

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
WORKING MEETING
MINUTES **Draft – Not Official**
May 7, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Laci Newland, President
 Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President
 Katie Buchholz, Secretary
 Amanda Sutherland, Member
 Dr. Rebekah French, Member

SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Lauren Laws, Superintendent
 Jonathan Acrey, Deputy Superintendent
 Jason Miller, Director of Technology
 Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance
 Phyllis Cox, Associate Superintendent of Instruction and
 Curriculum
 Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal
 Robi Hess, Director of Exceptional Programs
 Warman Hall, Director of Federal Programs
 Thomas Riddle, Director of Athletics and Activities
 Catherine Olson, Counselor
 Kari Milam, McCoy Elementary School Principal
 Patrick Sannes, Instructional Coach
 Lisa Burnham, Instructional Coach

VISITORS: Sarah Cruz
 Officer Troy Morris

CALL TO ORDER

The working meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Laci Newland 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 that the Board of Education be flexible on the Agenda for the Work Session Meeting.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Tiger Paws Dance Team – Direct Donations. Ms. Sarah Cruz was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Girls Soccer – Booster Club – 2026 Raffle. Mr. Riddle, Director of Athletics and Activities, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Dual Credit Presentation. Mrs. Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal, and Ms. Catherine Olson, Counselor, were present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the "Curriculum and Instruction – HQIM Adoption. Ms. Phyliss Cox, Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum; Patrick Sannes, Instructional Coach; and Lisa Burnham, Instructional Coach, were available for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Approval of the Aztec Municipal Schools Handbook of Special Education Procedures. Mr. Robi Hess, Director of Exceptional Programs, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – SkillsUSA Career Technical Student Organization – National Championship – Atlanta, Georgia. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – Theatre – International Thespian Festival – Bloomington, Indiana. Discussion was held.

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

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Policy Committee Report. Board Secretary Mrs. Katie Buchholz was present for any questions. 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 Financial Report. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – BEDBA – Agenda Preparation And Dissemination – First Read. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – BEDB – Agenda – First Read. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy KCD – Public Gifts/Donations To Schools – First Read. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Resolution Of Censure of Board Member Dr. Rebekah French. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance,

who discussed the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, was present for any questions. This will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Recognition and Presentations 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.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Action Items. These Action Items will be presented in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Public Forum – No Public Forum Requests

Executive Session - Discussion Of Collective Bargaining Agreement Pursuant To NMSA 1978, 10-15-1(H)(5). This will be held in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

The working meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Laci Newland, President

ATTEST TO: _____
Katie Buchholz, Secretary