



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

MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 6:00 pm

Board members present were: President Judy V. Rabon
Vice-President Amber Ross
Secretary Carol Teweleit
Member Angela Cadwallader
Member Amanda Jewell
Holloman Ex-Officio Col. Nicholas Pederson

Student Ex-Officio Member Savannah Veith was absent from this December 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

District Staff Members present were:
Dr. Ken Moore, Superintendent
Lisa Patterson, Executive Assistant
Colleen Tagle, Deputy Superintendent
Pamela Renteria, Deputy Superintendent
Bryan Runyan, K-12 Accounting

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
AHS AFJROTIC was not in attendance at this evening's Regular Board Meeting.

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

4. Adoption of Agenda - ACTION

Vice-President Ross made a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Jewell seconded.
Motion passed unanimously

5. Welcome and Introduction

B. Approval of Minutes - ACTION

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

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

C. Presentations/Recognitions

No presentations or recognitions for the month of December.

D. Public Participation

President Rabon read a statement of procedures for public participation.

Mr. Edward McDonald addressed the Board about a golf tournament he sponsors through the Center of Commerce, a tournament for former athletes that he promotes to come to Alamogordo to put on clinics for basketball and/or football. Mr. McDonald is asking assistance from APS to recruit athletes to run clinics in Alamogordo to help student athletes in the district.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Ken Moore

Superintendent Moore reported as follows:

- Provided an update on the Strategic Plan and highlighted the 2022 Year in Review
- Our Mission is to ensure every student achieves the common milestone of high school graduation prepared for post-secondary education or direct-entry into the workforce
- Our Vision is : APS will be the premier school district in the state of New Mexico, and will be recognized nationally for high standards, academic performance, and offering students customized educational pathways in a safe, caring, and equitable learning environment aligned with their individual needs, interests, and affinities.

Priorities

- Student and Staff Well-Being
 - The health, safety, security, and overall well-being of all students and staff is our top priority.
- Positive Relationships that Support Learning
 - Family-school-community partnerships are a shared responsibility and reciprocal process whereby schools and other community agencies and organizations engage families in meaningful and culturally appropriate ways.
 - Schools and community organizations also make efforts to listen to parents, support them, and ensure that they have the tools to be active partners in their children's school experience.
- Excellence in Instruction, Student Achievement, and Learning Environments
 - All schools will perform at the highest competitive levels on state, national and international assessments.
 - All students will be provided with high quality, engaging rigorous instruction that fosters creativity and innovation.
- Community Needs Survey
 - Our district has addressed or achieved each of these needs:
 - Staffing: Licensed Staff, Non-certified, Support, Spec Ed, Custodial
 - Revisit the Master Plan with replacement cycles
 - Cyber Security district wide
 - Counselors working with students on Mental Health

- Security Officers at every campus
- Take a deeper look at Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Security systems (video, access control, metal detectors)
- Establishment of school, parent, student written contracts
- Replacement cycle for furniture and technology in the classroom
- Full time Public Relations employee
- Increase in District vehicles
- Strengthen Truancy/Attendance procedures and policies
- Energy Conservation measures
- Improved extracurricular Activities Facilities
- Staff Stability
- Collaboration across the district with certified staff with time to meet
- Maker Space Programs at all schools with staff and equipment
- Alternative learning spaces (outdoor classrooms)
- Re-evaluation of district discipline policies (dress code, technology)
- Adding more IT staff (one per school)
- Increase operational budgets and partnerships to support student activities
- Improved facilities for Instructional purposes
- Honors programs/Gifted Programs K-12
- Modern Languages Classes
- Goals
 - Establish and strengthen relationships and communications with all stakeholders
 - Build a positive, collaborative, & equitable culture and climate focused on student achievement
 - Ensure every student and employee has a safe, secure, well-designed, well-maintained environment in which to learn and work.

Superintendent Moore discussed these objectives developed from these goals.

Objective 1

Recruit, develop, inspire, and retain highly-qualified instructional and support staff.

Objective 2

Develop & expand curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs to offer choices of pathways aligned with student needs, interests, and affinities

Objective 3

Increase open, transparent, two-way communications & relationships among the district, students, parents, community stakeholders, and state & national partners.

