MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 8, 2019

The Board of Education of the Artesia Public School District met in regular session in the Lowell M. Irby Board Room, at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Irby, Board President, called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – A Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

LOWELL IRBY	**President**
JEFF BOWMAN	**Vice-President**
DAVID CONKLIN	**Member**
LUIS FLOREZ	**Member**
CHERIE WIDMAYER	**Secretary**

Staff attending the meeting included John Ross Null-Superintendent, Danny Parker- Asst. Superintendent of Secondary Education, Mike Worley-Asst. Superintendent of Elementary Education & Federal Programs, Janet Grice-Director of Finance, and Josie Reyes-Secretary to the Board.

Not in attendance at this meeting - Thad Phipps-Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Others attending the meeting were Scotty Stall, Lynn Worley, Cody Hanagan, Dennis Garcia, Kaci Whitmire, and Teresa Lemon w/Artesia Daily Press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ms. Widmayer led the pledge to the United States flag and the official salute to the New Mexico flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Irby asked for corrections, deletions, or changes to the agenda. Mr. Null reported there were no changes, corrections, or deletions and asked the Board to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Conklin and seconded by Mr. Florez to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mr. Null asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Phipps' wife, Alisha, who passed away recently. The Board and all in attendance honored Mr. Null's request and offered a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Alisha Phipps.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –

A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, June 10, 2019
B. Transportation Items – None for this meeting.
C. Auditorium (Use of School Buildings) Requests – Central Valley Electric, March 14, 2020

Mr. Null asked the Board to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Ms. Widmayer made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowman, and the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCES REPORT –

A. Recommend Approval of (as included in Board Packets):
1. **Bills** – (See Exhibit A)
2. **Budget Report** – (See Exhibit B)

3. **Budget Adjustments** – (See Exhibit C)
4. **Fund Balance Report** – (See Exhibit D)
5. **Loans** – (See Exhibit E)
6. **Fixed Assets Reconciliation Report** – (See Exhibit F)

Ms. Grice, concurred by Mr. Null, asked the Board to approve the monthly Bills, the Budget Report, the Budget Adjustments, the Fund Balance Report, the temporary Loans Report, and the Fixed Assets Report as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Widmayer to approve the monthly Bills, the Budget Report, the Fund Balance Report, the Budget Adjustments, the temporary Loans Report, and the Fixed Assets Report as presented and as requested by Ms. Grice and concurred by Mr. Null. The motion passed unanimously.

ASST. SUPT. OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION & FEDERAL PROGRAMS -

A. Report on K-5+ Summer School Program at Grand Heights ECC and all Elementary Schools – Mr. Worley addressed the Board and reported that this year all elementary schools and our kindergarten school are participating in the K-5+ Summer School Program with approximately 423 students enrolled. Mr. Worley reported that K5+ testing is administered at the beginning, the middle, and the end of the program using the iStation program to monitor the students' progress. Mr. Worley added that the Legislature has required that the K-5+ students be placed with their Summer School Program teacher for the 2019-2020 school year as a means to stay consistent in educating the students. Mr. Worley reminded the Board that this program is not a remedial program, it is a jump start for students going into the next grade.

B. Seek Board Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Artesia Public Schools and the Artesia Head Start Program – Mr. Worley, concurred by Mr. Null, asked the Board for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Artesia Head Start Program for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Worley added that the Artesia Public Schools provide ancillary services to Head Start students and, in turn, we can add the students to our enrollment count. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Widmayer for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Artesia Head Start Program for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion passed unanimously. (See Exhibit G)

C. Seek Board Approval to Renew License for Reading & Math Diagnostic and Assessment Software through Renaissance Learning – Mr. Worley, concurred by Mr. Null, asked the Board for approval to renew the license for reading & math diagnostic and assessment software through Renaissance Learning at the total price of $114,411.40 with SB9 funds to pay for this request; this renewal is done annually. Mr. Worley added that the price of the license is determined by the number of students registered in the District. A motion was made by Mr. Florez and seconded by Mr. Conklin for approval to renew the license with Renaissance Learning for reading & math diagnostic and assessment software at the total price of $114,411.40 as requested by Mr. Worley and concurred by Mr. Null. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Seek Board Approval to Purchase zSpace 3-D Laptop Stations, Software, & Licensing for the Five Elementary Schools & Peñasco School– Mr. Worley, concurred by Mr. Null, asked the Board for approval to purchase zSpace 3-D laptop stations, software, & licensing for the five elementary schools and Peñasco School at the total price of $50,014. Mr. Worley added that the cost of this purchase will be paid for jointly with private donors and the SB9 account and will not affect operational funds. A motion was made by Ms. Widmayer and seconded by Mr. Bowman for approval to purchase zSpace 3-D laptop stations, software, & licensing for the five elementary schools and Peñasco School at the total price of $50,014 as requested by Mr. Worley and concurred by Mr. Null. The motion passed unanimously.

