

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**
December 4, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran Dobey, President
Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President
Laci Newland, Secretary
Amanda Sutherland, Member

ABSENT: Katie Buchholz, Member

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Lauren Laws, Superintendent
Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance
Jonathan Acrey, Deputy Superintendent
Robert Minson, Technology Technician
David Sweet, Director of Athletics and Activities
Jessica Sledzinski, Park Avenue Elementary School Principal
Thomas Riddle, Park Avenue Elementary School Assistant Principal
Josh Adams, Lydia Rippey Elementary School Principal
Phyllis Cox, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum
Hayley Lewis, Public Information Officer
Cynthia Fitzpatrick, District MLSS Coordinator
Jamie Bridges, Math Interventionalist
Charida Sanders, Aztec High School Principal
Kari Milam, McCoy Elementary Principal
Angela Martinez, Math Interventionalist
Amanda Johnson, Math Interventionalist
Melody Postoak, Teacher

VISITORS: Charles E. Dobey
Charles Dobey
Lillyann Foster
Sarah Cruz
Brett Lanier

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	ABSENT

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. Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey 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 Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland ; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented and recommended to approve the minutes from the November Board Meetings as presented. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 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
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	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.

Ms. Lillyann Foster addressed the Board. No discussion was held.

Recognition and Presentations

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Ms. Phyllis Cox, Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, who presented on Instruction and Curriculum. The following were present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Mrs. Kari Milam, McCoy Elementary School Principal
Mr. Josh Adams, Lydia Rippey Elementary School Principal
Mrs. Jessica Sledzinski, Park Avenue Elementary School Principal
Mr. Thomas Riddle, Park Avenue Elementary School Assistant Principal
Mrs. Cindy Fitzpatrick, District MLSS Coordinator
Ms. Jamie Bridges, Math Interventionalist
Mrs. Amanda Johnston, Math Interventionalist
Ms. Angela Martinez, Math Interventionalist

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recognized Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey for her Years of Service on the Aztec Municipal Schools Board of Education.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy - JJE – Student Fundraising Activities. First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – KJA – Relations With Booster Organizations – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented New Board Policy – Professional/Support Staff/Personal/Emergency Responder/Victims of Domestic Abuse. First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented New Board Policy – Professional Staff/Bereavement Leave. First Read. 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. Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

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

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Policy Committee Report. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Financial Report. Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery presented the Financial Report. Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS*

Approve Fundraiser Requests – Action Items 10-A to 10-J*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Fundraiser Requests – Action Items 10-A to 10-J as presented. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the Fundraiser Requests – Action Items 10-A to 10-J as presented; second Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

Approve Student/Field Trip Requests – Action Items 10-K to 10-O*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Student/Field Trip Requests – Action Items 10-K to 10-O as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the

Student/Field Trip Requests – Action Items 10-K to 10-O as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Fran Dobey, President	AYE
	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	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 Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Regular Board Meeting – January 8, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.

Working Meeting – January 8, 2026

NMSBA Annual Convention – February 5th to 7th-2026 – Santa Fe, New Mexico

Swearing In Ceremony – New Board Members – January 8, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session (1) Executive Session (With Roll Call Vote To Go Into Executive Session*) - The Board of Education Will Convene In A Closed Executive Session Pursuant To NMSA 1978, 22-15-1(H)(2) Of The New Mexico Opens Meeting Act, To Discuss Limited Personnel Matters; Specifically:

A. For The Board To Discuss With The Superintendent The Superintendent's Contract Status And Evaluation

B. Consider and Take Possible Action Related To The Contract of The Superintendent

Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to Convene Into Executive Session as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous.

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

Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to return to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:12 p.m.; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. No decisions were made.

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

Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS*

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented and recommended to approve The Superintendent Evaluation Completed In Executive Session as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve The Superintendent Evaluation Completed In Executive Session 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
	Laci Newland, Secretary	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented and recommended to approve the Contract of The Superintendent as presented. Board President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve The Contract of The Superintendent as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; Vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Board Elect President

ATTEST TO: _____
Board Elect Secretary

