



ALAMOGORDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Administrative Complex – 1211 Hawaii Ave., Alamogordo, NM

MINUTES

Special Board Meeting

Thursday, September 8 2022, 5:00 pm

Board members present were: President Judy 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 was absent from this meeting (attendance not required).

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 5:00 p.m

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico

3. Adoption of Agenda

Member Ross made a motion to adopt the agenda. Secretary Teweleit seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

B. Board Discussion to consider approval of resolutions to submit to NMSBA for consideration for presentation to the 2023 NM Legislature in Santa Fe - ACTION

President Rabon stated that three resolutions were being proposed this evening for board approval.

Resolution 1

Resolution to Propose Solution to School Counselor Shortage in New Mexico.

Superintendent Dr. Ken Moore led the discussion on this resolution and answered questions posed by the Board. This resolution is a result of the shortage of school counselors we are experiencing, not only in the district, but throughout New Mexico. We have a great need for mental health services and behavioral services. The licensure requirements from PED make it difficult for those that are qualified to be school counselors to get a school counselor license. Currently, the nonrenewable, 5-year alternative student success advisor license is granted to allow time for completion of a school counseling graduate program while assisting a school district as an academic advisor. We propose that this licensure be offered as a permanent option for professionals who wish only to provide school-to-career guidance, interpreting standardized test scores, developing master class scheduling, monitoring GPA and course mapping, and providing student success resources. This license

is not a guidance counseling certification and does not allow a student success advisor to provide mental, behavioral, or emotional health services.

The resolution was read by President Rabon.

Secretary Teweleit made a motion to approve the Resolution to Propose Solution to School Counselor Shortage in New Mexico to submit to NMSBA. Vice-President Sherwood seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

President Rabon voted "aye"

Vice-President Sherwood voted "aye"

Secretary Teweleit voted "aye"

Member Cadwallader voted "aye"

Member Ross voted "aye"

All Board members voted "aye", motion passes unanimously 5-0.

Resolution 2

Resolution to Assure Flexibility for Local Decision-Making to Align With Each Community's Educational Needs

Superintendent Moore led the discussion on this resolution. This resolution is a reiteration of the resolution submitted to PED last year about local control. Language to address local control in curriculum adoption and the state standards has been included in this resolution.

Under this resolution, the district is proposing these items to the NM Legislature:

1. *Increase constituent participation in educational oversight with respect to the adoption of new or revised educational standards;*
2. *Allow districts to design and deploy the instructional program as best meets the needs of the local community including, but not limited to, the school calendar;*
3. *Allow districts that choose to add instructional time to calculate such time on hours rather than days, consistent with statutory minimum hours for a regular school calendar;*
4. *Review and amend "Portrait of the NM Graduate", to include graduation requirements, assessments, and course requirements/credits to allow graduation/diploma options for students pursuing different college and career paths*
5. *Increase parental responsibility in student attendance accountability*
 - a. *Amend the Attendance for Success Act to provide language specific to parental responsibility in school attendance;*
 - b. *Provide school administrators, local school boards, and CYFD authority and measures to enforce parental responsibility in decreasing chronic absenteeism of their students; and*
 - c. *Consider potential student and parent incentives for attendance and positive behavior.*

Vice-President Sherwood shared his concerns about 1 & 2 and stated that we must have an organization, which is NM Public Education Department (NMPED) for our district, that sets these standards; the community should not be given the control over standards that have already been set in place by NMPED.

Member Cadwallader requested information about the incentive types that would be considered under 5. C.

Item 1 will be removed and Item 2 will be modified.

C. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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

Carl Levitt 9.21.22
Board Secretary Date

Member Cadwallader made a motion to approve the Resolution to Assure Flexibility for Local Decision-Making to Align with Each Community's Educational Needs with the amendments made as discussed. Vice-President Sherwood seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

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

All Board members voted "aye", motion passes unanimously 5-0.

Resolution 3

Resolution to Enable School Districts to Meet the Needs of Students While Remaining Financially Solvent

Under this resolution, the district is proposing these items to the NM Legislature:

1. Fully fund the cost of transporting eligible bus riders to and from school;
2. Fully fund the cost of instructional materials (SEG vs. Categorical);
3. Revise PSCOC funding to include replacement of instructional technology.
4. Protect operational reserves to help districts navigate emerging/existing systemic challenges;
5. Partner with LEAs in covering the cost of any increases to the employer and employee cost of equitable health care for school personnel (impact led to essentially zero raise for many employees);
6. Enhance and fund systems and personnel that support mental, behavioral, and emotional health;
7. Enhance and provide recurring funding for school safety and security;
8. Revise PSFA adequacy standards and funding to include modern security and access control systems in all new schools as well as retrofitting existing schools;
9. Sufficiently fund co-curricular and extracurricular activities including Career and Technical Education, music, arts, and athletics;
10. Review and adjust the formula for At-Risk Index and its negative impact on small, rural, high-poverty Schools Districts funding; and
11. Eliminate PSCOC offset for FY23, 24, 25 for rural and high-poverty School Districts.

Superintendent Dr. Ken Moore explained each item and answered questions posed by the Board.

Member Cadwallader made a motion to approve the Resolution to Enable School Districts to Meet the Needs of Students While Remaining Financially Solvent. Member Ross seconded.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote.

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

All Board members voted "aye", motion passes unanimously 5-0.