

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
WORKING MEETING
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**
September 3, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Laci Phillips Newland, President
 Katie Buchholz, Secretary
 Amanda Sutherland, Member
 Dr. Rebekah French, Member
 Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Lauren Laws, Superintendent
 Jonathan Acrey, Deputy Superintendent
 Jason Miller, Director of Technology
 Levi Stout, Director of Operations and Facilities
 Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal
 Regina Atencio-Torres, Vista Nueva High School Principal
 Kimberly Zah, Indian Education Coordinator
 Robin Rivera, Teacher
 Jessica Sledzinski, Park Avenue Elementary School Principal
 Sarah Blake, Counselor
 Robi Hess, Director of Exceptional Programs

VISITORS: Captain Troy Morris
 Sarah Cruz
 Danica Dilyou
 Christina Pesata

CALL TO ORDER

The working meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Laci Phillips Newland in the Board Room at Central Office. The Aztec Board of Education welcomes you to this meeting. This meeting is streamed live on the Aztec Schools Website via Zoom.

BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws requested that the Board of Education be flexible on the Agenda for the Work Session Meeting.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Koogler Cheer Booster – Fan Club Shirts. Mrs. Sarah Cruz was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – FFA – National Convention Fundraising Events – Buy a Calendar, Donation, Sponsorship Opportunities – T-Shirt and Jerky Sales. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – American Indian Office – UNM American Indian Senior Day – Albuquerque, New Mexico. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Boys and Girls Wrestling – Sammy Vivian Wrestling Tournament Invite – Socorro, New Mexico. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Wrestling – Conflict At Cleveland – Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Boys and Girls Wrestling – Mile High Challenge – Prescott, Arizona. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Boys Wrestling – VMI Invitational Wrestling Tournament – Fort Defiance, Arizona. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Wrestling Team – Escape Purgatory Wrestling Tournament – Durango, Colorado. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Boys and Girls Wrestling – Christmas Clash – Farmington, Utah. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Wrestling – Western Slope Showdown – Montrose, Colorado. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Vista Nueva High School – UNM College Tour and Schooltime Popejoy Series – Albuquerque, New Mexico. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Park Avenue Elementary School – Steam Discovery Festival – Albuquerque, New Mexico. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Key Club Camp Fall Rally – Prescott, Arizona. Mrs. Sarah Blake, Counselor and student Christina Pesata, were present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws informed the Board that the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – FFA Convention has been canceled.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws included the Superintendent's Report in Board Book. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Personnel Report. Mr. Jonathan Acrey, Deputy Superintendent, included the Personnel Report in the Board Book. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Policy Committee Report. Mrs. Katie Buchholz, Board Secretary, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Financial Report. Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery, Board Vice President, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Advisory 275 – Board Policy – GCIA – Teacher Residency Program – Second Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy – JICJ – Student Possession and Use of Personal Electronic Devices – Second Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Advisory 277 – Board Policy – JLCED – Cardiac Emergency Response Plan – Automated External Defibrillators – Second Reading. Discussion was held.
This Board Policy will be tabled until the October 1, 2026, Board Meeting.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Advisory 278 – Board Policy – JLF – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection – Second Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy – KF-R – Community Use Of School Facilities – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy – KF-EA – Application And Site Use Agreement – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy – KF-EB – Community use Of School Facilities – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy – KF – Community Use Of School Facilities – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Resolution No. 2026-2027 002 Pertaining To The Change Of Long-Term Disability Waiting Periods With The New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Consent Agenda. Discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

The working meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Laci Phillips Newland, President

ATTEST TO: _____
Katie Buchholz, Secretary