



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

MINUTES

**Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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 January 19, 2023 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

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

4. Adoption of Agenda - ACTION

President Rabon requested that the agenda be amended as follows:

Under I. Other Items of Business

- # 2 to precede item #1
- Language on Item 1 was amended to read: Consideration of and adoption of a Resolution and Proclamation of a Special School Bond Election, Capital Improvements Tax Election, and Special Public School Buildings Tax Election
- Item 3 was pulled- Consideration of and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds
- Item 4 was pulled - Consider approval to revise the Board of Education Handbook Section 13.11.1, Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

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

5. Welcome and Introduction

B. Approval of Minutes – ACTION

1. Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- a. **December 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting**
- b. **January 10, 2023 Board Work Session**

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

C. Presentations/Recognitions

1. Presentation - General Obligation Bond Series 2023 Finance Plan and Bond Sale Presented by Erik Harrigan, RBC Capital Markets

Mr. Erik Harrigan, a representative of RBC Capital Markets LLC gave the Board an overview of the bond finance plan and the timeline for the sale of the bonds and answered questions posed by the Board. Mr. Harrigan discussed the history of the district's assessed valuation, a very important part of the process because of how fast or slow the tax base grows determines how quickly debt can be retired, given the existing tax rate. Prior to this year, the district had slow growth; this current 2022 tax year, Mr. Harrigan stated that we had very good growth tax base, over 5%. Mr. Harrigan highlighted the election timing stating that the Two Mill Levy election and HB-33 are effective every six years and the GO Bond elections are every four years. The district had a successful GO bond election in November 2019 for \$17 million, to be sold over a four-year period or as directed by the district.

- \$4,490,000 sold in 2020
- \$3,830,000 sold in 2021
- \$4,000,000 sold in 2022
- \$4,000,000 to be sold in 2023

Currently, the district is about 60% bonded to capacity.

2023 Bond Sale Time Schedule:

February Regular Board Meeting: Board will adopt Delegation Resolution (negotiated)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023: Rating conference call with Moody's

Tuesday, April 04, 2023: Post Preliminary Official Statement

Tuesday, April 11, 2023: Bond sale

Wednesday, May 17, 2023: Presentation to School Board on Bond Sale Results

Wednesday, May 17, 2023: Bond Closing

Mr. Harrigan provided a brief explanation of the Moody Rating and stated that the district currently has a bond rating of Double A2, which is in line with the average school district in New Mexico. The highest rating district can get is a Triple A bond rating. Districts in New Mexico tend to have lower ratings than other states because of the pension liability that ERB has.

2. Recognition - AHS Choir, Orchestra, and Band Program Students

Mr. David Bouma, AHS Band Director, introduced and recognized students selected for the All State Ensembles

Choir Students were:

Lanai Tagoai- Alto 1- Mixed Choir

Adrianna Sharp- Soprano 2- Treble Choir

Brooke Casarez- Soprano 2- Treble Choir

Orchestra Students were:

Jacob Tillotson- Viola- Symphony Orchestra

Band Students were:

Leo Ford- Tuba- Symphonic Band
Cristian Souder- Clarinet- Concert Band
Brandon Miller- Tuba- Concert Band
Geoffrey Allen- Piano- Concert Band

Students selected for the Southwest Honor Band included:

Cristian Souder- Clarinet- Concert Band
Gabbrielle Hill- Clarinet- Concert Band
Brennan Tedford- Trumpet- Concert Band
Zaria Proulx- Horn- Concert Band
Leo Ford- Tuba- Concert Band
Brandon Miller- Tuba- Concert Band
Achilles Hunter- Percussion- Concert Band

3. Recognition - Athletic Training Program Students

Mr. David Maldonado introduced and recognized students that represented AHS and the District in the Sun City Athletics Trainers Association Student Challenge. These students placed 1st place as a team and as an individual.

Team Champions were:

Mia Beattie
Mariana McGoldrick
Danielle Bedgood
Olivia Goodier

Individual Sun City Champion: Julie Jobe

Students must have a 3.0 or higher to participate in the Athletic Training Program.

