



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 7, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Artesia Public School District met in special session in the Lowell M. Irby Board Room, at 3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER — Mr. Irby, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 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	ZOOM	Member
CHERIE WIDMAYER		Secretary

Staff attending the meeting in person 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, Mykol Horner-Secretary to the Board and Thad Phipps-Assistant Superintendent of Operations joined by Zoom.

Others attending the meeting: APS employees attending in person were Scotty Stall, and Cody Hanagan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The pledge to the United States flag and the official salute to the New Mexico flag were led by David Conklin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA — Mr. Irby asked for corrections, deletions, or changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Widmayer to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

● **Seek Approval of CES Quote for Carts and Technology Devices to Equip Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Classrooms for Student Use**

Mr. Null sought approval of a CES Quote for Carts and Technology Devices to Equip Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade Classrooms for student use at the cost of \$728,012. After lengthy discussion and working with principals, it was determined that enriching the learning opportunities for the students on the days they are not learning in person would be valuable. It was decided a tablet type device instead of a laptop would work best for these students. Two local foundations approached the schools, wanting to know if they could be of assistance. After sharing our needs, the foundation's executive boards approved \$482,500 for the plan. The intent is to have these devices in the hands of the students by the middle of January. Ms. Widmayer made a motion to approve the quote for Carts and Technology Devices to equip Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade classrooms for student use, and Mr. Bowman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A. *Seek Approval to Issue an RFP for Furniture for the Yucca Addition

Mr. Phipps, concurred by Mr. Null, sought approval to Issue an RFP for furniture for the Yucca addition. The Yucca staff and administration have had 3 meetings with Dekker Perich & Sabatini and their design team and have spent many hours making decisions for what they believe to be the right furniture for the regular ed classrooms, Special Education classrooms, art, STEM lab, conference room and music room. We are ready to start receiving quotes to

start this process. A motion was made by Mr. Bowman to approve to issue an RFP for Furniture for the Yucca Addition, and it was seconded by Ms. Widmayer.

9. **Public Forum** – None

10. **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- December 14th Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- December 21st – January 1st Winter Break

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

12. **ADJOURNMENT** — The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.



Cherie Widmayer, Secretary