Objective 4

Build, maintain, and continuously improve safe, secure, and modern learning environments and support facilities, vehicles, equipment, and technology.

Objective 5

Increase and improve family outreach and student mental and physical health services to support learning through partnerships with community agencies and grant funding

Member Cadwallader posed these questions:

- Would like to know why High Rolls Mountain Park (HRMP) is charged for bus transportation for field trips because she was recently advised that HRMP was charged \$500 for bus transportation to the zoo. Member Cadwallader requested documentation to show that no fee was charged to HRMP to utilize a bus for the

field trip to the zoo. Superintendent Moore responded that they should not have been charged and stated that he would visit with Member Cadwallader further after the board meeting.

- Why does HRMP have to use the washer and dryer at La Luz for the FreshStart Program? What is the reason that HRMP doesn't have their own? Superintendent Moore responded that this is because of the school's low enrollment and the need is a much lower percentage.
- Are we duplicating the efforts of other community charitable organizations by sending students home with backpacks of food items over the weekends as Love Inc does? Superintendent Moore responded stating that we coordinate with our community partners to ensure that these students have food available over breaks and weekends. Deputy Superintendent Tagle stated that our social workers work closely with the families. In conjunction with Love Inc's Backpack Program, we partner with food banks and other food services to assist families that are in need. We do not have a traditional *meal take home* on Friday afternoons. Superintendent Moore stated that our goal is to work together with community partners so that we have a network not a duplication.
- Will the Pre-K program be offered at High Rolls Mountain Park Elementary? Superintendent Moore stated that we have Pre-K services available to any students in our district. Stepping Stones and Holloman Elementary are our two Pre-K locations. We do not have a central Pre-K program located at High Rolls but we have the services available to all of our students. Transportation services are available to HRMP students to ride to the Pre-K locations in Alamogordo.

President Rabon posed these questions:

- Are educational programs being offered to parents and students to provide awareness of drug abuse and the dangers of fentanyl and other illegal substance misuse. Director Patch stated that presentations are being given to schools that request them. The goal is to record these presentations and to share them with all health classes. A presentation was recently given on the Dangers of Vaping and more presentations/classes are scheduled to follow.
- How is vertical collaboration between subject areas going? Deputy Superintendent Renteria stated the program is going very well. There is an understanding of the challenges that each grade level is facing. Strategies are being shared. CLNs are being held for staff and principals where they review data, collaborate with their teams, and take back to their sites. We are working hard to understand where are gaps are.

Member Jewell posed this question:

- What is the pending behavioral health grant going to be used for? Director Patch stated that the grant will assist with providing 10 bachelors level social workers to be in the schools to address truancy and basic needs. The grant will also provide ongoing education for the social workers to get their masters in social work.

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

Col Pederson thanked everyone for coming out to the sneak peak of the new impressive Holloman Elementary School; the feedback received from parents was wonderful! Col Pederson expressed his appreciation to the district and Deputy Superintendent Renteria for the emphasis on the Anchored4Life Program, a program to help military students adjust to the constant moving. Col Pederson stated that Holloman was chosen as the

next Starbase program. This is a DOD program that will provide funding for Holloman to open up a STEM program where 5th grade students from Alamogordo, Cloudcroft, Tularosa, and Mescalero school districts will participate in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities in aviation, science, technology, engineering, math, and space exploration over the course of five days.

Member Cadwallader briefly stated that Ed Brabson, GB Oliver, and other members of the Center of Commerce were instrumental in the new Holloman Elementary School project. President Rabon and Superintendent Moore stated that a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for January 17 where these individuals and the community will be invited to attend.

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

No report. Student Ex-Officio Savannah Veith was absent.