Superintendent Moore introduced and recognized AHS Senior Mirhonda Good for being selected as a candidate for the Presidential Scholar Program. Mirhonda is currently the Vice-President of the NM State FFA and has served as an officer in our AHS FFA.

D. Public Participation

President Rabon read a statement of procedures for public participation.

Mr. Shannan Wright addressed the Board on behalf of concerned parents, community members, and children attending APS. Some concerns addressed were ESSER expenditures, special school bond/mill levy election, Chaparral Middle School, CRT, Moody Rating, and school security.

Mr. Chuck Andreas expressed concern about funding, the academic achievement numbers of the district, and communication.

E. Reports

1. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Ken Moore

Superintendent Dr. Ken Moore reported as follows:

- Holloman Elementary opened January 3, 2023, with a ribbon cutting held on January 17
- OLDCC grant award \$ 59.6 million (full federal funding to replace Holloman Middle School)

- CMS construction documents are in work by our architects
- CMS delay due to COVID and inflation; expect to get RFP out for bid this fall
- Steinhoff Soccer Stadium earthwork is complete; project to be complete in early March
- Sacramento Outdoor Learning Center/Park ribbon cutting was this afternoon; awaiting delivery of remaining trees and landscape material. Park is open to the public
- APS's new call center is up and running
- Coming soon will be an anonymous tip line, a centralized registrar, and Parchment transcript request service
- Upcoming events include: CMS Parent Meeting on 20 Jan, NMSBA Institute, 1-4 Feb in Santa Fe, AASA Governing Board/Convention, 13-17 Feb in San Antonio
- GO Bond Authorization expires 2023; HB33 Mill Levy expires 2024; SB9 Mill Levy expires 2025
- Rationale for aligning all three together
 - GO Bond (4-year life) expires this year, requires an election this year
 - Current HB33 & SB9 (six-year life) expire on different years, requiring separate elections if kept on current timeline
 - Aligning HB33 & SB9 this year puts both on odd year cycle
 - Holding special election this year separates school funding from other issues/questions that may appear on regular election ballots in November
- Recommending a Special mail ballot election 9 May 2023
- APS staff, parent and community surveys will be released tomorrow 1/20-1/25
- Staff and parent meetings will be held at every school to gather input and will meet with business leaders, community groups, civic organizations, church groups, booster clubs, military connected organizations and interested individuals
- Community-wide meetings will be hosed for input

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

Col Pederson thanked the district for hosting the Holloman Elementary School Grand Opening; the feedback received from families and students has been wonderful! Col Pederson stated the reason the OLDCC grant was received was because of the district and the state putting the money into the Holloman Elementary School. A portion of the 59 million grant will be used for the demolition of the old elementary campus and to build the new middle school in that location. The elementary and middle school campuses will be combined connected campuses. Thank you to the district and to everyone that made this possible!

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

Student Ex-Officio Savannah Veith was absent from this January 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

F. Board Discussion

There was no board discussion.

G. Consent Agenda - ACTION

- 1. Contracts**
 - a. Contract Renewal of 010-2223-C for Financial Advisory Services with RBC Capital Markets and any resulting purchase requisitions**
- 2. Budget Adjustment Requests**
 - 1) BAR 046-000-2223-0024-I– Increase – 21000- Student Nutrition**
 - 2) BAR 046-000-2223-0025-IB– Initial Budget – 27414 – Pediatric Autism/Special Needs**
 - 3) BAR 046-000-2223-0026-IB– Initial Budget -27552 – Statewide innovation Zones**
 - 4) BAR 046-000-2223-0027-I– Increase – 26107 – REC/District Fiscal Agent**
 - 5) BAR 046-000-2223-0028-I– Increase – 27502 – Career Technical Education Program**
 - 6) BAR 046-000-2223-0029-M– Maintenance – 27149 – PreK Initiative**
 - 7) BAR 046-000-2223-0030-IB– Initial Budget – 24350 – ARP-Homeless Children & Youth I**
 - 8) BAR 046-000-2223-0031-IB– Initial Budget – 24355 – ARP- Homeless Children & Youth II**
- 3. Charitable Donations**
 - 1) Banzai - \$33.52 – MVMS FAC Class**
 - 2) White Sands Rotary Club - \$200 – APS Health Services**

Total \$233.52
- 4. Accounts Payable Check Listing**
- 5. Purchase Order Summary**

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

Vice President 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 December 2022.

