

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
WORKING MEETING
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**
May 15, 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
Phyliss Cox, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Sarah Blake, Counselor
Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal
Kimberly Zah, Indian Education Coordinator
Hayley Lewis, Public Information Officer
Pat Sannes, Math Instructional Coach
Afton Yazzie, Teacher
John Welch, Safety Supervisor

VISITORS: Tami Nothstine
Gabrielle Litschke
Wesley Yazzie
Aimee Kerschion

CALL TO ORDER

The working meeting was called to order at 5:00 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.

BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Daniels Fund Scholarship Recipient. Ms. Gabrielle Litschke was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Key Club – Sell Roses and Flower Arrangements. Ms. Sarah Blake, Counselor, was present for any questions.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Travel Trip Request – The League of Nations/American Indian Office – Anaheim, California. Ms. Kimberly Zah, Indian Education Coordinator, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Travel Trip Request – The League of Nations/American Indian Office – Durango, Colorado. Ms. Kimberly Zah, Indian Education Coordinator, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Lady Tiger Soccer Booster Club – Dine to Donate. Mrs. Afton Yazzie, Teacher, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Lady Tiger Soccer Booster Club – Sale Raffle Tickets. Mrs. Afton Yazzie, Teacher, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Lady Tiger Soccer Booster Club – 2025 Sponsorship T-Shirt and Banner Donations. Mrs. Afton Yazzie, Teacher, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Instructional Material Adoption. Ms. Phyllis Cox, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Mr. Pat Sannes, Math Instructional Coach, were present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve FY2526 AMSD Financial Budget and Salary Schedules. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, provided the corrected FY2526 Financial Budget Presentation and the FY2526 Increment Salary Schedule. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Early Graduation request from Vista Nueva High School. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Girls Basketball – Concession Stands. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Boys Basketball Booster Club – Tiger Youth Camp. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Proposed Calendar for 25-26 SY. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the School Board Schedule for 25-26 SY. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – KJA – Relations With Booster Clubs. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve Board Policy – BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the deletion of Board Policy – BHD – Board Communications. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve Board Policy – IKC – Class Rankings. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve Board Policy – IKFB – Graduation Exercises. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve Board Policy – JG – Assignments of Students to Classes. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve FY26 Mosaic Budget. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Annual Adoption of NMPED Charter Performance Framework. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Authorization of Superintendent to sign the Mosaic Academy Charter Contract and Memorandum of Understanding. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, who discussed the Consent Agenda. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws included the Superintendent's Report in Board Book. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Personnel Report. Mr. Jonathan Acrey included the Personnel Report in Board Book. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Policy Committee Report. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Agenda for the Current Board Meeting. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Minutes from the Previous Board Meetings. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Recognition and Presentations:

Park Avenue Elementary Science Fair Winners

Koogler Middle School – Poetry Slam Winners

Boys and Girls Club of San Juan County NM Youth of the Year Runner Up

National Merit Scholar

SkillsUSAANM Student Recognition

Aztec High School Key Club Recognition

Lydia Rippey Elementary School Spotlight

These will be presented during the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Public Forum – No Public Forum Requests

(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 Open Meetings Act, To Discuss Limited Personnel Matters; Specifically For The Board To Discuss And Legal Counsel To Advise Regarding Procedural Matters Related To The Upcoming Discharge Hearing For J. Botello

(2) Section 10-15-1(H)(5) Of The New Mexico Open Meetings Act To Discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations, Specifically Article 19

This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Action Items*

Take Possible Action To Authorize The Board President In Consultation With Board Counsel To Rule On Prehearing Procedural Matters In The Discharge Hearing For J. Botello*

This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Approval Of Collective Bargaining Request For Increase Compensation Per Article 19 Of The Collective Bargaining Agreement*

This will presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

The working meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Fran Dobey, President

ATTEST TO: _____
Laci Newland, Secretary