

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**
January 9, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran Dobey, President
Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President
Katie Buchholz, Member
Laci Newland, Secretary

ABSENT: Amanda Sutherland, Member

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Lauren Laws, Superintendent
Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance
Russell Florez, Deputy Superintendent of Operations
Jessica Sledinski, Park Avenue Principal
Thomas Riddle, Park Avenue Assistant Principal
Brian Dowdy, CTE Director
Jessica Martinez, Teacher
Tinessa Lee, Teacher
Afton Yazzie, Teacher
Elida Perry, Teacher
Christen Eighme, Teacher

VISITORS: Michala Goss
Carolyn Velasquez
Mason Velasquez
Nixon Lee
Randi Perez
Barbara Perez
Chase Gutierrez
Summer Gutierrez
Diem Franch
Alx Lee
Lilian Moreno
Carlos Moreno
Charles E. Dobey
Iola Parks
Jana Crowley
Tammy Leslie
Charles Dobey
Lindsey Stelte

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey in the Library at Park Avenue Elementary School. This meeting is streaming live on Aztec Schools Website via Zoom. The Aztec Board of Education welcomes you to this meeting.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented and recommended to approve the minutes from the December Board Meetings as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 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

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Mrs. Jessica Sledzinski, Park Avenue Elementary Principal and Mr. Thomas Riddle, Park Avenue Elementary Assistant Principal to present the Park Avenue Elementary Spotlight. Mrs. Jessica Martinez, Teacher, discussed raising achievement in Math. Mrs. Tinessa Lee, Teacher and Mrs. Afton Yazzie, Teacher discussed the SAVE Program. Mrs. Elida Perry, Teacher discussed the After School Program. Park Avenue Students discussed what it means to be in the SAVE Promise Club. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced the STEM Program. No Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland to present the Celebration of President Mrs. Fran Dobey being nominated for School Board Member of the Year. 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 Strategic Plan. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the New Board Policy – Aztec Municipal Schools District Hall of Honor – Second Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the New Board Policy – Memorials. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – IOJA-R – Field Trips. This will be discussed in the February Board Meeting. No Discussion was held.

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented the Evaluation Superintendent Discussion. 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.

ACTION ITEMS*

Discuss and Approve Revisions to Board Policy GCCB – Professional/Support Staff Personal/Emergency/Religious Leave*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Revisions to Board Policy GCCB – Professional/Support Staff Personal/Emergency Religious Leave as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the Revisions to Board Policy GCCB – Professional/Support Staff Personal/Emergency/Religious Leave 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

Motion carried.

Approve Action Items 10-B to 10-C*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to table the Approval of Action Items 10-B to 10-C until the February 11, 2025 Board Meeting. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to table Action Items 10-B to 10-C until the February 11, 2025 Board Meeting 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

Motion carried.

Approval Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School and Koogler Middle School – Perform in the 2025 Fort Lewis Honor Band Festival – Durango, Colorado*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School and Koogler Middle School – Perform in the 2025 Fort Lewis Honor Band Festival – Durango, Colorado as presented. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School and Koogler Middle School – Perform in the 2025 Fort Lewis Honor Band Festival – Durango, Colorado 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

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 Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Regular School Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Working Session, Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.
 2025 Board member Institute – February 13-15, 2025, Santa Fe, New Mexico
 Board Retreat, Monday, January 27, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; Vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Fran Dobey, President

ATTEST TO: _____
Laci Newland, Secretary