F. Board Discussion

Member Cadwallader expressed concern over the decision that APS is no longer utilizing the Flickinger Center for student band/choir concerts and requested the reason behind this decision. President Rabon responded stating that this is a decision of administration and not the Board and also stated that the Board does not micro manage. A letter was sent to the Flickinger Center requesting a meeting with their board to discuss any issues there might be between the district and the Flickinger Center, but no response was received. President Rabon stated that Member Cadwallader could schedule an appointment with Deputy Superintendent Renteria to discuss the matter further if she'd like to. Member Cadwallader also asked why she couldn't have a representative from the Flickinger Center speak when she requested that it be an agenda item on tonight's agenda. Superintendent Moore stated that he offered to have that person speak during public comment, representing an organization for five minutes, but didn't get a reply back from anyone. Superintendent Moore also mentioned that our board policy has some stipulations where we as a district cannot support or appear to support any political positions. Superintendent Moore is open to having discussions with the board and the director of the Flickinger Center and wants to continue to work with them as partners.

President Rabon asked what schools are doing to motivate and encourage students to participate in extra-curricular activities. AHS Principal April Shay stated that posters are displayed around her school to encourage participation in the different sports/activities/clubs. Announcements are also made during morning announcements. President Rabon inquired about board member training for finance and audit. Mr. Bryan Runyan with K-12 Accounting stated that he will arrange to have a training for the board in January on both audit and finance.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

1. Contracts

- a. Consider Approval of Revised Contract 009-2022-C between Southwest Hazard Control and Alamogordo Public Schools and any resulting Purchase Requisitions**

2. Budget Adjustment Requests

- 1) BAR 046-000-2223-0021-IB- Initial Budget – 24346- IDEA-ARP**
2) BAR 046-000-2223-0022-IB- Initial Budget – 24349 – IDEA-ARP Preschool
3) BAR 046-000-2223-0023-T – Transfer -24189 – Title IV Student Supp

Academic Achievement

3. Charitable Donations

- 1) **Connie Breeding, NMSU-A Professor, retired - \$100 – AHS Film Production Advanced Class**
- 2) **Grace United Methodist Women - \$100 – AHS AHJROTC**
- 3) **Tessa Jones - \$40 – AHS Film Production Advanced Class**
- 4) **Sherwin Williams - \$65 – AHS Film Production Advanced Class**
- 5) **TDS - \$797 – AHS Film Production Advanced Class**
- 6) **Kathleen VannAusdall - \$200 Per Month - AHS Film Production Advanced Class**
- 7) **Ruth Waltenburg (parent) - \$75 - AHS Film Production Advanced Class (set production)**

Total \$2377

4. Accounts Payable Check Listing

5. Purchase Order Listing

6. Resolution 2022-2023-03 - Resolution Providing for the Sale or Disposal of Personal Property of the School District

Superintendent Moore stated that this is for obsolete in-operational technology that has been identified as being outdated.

Member Cadwallader stated that language is cut off from the description section of the accounts payable check listing and purchase order listing making it difficult to read the entire description. Mr. Bryan Runyan stated that this is most like formatting issue. He will ensure to correct this prior to running next month's reports.

Member Jewell 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 November 2022.

I. Board Members' Advance Planning/Upcoming Events

December 19, 2022-January 2, 2023 - Winter Break

January 10, 2023 - APS Board Work Session

January 16, 2023 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday

January 17, 2023 - Holloman Elementary School Grand Opening

January 18, 2023 - APS Sacramento Outdoor Learning Center & Park Ribbon Cutting

January 18, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

Sports Schedules

December 20, 2022 - AHS Boys Basketball-Home

December 16, 2022 - AHS Girls Basketball-Home

January 16, 23, 30, 2023 - AHS Boys Basketball-Home

January 3, 19, 26, 2023 - AHS Girls Basketball-Home

January 11, 2023 - HMS Boys Basketball-Home

January 12, 2023- HMS Girls Basketball-Home

January 4, 5, 10, 16, 2023 - CMS Boys Basketball-Home
January 10, 11, 18, 2023 - CMS Girls Basketball-Home
January 9, 10, 2023 - MVMS Boys Basketball-Home
January 5, 12, 2023 - MVMS Girls Basketball-Home
January 3, 27 2023 - Wrestling-Home
January 21, 2023 - City Round Robin Basketball Tournament - AHS
January 14, 21, 2023 - AHS Boys/Girls Swimming-Away

J.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Judith V. Rabon 1-19-23
Board President Date

Cassie Teveter 1/19/23
Board Secretary Date