

AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTE - **DRAFT**
May 9, 2024

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, Interim Superintendent Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance Jenelle Cummins, CTE Director Brenda McNeal, Koogler Middle School Principal Cassandra Brown, Teacher Samantha Arrington, Koogler Middle School Assistant Principal Phyllis Cox, McCoy Elementary School Principal Jessica Martinez, Teacher John Welch, Safety Supervisor Justin Harcrow, Teacher Samantha Nelson, Lydia Rippey Elementary School Principal Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Assistant Principal Cory Gropp, Director of Athletics and Activities Mrs. Ashley Lee, Teacher Ms. Marsha Buell, Teacher Patrick Sannes, Math Instructional Coach Jessica Sledzinski, Park Avenue Principal Catherine Olson, Career Readiness Specialist Heather Cascio, Teacher
VISITORS:	Sierra Sanders Camielle Franch Justin Franch Karen Franch Albert Franch Annette Digiacomo Logan Southern Ahluls Digiacomo Shaylyn Ridgley Sophia Malouff Eli Malouff Daniel Malouff Britani Bishop Brandon Bishop Adyson Bishop Charlotte Red

Sage Red
Anthony Red
Julian Frank
Rylan Johnson
Melvina Cox
Danny Cox
Marcella Miller
Victoria Miller
Jason Miller
Inna Miller
Tiffany Akin
Kayla Lasater
Aubrianna Gonzales
Aaleiah Gonzales
Antonio Gonzales
Melissa Bird
Madison Cooley
Leesha Allee
Maria Gutierrez
Juan Delgado
Allison McDonald
Addison McDonald
Cooper Cascio
Chillon Dickson
Gideon Dickson
Robert Lucero
Daniel Garcia
Eileen Salazar
Emiliah Salazar

CALL TO ORDER

The 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.

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. Cox 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 Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; second Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented and recommended to approve the minutes from the April Board Meetings as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the minutes from the April Board Meetings as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Board of Education Awards to the Koogler Middle School Poetry Slam Winners: Jaidyn Allen, Addison McDonald, Logan Southern, Mylie Delgado and Eli Malouff. MS. Cassandra Brown was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Board of Education Awards to the Koogler Middle School – 2024-2025 – Student Council: Oswaldo Lopez, Danny Cox, Cooper Cascio, Annabel Capps, Emilian Salazar, Landon Rivera, Luke Nichols, Anthony Red, Addison McDonald, Kolby Akin, Deegan Stephens, Nora Leuthard, Kayla Douglas, Charis Robison, Victoria Miller, Tyleah Wilson, Addison Summers, Aaleiah Gonzales, Kegan Keller, Taylor Castillo, Peyton Rivera, Jullian Thornburg, Daniella Alba and Gideon Dickson. Mrs. Ashley Lee, Teacher, and Ms. Marsha Buell, Teacher, were present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Board of Education Awards to Aztec High School – Key Club: Ashley Vilchiz-Hernandez – First Place – Digital Poster and Qualifying for the International Competition and Maddison Cooley – Qualifying for the International Representative – SW District. Ms. Ashley Vilchiz-Hernandez and Ms. Maddison Cooley were present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Board of Education Awards to the Park Avenue Science Fair Top Winners: Adyson Bishop – 5th Grade and Diem Franch – 4th Grade. Mrs. Jessica Martinez, Teacher, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Board of Education Awards to Mrs. Charda Sanders – 2024 Assistant Principal of the Year. Discussion was held.

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented on the Federal Programs Application. Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws and Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, were present for any questions. Discussion was held.

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Forum Requests

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.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – B-1250-BDG – School Attorney (First Readings of Proposed Changes). Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey presented and was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the lighting at Tiger Sports Stadium. Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws discussed the tentative plan working with the City of Aztec. Discussion was held.

REPORTS

Interim Superintendent's Report – Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Interim Superintendent's Report. Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws included the Interim Superintendent's Report in Board Book. Discussion was held.

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

ACTION ITEMS*

Approve Fundraiser Requests – Action Items 10-A to 10-E*

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Fundraiser Requests - Action Items 10- A to 10-E as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the Student/Field Fundraiser Requests – Action Items 10-A to 10-E as presented; second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

Approval Student/Field Trip Request – The League of Nations Members/Co-Sponsors – Northern Arizona University – Flagstaff, Arizona*

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Student/Field Trip Request – The League of Nations Members/Co-Sponsors- Northern Arizona University – Flagstaff, Arizona as presented. Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the Student/Field Request – The League of Nations Members/Co-Sponsors – Northern Arizona University – Flagstaff, Arizona as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

Approval of 20242025SY Calendar*

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the 20242025SY Calendar as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the 20242025SY Calendar as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

Approval of Annual Open Meetings Resolution*

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Annual Open Meetings Resolution as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the Annual Open Meetings Resolution as presented; second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

Approval of Instructional Materials Adoption*

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the Instructional Materials Adoption as presented. Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz made a motion to approve the Instructional Materials Adoption as presented; second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

Approval of FY2425 AMSD Financial Budget and Salary Schedules*

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the FY2425 AMSD Financial Budget and Salary Schedules as presented. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, was present for any questions. Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz made a motion to approve the FY2425 AMSD Financial Budget and Salary Schedules as presented; second Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

Approval of FY2425 Mosaic Academy Financial Budget*

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the request to approve the FY2425 Mosaic Academy Financial Budget as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to approve the FY2425 Mosaic Academy Financial Budget as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA*

Interim Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented and recommended the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia included the Consent Agenda in the Board Packet. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, was present for any questions. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; second Board Member Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

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

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board of Education Will Convene In A Closed Executive Session For The Following Purposes: 1. Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) Of The New Mexico Open Meetings Act To Discuss Limited Personnel Matters, Specifically, To Meet With The Interim Superintendent To Discuss Interim Superintendent Roles, Responsibilities And Performance Expectations; and 2. To Meet With Legal Counsel To Discuss Pending Or Threatened Litigation As Permitted Under Section 10-15-1(H)(7) Of The New Mexico Open Meetings Act, Specifically To Be Advised By The Holcomb Law Firm Regarding The Status Of A Request By A Former Employee For An Independent Arbitration Under NMSA 1978, Section 22-10A-28.

Board President Mrs. Fran Dobey recommended The Board of Education Convene In A Closed Executive Session For The Following Purposes: 1. Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) Of The New Mexico Open Meetings Act To Discuss Limited Personnel Matters, Specifically, To Meet With The Interim Superintendent To Discuss Interim Superintendent Roles, Responsibilities And Performance Expectations; and 2. To Meet With Legal Counsel To Discuss Pending Or Threatened Litigation As Permitted Under Section 10-15-1(H)(7) Of The New Mexico Open Meetings Act, Specifically To Be Advised By The Holcomb Law Firm Regarding The Status Of A Request By A Former Employee For An Independent Arbitration Under NMSA 1978, Section 22-10A-28 as presented; Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to convene into Executive Session as presented second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; vote unanimous.

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

Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive session at 739 p.m.

Board Secretary Mrs. Laci Newland made a motion to return to the Regular Board Meeting at 8:42 p.m.; second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; vote unanimous. No decision was made.

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

Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Regular School Board Meeting, Thursday, June 6, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Working Session, Thursday, June 6, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Aztec High School Graduation, Monday, May 20, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Vista Nueva High School Graduation, Thursday, May 23, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. – Connie Gotsch Theatre – San Juan College

2024 School Law Conference, May 30, 2024, to June 1, 2024, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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 8:43 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Fran Dobey, President

ATTEST TO: _____
Laci Newland, Secretary