I. Other Items of Business

1. Consideration of and adoption of a Resolution and Proclamation of a Special School Bond Election, Capital Improvements Tax Election, and Special Public School Buildings Tax Election - ACTION

Patricia Ives, Board Attorney, was available by phone to provide an overview of the resolution and to answer questions.

Vice-President Ross made a motion to adoption of a Resolution and Proclamation of a Special School Bond Election, Capital Improvements Tax Election, and Special Public School Buildings Tax Election. Member Jewell seconded.

President Rabon asked the Recording Secretary to conduct a roll call vote on the resolution.

Member Cadwallader briefly stated that she doesn't feel enough time was given and that it all seems to be rushed.

The results of a roll call vote taken by Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson were:

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

The motion passes *4 to 1* with President Rabon, Vice President Ross, Secretary Teweleit, and Member Jewell voting in favor and Member Cadwallader voting against the motion.

2. Consideration of and adoption of a Resolution Authorizing and Directing Special School Election Procedures – ACTION

Vice-President Ross made a motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing and Directing Special School Election Procedures. Member Jewell seconded.

President Rabon asked the Recording Secretary to conduct a roll call vote on the resolution.

The results of a roll call vote taken by Executive Assistant Lisa Patterson were:

President Rabon voted "aye"
Vice-President Ross voted "aye"
Secretary Teweleit – "aye"
Member Cadwallader voted "nay"
Member Jewell voted "aye"

The motion passes *4 to 1* with President Rabon, Vice President Ross, Secretary Teweleit, and Member Jewell voting in favor and Member Cadwallader voting against the motion.

3. Consideration of and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds – ACTION

(this item was pulled prior to the adoption of the agenda)

4. Consider approval to revise the Board of Education Handbook Section 13.11.1, Superintendent Evaluation Timeline – ACTION

(this item was pulled prior to the adoption of the agenda)

J. Board Members' Advance Planning/Upcoming Events

January 20, 2023 - AHS Family Fitness Night
January 23, 2023 - Stepping Stones Pre-K Virtual Health Night, 6:30 p.m.
January 27, 2023 - Board Budget & Audit Training, 2:00-6:00 p.m.
January 31, 2023 - AHS CTE & Career Expo, AHS Auxiliary Gym
February 2-3, 2023 - Parent Teacher Conferences (no school)
February 2-4, 2023 - NMSBA Board Institute - Santa Fe, NM
February 4, 2023 - Kiwanis Greenhouse Project Day at MVMS

February 8, 2023 - Engineering & Design Outdoor Learning Prof Development at CMS

February 15, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

February 16, 2023 - APS HOPE Series Program on Safe Dating, Rights/Responsibilities & Social Media, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the APS HUB

February 25, 2023 - Alamo Educate & Innovate 2023

Sports Schedules

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

January 25, 2023 - MVMS Basketball & Cheer Banquet, 5:30 p.m.

February 6 & 13, 2023 - AHS Boys Basketball-Home

January 26, 2023 - AHS Girls Basketball-Home

February 2, 9, & 16 2023 - AHS Girls Basketball-Home

January 21, 2023 - City Round Robin Basketball Tournament at AHS

January 21, 2023 - AHS Boys/Girls Swimming-Away

January 27, 2023 - Wrestling-Home

February 3-4, 2023 - DISTRICT Swimming - Hobbs

K. Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Judith V. Rabon 2-22-23
Board President Date

Carol Jewett 2/22/23
Board Secretary Date