ASST. SUPT. OF SECONDARY EDUCATION –

A. Seek Board Approval to Purchase zSpace 3-D Laptop Stations, Software, & Licensing for the AHS Auto Mechanics Program – Mr. Parker, concurred by Mr. Null, asked the Board for approval to purchase zSpace 3-D laptop stations, software, & licensing for the Artesia High School Auto Mechanics Program at the total price of $21,651.00 good for three years. A motion was made by Mr. Conklin and seconded by Mr. Florez for approval to purchase zSpace 3-D laptop stations, software, and licensing for the Artesia High School Auto Mechanics Program at the total price of $21,651.00 with a three-year contract as requested by Mr. Parker and concurred by Mr. Null. The motion passed unanimously.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF OPERATIONS REPORT –

A. Seek Board Approval to Accept the CES Proposal for Vitriturf Surfacing at Grand Heights ECC - Mr. Null, in the absence of Mr. Phipps, asked the Board for approval to accept the CES proposal for vitriturf surfacing at Grand Heights ECC from AK Sales at the total price of $108,842.94 after evaluating the surfacing including the material underneath. This purchase will be paid for with HB33 funds. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Conklin for approval to accept the CES proposal for vitriturf surfacing from AK Sales for Grand Heights ECC at the total price of $108,842.94 as requested & concurred by Mr. Null in the absence of Mr. Phipps. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Seek Board Approval to Accept the CES Proposal for Flex Active Tables for Science Classrooms at Artesia Intermediate School - Mr. Null, in the absence of Mr. Phipps, asked the Board for approval to accept the CES proposal from AK Sales for thirty-six flex active tables at the total price of $29,109.00 to replace the existing desks in the science classrooms. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Conklin for approval to accept the CES proposal from AK Sales for the purchase of thirty-six flex active tables for the science classrooms at Artesia Intermediate School at the total price of $29,109.00 as requested by Mr. Null in the absence of Mr. Phipps. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Seek Board Approval to Accept the CES Proposal to Furnish and Install Fencing at the Artesia High School JV Baseball Field and Yucca Elementary School – Mr. Null, in the absence of Mr. Phipps, asked the Board for approval to accept the CES Proposal from TriWest Fence to furnish and install fencing at the high school junior varsity baseball field and Yucca Elementary School at the total cost of $27,005.06 with HB33 funds to be used to pay for this project. A motion was made by Mr. Florez and seconded by Ms. Widmayer to accept the CES Proposal from TriWest Fence to furnish and install fencing at the high school junior varsity baseball field and Yucca Elementary School at the total price of $27,005.06 as requested by Mr. Null in the absence of Mr. Phipps. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Seek Board Approval to Accept the CES Proposal to Replace the Infield Artificial Turf at the Artesia High School Baseball & Softball Fields – Mr. Null, in the absence of Mr. Phipps, asked the Board for approval to accept the CES proposal from Ellis Construction to replace the infield artificial turf at the Artesia High School baseball and softball fields at the total cost of $168,306.02. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Widmayer to accept the CES proposal from Ellis Construction to replace the infield artificial turf at the Artesia High School baseball and softball fields at the total cost of $168,306.02 as requested by Mr. Null in the absence of Mr. Phipps. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

A. Staff and Operation Items: Mr. Null announced the following:

1. Retirement Announcements:
   - Judy Stewart, School Counselor, Artesia High School
2. Leave of Absence Announcements: None for this meeting.

3. Resignation Announcements:
    - Candace Smith, Educational Asst., Grand Heights ECC
    - Cynthia Pando, D-Level SPED Asst, Artesia Junior High School
    - Mirta Perez, Custodian, Artesia Junior High School
    - Evan Nevarez, Spanish Teacher, Artesia High School
4. Family Medical Leave Announcements: None for this meeting.
5. Employment Announcements –
    - Mykol Horner, Secretary to the Superintendent, Administration
    - Rhonda Luna, Special Education Teacher, Roselawn Elementary School
    - Kathleen Smith, .60 School Nurse, Roselawn Elementary School
    - Kami Frost, Language Arts Teacher, Artesia Intermediate School
    - Joslyn Rodriguez, Special Education Inclusion Teacher, Artesia Intermediate School
    - LaDonna Sanchez, Language Arts Teacher, Artesia Intermediate School
    - Maria Soto, Custodian, Artesia Intermediate School
    - Dennis Garcia, Asst. Principal, Artesia Junior High School
    - Candace Pollard, Social Studies Teacher, Artesia Junior High School
    - Chris Smith, Math Teacher, Artesia Junior High School
    - Karime Zubia, Spanish Teacher, Artesia High School
    - Tanya Nolen, Diagnostician, Special Education Dept.
    - Tamra Reyes, COTA, Special Education Dept.
6. Current Job Postings – Mr. Null presented and reported on the Job Vacancies as of July 3, 2019. Mr. Null was pleased to report that there were only two certified vacancies that have not been filled. (See Exhibit H)

