

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**
February 11, 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
Brian Dowdy, CTE Director
Jason Miller, Director of Technology
Jessica Sledzinski, Park Avenue Principal
John Welch, Safety Supervisor
Hayle Lewis, Public Information Officer
Alexis Fierro, Federal Programs Secretary
Christen Eighme, Teacher

VISITORS: Sarah Cruz
Gina Carter
Tyler Carter

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

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| Roll call: | Fran Dobey, President | HERE |
| | Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President | HERE |
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| | 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. Ms. Christen Eighme 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.

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| 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 January Board Meetings as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the minutes from the January Board Meetings as presented; second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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| 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

Board Discussion Items

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy – IKC – Class Rankings/Grade Point Average – First Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy – KJA – Relations With Booster Organizations – First Reading. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented New Board Policy – Parent and Community Advisory Councils, Committees, and Organizations – First Reading. No discussion was held.

Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland recommended to form a committee that would review all Board Policies. The committee will be Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland, Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz and Mr. Jonathan Acrey, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources.

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.

Curriculum and Instructional Report – Ms. Phyllis Cox, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction presented the Curriculum and Instructional Report. Ms. Phyllis Cox, Associate

Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, included the Curriculum and Instructional Report in Board Book. Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS*

Discuss and Approve New Board Policies 9-A To 9-C*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the New Board Policies 9-A To 9-C as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve all Board Policies as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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| 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 Action Items 9-D To 9-J*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Action Items 9-D To 9-J as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve Action Items 9-D to 9-J as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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| 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 Action Items 9-K To 9-M*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Action Items 9-K To 9-M as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve Action Items 9-K To 9-M as presented; second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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| 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.

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

Motion carried.

Discuss and Approve The New Board Policy – Aztec Municipal School District Hall Of Honor With The Change Of One To Two Nominations Per Year*

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey made the recommendation to approve The Action Item New Board Policy – Aztec Municipal School District Hall of Honor With The Change Of One To Two Nominations Per Year as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve The Action Item New Policy – Aztec Municipal School District Hall Of Honor With The Change Of One to Two Nominations Per Year as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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| 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, March 6, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. – Aztec High School
Working Session, Thursday, March 6, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. – Aztec High School
NMSBA Board Institute – February 13 to 15, 2025 – Santa Fe, New Mexico
Board Luncheon For Central Office, Transportation, Maintenance – Friday, March 7, 2025 @ 11:30 a.m.
– Central Office

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 6:10 p.m.

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| 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 Dobeý, President

ATTEST TO: _____
Laci Newland, Secretary