - No Contracts for August

2. Budget Adjustment Requests

- 1) BAR 046-000-2223-0001-IB– Initial Budget – 26107 REC/District Fiscal Agent**
- 2) BAR 046-000-2223-0002-T– Transfer – 24194 Comprehensive Literacy CLSD**
- 3) BAR 046-000-2223-0003-M– Maintenance – 24194 Comprehensive Literacy CLSD**
- 4) BAR 046-000-2223-0004-IB– Initial Budget – 28190 GRADS Instructional**
- 5) BAR 046-000-2223-0005-IB– Initial Budget – 28208 ECECD DIRECT**
- 6) BAR 046-000-2223-0006-IB– Initial Budget – 28211 NMDOH Covid Testing**

3. Fundraisers

As submitted.

4. Charitable Donations

- 1) Alan Schalk – New Teacher Academy - \$1,000**
- 2) Fraternal Order of Eagles – Alamogordo Public Schools - \$300**
- 3) Heart of the Desert, Inc. – New Teacher Academy - \$350**
- 4) Miss New Mexico Scholarship Competition – AHS Film & Video - \$400**
- 5) 575 Brewing Company – Alamogordo FFA - \$300**
- 6) Noon Kiwanis Club – La Luz Elementary - \$200**

Total \$2550

5. Accounts Payable Check Listing

6. Purchase Order Listing

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

Member Ross made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Secretary Teweleit 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 July 2022.

I. Other Items of Business

1. Consider appointment of two board members to the District Finance Committee – ACTION

President Rabon stated that she is willing to continue serving on this committee. Vice-President Sherwood is also willing to continue serving on this committee.

Member Ross made a motion to re-appoint President Rabon and Vice-President Sherwood to the District Finance Committee. Secretary Teweleit seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Moore stated that he has reached out to NMASBO to inquire about training for both the audit and finance committees.

**J. APS Board Policy Manual
No Policies for the Month of August**

**K. Board Members' Advance Planning/Upcoming Events
September 5, 2022 - Labor Day Holiday
September 21, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting
September 29 & 30, 2022 – Fall Parent Teacher Conferences**

Additional Event(s): APS Community Forums, August 23 & 24, 2022

L. Adjournment
With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Judith V. Rabon 9-21-22
Board President Date

Carol Teweleit 9/21/22
Board Secretary Date