B. Seek Board Approval to Adopt the Open Meetings Resolution – Mr. Null asked the Board to adopt the Open Meetings Resolution for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Mr. Null added that this resolution is presented yearly and adopted as required by state statutes. A motion was made by Mr. Conklin and seconded by Mr. Florez for approval to adopt the Open Meetings Resolution for the 2019-2020 school year as presented and as requested by Mr. Null. The motion passed unanimously. (See Exhibit I)

C. Seek Board Approval of Statements of Board of Education Priorities (2nd Reading) – Mr. Null asked the Board for approval of the Board of Education Priorities as presented. Mr. Null explained all five of the priorities and reported that the District will move forward using the New Mexico DASH (Data, Accountability, Sustainability, High Achievement) to establish annual and 90-day action steps. The Priorities are as follows:

1) School Safety 2) Student Achievement 3) Support of Staff 4) Community Relations
5) Capital Improvements

A motion was made by Mr. Florez and seconded by Mr. Conklin to approve the Board of Education Priorities as presented and as requested by Mr. Null. The motion passed unanimously. (See Exhibit J)

I. **Seek Board Approval of Student Dress Code (2nd Reading)** – Mr. Null presented and explained the changes that were made to the Artesia Public Schools Student Dress Code as a result of a concern that was filed with the Office of Civil Rights recently. After making wording adjustments to the dress code policy with the help of legal counsel, Mr. Null asked the Board to approve the Artesia Public Schools

Student Dress Code as presented. Mr. Null reported that the District is to uphold the standards of decency and enforce the policy as consistently as possible. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Widmayer for approval of the Artesia Public Schools Student Dress Code with the revisions presented and as requested by Mr. Null. The motion passed unanimously. (See Exhibit K)

J. **See Board Approval to Adopt the Board Policy Advisories #166 - #183 (2nd Reading)** – Mr. Null asked the Board to adopt the Board Policy Advisories #166 through #183 as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Florez and seconded by Mr. Conklin to adopt the Board Policy Advisories #166 through #183 as presented and as requested by Mr. Null. The motion passed unanimously. (See Exhibit L)

K. **Construction Update** – Mr. Null reported the following construction updates:
- Eagl Gunshot detection systems have been installed throughout the District with 99% confidence level & new software
- Hermosa School HVAC project moving slowly
- Dual credit keyboarding lab is in the process of being installed at AJHS
- Roselawn School carpeting project going well
- LED scoreboards, basketball goals have been installed at the Bulldog Pit
- Maintenance Dept. has been working diligently on the school grounds/grass looks very nice
- Many residents are taking advantage of the new Aquatic Center

L. **NMPED UPDATE** – Mr. Null reported that:
- He was very optimistic about the New Mexico Public Education Department and their willingness to ask for input from Superintendents and reaching out through regional meetings
- Received a flyer from the NMPED with mission statements on Vision, Mission, & Core Values (See Exhibit M)
- July 26, 2019, in Santa Fe, rule-making hearings will be held and will be allowing public input
- July 26, 2019, there will be public input meeting in Santa Fe for discussion on medical cannabis with a rule & policy advisory committee forming

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Null reported the he recently testified to the Legislative Finance Committee regarding insufficient funding with the District's Bilingual Program which fell short and was unable to provide services to at-risk students. Although extra funding was received for salary increases, the District suffered a net loss of $13,000 in the Bilingual Program

PUBLIC FORUM – None for this meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
- July 12-13, 2019, NMSBA 2019 Leadership Retreat, Ruidoso, NM
- Aug. 8, 2019, New Staff Breakfast, 7:00 AM, Bulldog Training Center
- Aug. 9, 2019, Back to School Faculty Meeting. 8:00 am, Estelle H. Yates Auditorium

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
- Aug. 12, 2019, 6:00 P.M. in Lowell M. Irby Board Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Cherie Widmayer

Cherie Widmayer, Secretary