

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
WORKING 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
Brian Dowdy, CTE Director
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
Jennifer Garlick, Teacher
Hayley Lewis, Public Information Officer
Rebekah Deane, Counselor
Cynthia Fitzpatrick, District MLSS Coordinator
Jamie Bridges, Math Interventionalist
Caleb Bellah, Director of Facilities and Operations
Kimberly Zah, Indian Education Coordinator
Charida Sanders, Aztec High School Principal
Kari Milam, McCoy Elementary Principal
Angela Martinez, Math Interventionalist
Amanda Johnson, Math Interventionalist
Melody Postoak, Teacher

VISITORS: Sarah Cruz
Danny Roberts
Charles E. Dobey
Charles Dobey
Brett Lanier
Dedrianna Wauneka

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 Fundraiser Request – Vista Nueva High School – T-Shirt Fundraiser. Mrs. Rebekah Deane, Counselor, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Girls Basketball Booster Club – Online Fundraising Group. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Koogler Middle School – Popcorn and Pickle Sale. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Park Avenue Elementary School – Art – “Tat a Teacher”. Ms. Jennifer Garlick, Teacher, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Cheer and Dance Booster Club – T-Shirt Sale. Ms. Sarah Cruz was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Dance and Cheer Booster Club – Sale of Bow and Memorabilia Items. Ms. Sarah Cruz was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School - Cheer Booster Club – Selling Flower Bouquets. Ms. Sarah Cruz was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Aztec High School – Cheer Booster Club – Portion of Shout Outs Sold. Ms. Sarah Cruz was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – Educators Rising – Chipotle Fundraiser. Ms. Melody Postoak, Teacher, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Fundraiser Request – League of Nations Club – Assemble and Sell Christmas Treat Bags. Ms. Dedrianna Wauneka was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – American Indian Office – Look Across The Mountain X Conference – Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ms. Kimberly Zah, Indian Education Coordinator, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec Wrestling Team – Western Slope Showdown – Montrose, Colorado. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School – PlayMakers – NM State Thespian Festival and NMAA – One Act Competition – Las Cruces, New Mexico. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School Band – 2026 NWNMMEA Honor Band Festival – Shiprock, New Mexico. Discussion was held. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Student/Field Trip Request – Aztec High School and Koogler Middle School Bands – 2026 Fort Lewis Honor Band Festival – Durango, Colorado. Discussion was held.

Recognition and Presentations

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Ms. Phyllis Cox, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. 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 presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – JJE – Student Fundraising Activities – First Read. This will be discussed in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

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

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented New Board Policy – Professional/Support Staff/Personal/Emergency Responder/Victims of Domestic Abuse. First Read. This will be discussed in the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented New Board Policy – Professional Staff/Bereavement Leave. First Read. This will be discussed 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 discussed during the Regular Board Meeting. No discussion was held.

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

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

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Financial Report. This will be discussed during 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. This will be held 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.

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
No Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS*

Approve The Superintendent Evaluation Completed In Executive Session.

Approve Contract Of The Superintendent

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

ADJOURNMENT

The working meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Board Elect President

ATTEST TO: _____
Board Elect Secretary