



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 13, 2020**

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, Thad Phipps-Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Janet Grice-Director of Finance, and Mykol Horner-Secretary to the Board.

Others attending the meeting: Eric Greer, Lynn Worley, Tammy Davis, Juli, Dakota, Lola, Violet Newton, Vicki, Jr., Jill Thurman, Kaci Whitmire, Jon Ross, Chanda Crandall, Cody Hanagan, Anna Kelley, Scott Neel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Jeff Bowman 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 was one deletion to the agenda, and that was item 4, the swearing in of newly elected school board members. There were no other changes, corrections, or deletions. The Board approved the agenda as presented. A motion was made by David Conklin and seconded by Jeff Bowman to approve the agenda with its corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Null presented the school board election results and asked for them to be approved. A motion was made by Luis Florez to accept the results and it was seconded by Mr. Conklin. The motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT OF POLICY BDA (BOARD ORGANIZATION)

With the change in the election cycle for school boards, a board will now reorganize at the first meeting in January. Mr. Null recommended that we adopt this amendment to policy BDA. The policy services alert states that offices are for a one-year term. Our current policy states offices are for two-year terms. Mr. Null recommended we maintain our current status of two-year terms. Mr. Bowman made a motion to keep our current status of two-year terms and Ms. Widmayer seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Mr. Null asked for nominations and conducted the selection of our School Board President. Mr. Bowman made a motion for Mr. Irby to continue being the President of the board and Mr. Conklin seconded the motion. Mr. Irby then began conducting the election process by asking for nominations for Vice President and Secretary of the Board. David Conklin made a motion for Jeff Bowman as the position of Vice President and Mr. Florez seconded the motion. Mr. Bowman then made a motion for Cherie Widmayer to continue as Secretary of the Board and Mr. Florez seconded the motion. All motions passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mr. Null also presented Juli Newton, Elementary Art Teacher, with the Tate Branch Success Maker award for the month of December. Her Successory notes were read to the board and audience along with a short video of her receiving the award.

Mr. Null thanked the board of education for their support and leadership in honor of January being board appreciation month.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS –

- A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, December 9, 2019
- B. Transportation Items – None for this meeting
- C. Auditorium Requests –

Mr. Null asked the Board to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Bowman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Widmayer, 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) - Quarterly
 - 6. Fixed Assets Reconciliation Report — (See Exhibit F)

Mrs. 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 it was seconded by Mr. Florez 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. The motion passed unanimously.

ASST. SUPT. OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION & FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- A. Mr. Worley reported on the STEM Centers that are being placed in our elementary schools this semester. The centers are being supported through local businesses and a partnership with foundations. There will be a ribbon cutting in March at Hermosa Elementary.

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION –

- A. No report for this meeting

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF OPERATIONS

A. *Seek Approval of Design Services for the Artesia Intermediate HVAC Renovation

Mr. Phipps, concurred by Mr. Null, sought the approval of a CES proposal from Bridgers & Paxton Engineers, LLC for design services for the Artesia Intermediate HVAC renovation, at the cost of \$61,488.75. This would be funded through HB33 account. Jeff Bowman made the motion and David Conklin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Retirement Announcements:
 - Zabrina Bowden
 - Marcia Gardner
2. Leave of Absence Announcements: None for this meeting.
3. Resignation Announcements:
 - Brittany Titsworth, 4th Grade Teacher, Yeso
 - Jazmin Raglin, Custodian, AHS
4. Employment Announcements —
 - Gena Farmer, Special Education Assistant, Roselawn
 - Sherry England, Special Education Educational Assistant, Yeso
 - Kimberly Glennie, 4th Grade Teacher, Yeso
 - Brandi Cox, Art Teacher, Artesia Junior High
5. Current Job Postings —
 - Custodian – Artesia High School
 - Crossing Guard – 1.5 hours/day
 - Non-Certified Staff
 - Speech Therapist (SLP)
 - Activity Bus Drivers
 - Substitute Teachers
 - Substitute Cafeteria Assistant & Substitute Custodians

B. SEEK APPROVAL NMSBA POLICY ADVISORY 203 REGARDING DIABETES MANAGEMENT

This will be the second reading of Policy Advisory 203 regarding Diabetes Management that serves to comply with Senate Bill 48—the “Student Diabetes Management Act. It is mandated that each school train two employees by the school nurse to help with these students when the school nurse is not at our school sites. Mr. Null recommended adoption of the policy advisory with the addition of the release of liability. Mr. Bowman made a motion to adopt NMSBA Policy Advisory 203 Regarding Diabetes Management and it was seconded by Mr. Florez. Motion passed unanimously.

C. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Null gave the board a project schedule on the Yucca addition and renovation. No action was needed.

D. NMPED/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Null announced to the board that the district has developed an Equity Council in response to the Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit. Members of the council are comprised of district administrators, school administrators, teachers, student volunteers, and parent volunteers. The next step in this process is to begin utilizing a readiness assessment tool, which is currently being developed by NMPED. Mr. Null explained that more information regarding the Equity Council is available on the district’s website.

E. *Superintendent’s Contract recommendation (Mr. Irby)

The school board offered to extend Mr. Null’s contract for a one-year extension. Mr. Bowman made a motion to accept the extension of Mr. Null’s contract and it was seconded by Mr. Florez.


10: PUBLIC FORUM - None for this meeting.

11. DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, January 23rd – Saturday, January 25th – NMSBA Board Institute in Santa Fe
- Monday, February 10th – 6:00 p.m. – Next regularly scheduled board meeting

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None for this meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT — The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.


Cherie Widmayer, Secretary