



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

**MINUTES**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**Monday, September 26 2022, 6:00 pm**

Board members present were: President Judy Rabon  
Secretary Carol Teweleit  
Member Angela Cadwallader (*attended virtually by GoToMeet*)  
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 (*attended virtually by GoToMeet*)  
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. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**

President Rabon announced that the agenda would be amended as follows.

**Item C Will Be Pulled**

*Appoint an Alamogordo Public Schools Board Member to the office of Vice President Ryan Sherwood, due to his resignation effective midnight 21 Sep 2022*

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

President Rabon read the NM State Statute for Local School Board Vacancies and announced that the Ryan Sherwood's term would have ended December 2023. The new member selected this evening will hold office until that time. President Rabon stated that the Board has followed the state statute with the guidance of the district's attorney regarding the process for filling the vacancy.

The citizens that had submitted their letters of interest were given the opportunity to read their letters to the Board and to answer questions posed by the Board. Candidates were given three minutes to read their letters. Candidates were Shannon Wright, Marianne Jackson, Matthew Crecelius, Dana Pate, and Amanda Jewell.

President Rabon briefly stated that as per state statute if a qualified elector is not selected to fill the vacancy within 45 days from the date of vacancy, NMPED will appoint a qualified elector to fill the vacancy until the next regular election. That said, we as a Board would like to select our own member to complete the unexpired term.

President Rabon expressed her appreciation to the candidates for their interest and stated that they would be honored to have any of them on the Board.

Secretary Teweleit urged those that are not selected tonight to run at the next School Board election.

Member Ross stated that anyone who put in for this seat and living within district 3 will have the opportunity to run in 14 months at the next school board election. It is important that we strive to replace the “hole” that has been left by Col Sherwood.

Holloman Ex Officio Col Pederson stated that on behalf of the military community all five candidates are extremely qualified and we would be happy with any of them.

Member Cadwallader shared her concern about how fast the process was done noting that the board has 45 days to fill a vacant seat. We could have received more feedback and participation from our constituents had there been more time, before reaching the 45-day deadline. Member Cadwallader stated that she felt she was at a disadvantage because of being of town. Member Cadwallader recommended that the item to appoint a citizen be tabled to allow her more time to review the letters submitted by the different applicants.

President Rabon stated that the district went through this process in 2019 when a review of the school board boundaries found that Secretary Teweleit was living in District 4, disqualifying her from her elected position, making it necessary for her resignation at that time. That process was done very similar to how it was done tonight where it was necessary to act quickly. President Rabon also announced that each board member received the candidate’s letters of interest at the same time.

**B. Appoint a citizen residing within Alamogordo School Board District 3 to replace the seat vacated by Vice President Ryan Sherwood, due to his resignation effective midnight 21 Sep 2022 – ACTION**

Member Ross made a motion to nominate and appoint Amanda Jewell who resides in District 3 to replace the seat vacated by Ryan Sherwood. Secretary Teweleit seconded.

Member Cadwallader stated that she would like to voice the objections that she spoke about earlier in the meeting.

Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson conducted a roll call vote to appoint Amanda Jewell to replace the seat vacated by Vice President Ryan Sherwood.

President Rabon voted “aye”  
Secretary Teweleit voted “aye”  
Member Ross voted “aye”  
Member Cadwallader voted “nay”

The motion passes **3 to 1** with President Rabon, Secretary Teweleit, and Member Ross voting in favor and Member Cadwallader voting against the motion.

President Rabon administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board member, Amanda Jewell.

- C. **Appoint an Alamogordo Public Schools Board Member to the office of Vice President Ryan Sherwood, due to his resignation effective midnight 21 Sep 2022 – ACTION**

This item was pulled prior to the adoption of the agenda.

- D. **Adjournment**

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Judith V. Rabon 10-17-22  
Board President Date

Carol L. Stewart  
Board Secretary Date