

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**
April 7, 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
Alexis Fierro, Federal Programs Secretary
David Sweet, Director of Athletics and Activities
Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal
Catherine Olson, Workforce Readiness Specialist
Christie Brown, Aztec High School Assistant Principal
Robi Hess, Aztec High School Assistant Principal
Kim Thornton, Counselor
Warman Hall, Director of Federal Programs
Kalee Wilmer, Social Worker
Hayley Lewis, Public Information Officer

VISITORS: Aralyn Goldsmith
Karlie Meketi
Doyle Goldsmith
Kadin Wilmer

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. Mrs. Charda Sanders 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 Zia 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 Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; 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 March Board Meetings as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the minutes from the March Board Meetings 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.

Recognition and Presentations

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Aaron Lierz the Boys & Girls Club of San Juan County NM Youth of the Year Runner Up. This will be postponed until the May 15, 2025 Board Meeting.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Dr. Warman Hall, Director of Federal Programs who introduced Aralyn Goldsmith the National Student Council New Mexico Representative. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Mrs. Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal, Mrs. Christie Brown, Aztec High School Assistant Principal and Mr. Robi Hess, Aztec High School Principal, who presented the Aztec High School Spotlight. Mrs. Kim Thornton, Counselor Mrs. Kaylee Wilmer, Social Worker, and student Ms. Karlie Meketi presented the Be The Hope Program. Discussion was held.

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 the Proposed Calendar For The 25-26SY - First Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposed School Board Tentative Schedule For 25-26SY – First Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – BHD – Board Communications With The Public – First Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – IKF – Graduation Requirements – First Reading. Discussion was held. This will be postponed for a second reading in the May Board Meeting.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – JG – Assignment of Students To Classes – First Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – IKFB – Graduation Exercises – First Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings – First Reading. 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.

Policy Committee Report – Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Policy Committee Report. Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS*

Approve Fundraiser Requests Action Items 10-B To 10-E*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Fundraiser Requests Action Items 10-B To 10-E as presented. The Aztec High School – National Honor Society – 5 K Color Run Action Item 10-A will be postponed. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve Fundraiser Requests Action Items 10-B to 10-E 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.

Approval of the FY2324 Financial Statement Audit*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve the FY2324 Financial Statement Audit as presented. Mr. Bobby Cordova CPA, Cordova COAS LLC presented on Zoom the FY2324 Audit. Mrs.

Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance and Mr. Cordova were present for any questions. Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz made a motion to approve the FY2324 Financial Statement Audit as presented; second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; 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.

Discuss and Approve Board Policy – IKC – Class Rankings – Second Reading*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to table Board Policy – IKC – Class Rankings – Second Reading as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to table Board Policy – IKC – Class Rankings – Second Reading 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 with D.1 Amended. 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 with D.1 Amended; 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 Board Meeting – Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. – Central Office Boardroom
Working Board Meeting – Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. - Central Office Boardroom
NMBASBO – Spring Budget Workshop – April 9 to April 11, 2025 – Albuquerque, New Mexico
Aztec High School Honor Banquet – Monday – May 5, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Aztec High School Graduation – Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Vista Nueva High School Graduation – Tuesday, May 20, 2025
NMSBA – 2025 Law Conference – June 5 to June 7, 2025 – Albuquerque, New Mexico

Motion carried. Amanda Sutherland AYE

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 7:15 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