

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**  
August 14, 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  
Jason Miller, Director of Technology

VISITORS: Hali Meador  
Lisa McClain

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. Lisa McClain 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 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
	Katie Buchholz, Member	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 August Board Meetings as presented. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 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, 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.

#### No Public Forum Requests

#### 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.

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

#### ACTION ITEMS\*

##### Approve Fundraiser Requests – Action Items 8-A to 8-N\*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Fundraiser Requests – Action Items 8-A to 8-N as presented. Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland made a motion to approve the Fundraiser Requests – Action Items 8-A to 8-N 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, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

##### Approve Student/Field Trip Requests – Action Items 8-O to 8-U\*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve the Student/Field Trip Requests – Action Items 8-O to 8-U as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the Student/Field Trip Requests – Action Items 8 – O to 8 – U with additional information regarding the estimate worksheet amount 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, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

#### Approve Education Tech Note Necessity Resolution (ETN)\*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve the Education Tech Note Necessity Resolution (ETN) as presented. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the Education Tech Note Necessity Resolution (ETN) 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, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

#### Approve Deletion Of Board Policies - Action Items 8-W to 8-Z \*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommend to approve the Deletion Of Board Policies – Action Items 8-W to 8-Z as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the Deletion Of Board Policies – Action Items 8-W to 8-Z 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, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

#### Approve Board Policies – Action Items 8-AA to 8-RR\*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommend to approve Board Policies – Action Items 8-AA to 8-RR as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve Board Policies – Action Items

8-AA to 8-RR 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, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

#### CONSENT AGENDA\*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented and recommended the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Director of Finance, included the Consent Agenda in the Board Packet. Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz made a motion to approve the Consent 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, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

#### FUTURE BUSINESS

Regular Board Meeting – September 11, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.  
Working Meeting – September 11, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M.  
Special Board Meeting – August 21, 2025 @ 1:00 P.M.  
Fall Region I Meeting – September 29, 2025 – Central Consolidated

#### ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; Vote 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 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.

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Fran Dobey, President

ATTEST TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laci Newland, Secretary