

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**
March 6, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fran Dobey, President
Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President
Katie Buchholz, Member
Laci Newland, Secretary
Amanda Sutherland, Member

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Lauren Laws, Superintendent
Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance
Jonathan Acrey, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources
Russell Florez, Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Jason Miller, Director of Technology
Alexis Fierro, Federal Programs Secretary
David Sweet, Director of Athletics and Activities
Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal
Anna Strauss, Teacher

VISITORS:

Sarah Cruz
Grace Villarrial-Owens
Levi Stout
Isla Weiss
Gabrielle Litschke
Kaylee Jones
Scarlett Jones
Jeffrey Akin
Deanna Vigil
Josh Vigil
Ian Vigil
Ethan Vigil
Nathan McClain
CJ Saiz
Richrd and Karen Budlford
Lisa McClain
Harper McClain
Genavieve Reeves
Delano Black
Jade Hoffman
Aylah Albright
James Moore
Matt Moore
Jenny Nevarez
Aubrey Thornton
Makayla Milton
Brianna Work

Clarence Deegan
Jana Saiz
Thomas Buchholz
Lilyana Burnett
Shamarie VanBelle
Drew Black
Zach Sanders
Emma Matthews
Laurie Billiman
Lorelei Clinton
Brandon Clinton

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey 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

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL

Roll call:	Fran Dobey, President	HERE
	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	HERE
	Laci Newland, Secretary	HERE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	HERE
	Katie Buchholz, Member	HERE

WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Aztec Board of Education welcomes you to this meeting.

If you wish to express an opinion or ask questions unrelated to the agenda, please direct those to the appropriate administrator and/or board member(s) outside of this meeting.

It is our intent to maintain a professional atmosphere during this meeting. Public input is always welcomed, pursuant to board policy BEDH. Please refer to our handout on the website under Board Meetings that describes the appropriate procedures and decorum for public input.

If you are present in the Board Room, please turn off or silence your cell phones and avoid side conversations. If a need arises for a side conversation, please step out of the room to not disrupt business at hand.

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey welcomed those attending. Shamarie VanBelle led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico State Flag.

We would ask now that you please stand for our pledge of allegiance and the salute to the state flag. Official Salute to the New Mexico Flag: "I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zía symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented and recommended to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; second Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Fran Dobey, President	AYE
	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Member	AYE
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland	AYE

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented and recommended to approve the minutes from the February Board Meetings as presented. Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland made a motion to approve the minutes from the February Board Meetings as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Fran Dobey, President	AYE
	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Member	AYE
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland	AYE

Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Description:

The Aztec Municipal School District Board of Education welcomes public comments during its regular board meetings to offer suggestions on topics relevant to the District. Topics may include suggestions for improving district services, policies, items currently on the meeting agenda, etc. Per board policy BEDH, please keep in mind the following practices:

- Questions of fact asked by the public shall, when appropriate, be answered by the President or referred to the Superintendent for reply. No action or discussion shall transpire among Board members regarding such questions or comments. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Superintendent for later report to the Board. Questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not receive a response.
- The President has set a time limit on the length of the comment period. This time limit is five (5) minutes and the lending or borrowing of time is not permitted. The time limit may be shortened depending on the number of speakers signed up to speak during public comment to allow more speakers to be heard.
- Personal attacks upon Board members, staff personnel, or other persons in attendance or absent by individuals who address the Board are prohibited. Presenters are cautioned that statements or representations concerning others that convey an unjustly unfavorable impression may subject the presenter to civil action for defamation.

No Public Forum Requests

Celebrations

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Aztec High School Student Council who won Platinum Student Council of the Year. Mrs. Anna Strauss, Teacher, and the Student Council students were present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Aztec High School State Champion Wrestling Team. Mr. Levi Stout was present for any questions. Mr. Levi Stout introduced the State Champion Wrestlers. Discussion was held.

Recognitions and Presentations

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Aztec High School Photography Class. Ms. Scarlett Jones, student, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

REPORTS

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

Personnel Report - Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Personnel Report. Mr. Jonathan Acrey, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, included the Personnel Report in Board Book. Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS*

Approve Fundraiser Requests Action Items 10-A To 10-C*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Action Items 10-A To 10-C as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve Action Items 10-A to 10-C as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Fran Dobey, President	AYE
	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Member	AYE
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland	AYE

Motion carried.

Approve Student/Field Trip Requests Action Items 10-D To 10-F*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Action Items 10-D To 10-F as presented. Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland made a motion to approve Action Items 10-D to 10-F as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call: Fran Dobey, President AYE
Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President AYE
Katie Buchholz, Member AYE
Laci Newland, Secretary AYE
Amanda Sutherland AYE

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented and recommended the approval the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Director of Finance, included the Consent Agenda in the Board Packet. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call: Fran Dobey, President AYE
Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President AYE
Katie Buchholz, Member AYE
Laci Newland, Secretary AYE
Amanda Sutherland AYE

Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Regular School Board Meeting, Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
Working Meeting – Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.
NMBASBO – Spring Budget Workshop – April 9 to 11, 2025 – Albuquerque, New Mexico

Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland discussed the Board Policies the Board Policy Committee are reviewing. Discussion was held.

Executive Session – The Board of Education Will Convene In A Closed Executive Session For The Following Purpose: 1. To Discuss Pending Litigation And 2. To Discuss The Network Outage As Pursuant To Section 10-15-1(H)(7) Of The New Mexico Open Meetings Act

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey recommended the Board of Education Convene In A Closed Executive Session For The Following Purpose: 1. To Discuss Pending Litigation And 2. To Discuss The Network Outage As Pursuant To Section 10-15-1(H)(7) Of The New Mexico Open Meetings Act as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to convene into Executive Session as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous.

Roll call: Fran Dobey, President AYE
Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President AYE
Katie Buchholz, Member AYE
Laci Newland, Secretary AYE
Amanda Sutherland AYE

Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.

Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to return to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:33 p.m.; second; Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. No decisions were made.

Roll call:	Fran Dobey, President	AYE
	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Member	AYE
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland	AYE

Motion carried.

Action Items*

Authorize Legal Counsel And The Superintendent To Proceed As Discussed In Executive Session In Connection to The Network Outage*

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented the request to authorize legal counsel and the Superintendent to proceed as discussed in Executive Session in connection to the network outage as presented. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the request to authorize legal counsel and the Superintendent to proceed as discussed in Executive Session in connection to the network outage as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Fran Dobey, President	AYE
	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Member	AYE
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland	AYE

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; Vote 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Roll call:	Fran Dobey, President	AYE
	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Member	AYE
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland	AYE

Motion carried.

Fran Dobey, President

ATTEST TO: _____
Laci Newland, Secretary