

MINUTES - REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Los Alamos School Board held a Regular School Board meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Boardroom. President Ahlers called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

3. ROLL CALL

Present	Joan Ahlers, President Kenneth Johnson, Vice President Jody Benson, Secretary Thelma Hahn, Board Member Gene Schmidt, Superintendent Kate Thomas, Assistant Superintendent John Wolfe, Director of Business Services Cathy McAnally, Recording Secretary
Absent	Melanie McKinley, Board Member

4. Recognition by the Board

The Board recognized Dr. Eugene Schmidt, new Los Alamos Public Schools Superintendent. Dr. Schmidt told the Board that he feels this position is an incredible opportunity and he looks forward to continuing the focus on student improvement.

The Board also recognized Los Alamos Public Schools for being named one of the eight New Mexico school districts that received the 2009 “What Parents Want” Award by School Match.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Routine Business/Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Approval of Agenda

Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda after deleting 7.5 Report on Open Enrollment. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

6.2 Approval of Minutes: Special School Board Meeting and Work Session, June 25, 2009

Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting and Work Session of June 25, 2009. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

6.2 Ratification of the June Cash Disbursements

Mr. Wolfe responded to questions from the Board including a question regarding the use of leased facilities funds to make a recent payroll due to a late payment from the State and transfer of those funds

back into a leased facilities account when the funds were received from the State. Mr. Wolfe stated that he had been advised by his contact at the Public Education Department that there is no issue with this procedure. Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to ratify the June 2009 Cash Disbursements. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

7. Presentations and Recommendations of the Superintendent and Information for the Board

7.1 First Reading of Policies

5128 and 5128R Tobacco Policy

Ms. Thomas introduced several members of the Wellness Committee who were present at the meeting. This committee, which consists of teachers, parents, community members and the district's Prevention Specialist, has been meeting for several months to review and rewrite the district's tobacco policy and regulation. Mr. Morrie Pongratz gave a report on the results of the PRIDE survey questions regarding tobacco use. Ms. Thomas reviewed the changes to the policy and regulations. Ms. Benson will provide some specific wording for consideration in revising this policy and regulation. The Board also discussed the need for additional signs in appropriate locations at the sites and at Sullivan Field. Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to table policy 5128. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

5127 Graduation Requirements

After a review, the Board took no action on this policy.

7.2 June Journal Entry Report

Mr. Wolfe presented the Journal Entry Report for June 2009 consisting of entries at a value of \$10,000 or more to meet an audit requirement. The Board thanked Mr. Wolfe for this monthly report.

7.3 Trinity Development Project

Ms. Ahlers referred to a recent newspaper article stating that the Boyer Company had been given a 30-day deadline by the County to complete an agreement. If that deadline is not met, the district's negotiations team will move forward with the generic documents that the district's attorney has prepared. Dr. Schmidt acknowledged Ms. Ahlers' skills in negotiations and contract language. The Board thanked Ms. Ahlers for her work on this project for the district.

7.4 Approval of 09/10 Action Items

The Board revised the action item list for 09/10 school year, making several deletions and additions. While reviewing the list, the Board requested that Ms. Thomas e-mail a report on high school ranking to the Board. Based on information received at a recent law conference, the meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month will not be advertised as a "Special" meeting since it is held on a regularly scheduled basis.

7.5 Charge for LAPS Legislative Task Force

Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to approve the charge for the LAPS Legislative Task Force. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

7.6 Holiday Rentals Guidelines

Mr. Wolfe discussed a proposal to revise the district's rules for renting facilities on holidays and provided the Board with a list of renters that used district facilities during holidays during the past school year. This change would be implemented for the 2010/2011 school year and would save the district on energy costs. The Board directed the administration to notify all renters of this upcoming change in procedure.

7.7 Parking Lot Resolution

After a discussion, Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to approve the resolution supporting the local government road fund program funding for the Canyon School parking lot, numbered 2009/2010-001. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

**8. Unfinished Business
Policy Review 5000-9000**

The Board scheduled a Special School Board meeting on Friday, July 17th at noon to review policies 5000 – 9000.

9. Board Requested Discussion or Action

10. Future Business

11.1 Special School Board Meeting and Work Session, July 23, 2009, in the boardroom at 6:00 P.M.

The Board cancelled the July 23rd Special School Board meeting and work session.

11.2 Board Retreat, August 8, 2009, in the boardroom

The Board set the Board retreat for Saturday, August 8th from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Ahlers adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Draft Prepared and Respectfully Submitted
on Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Cathy McAnally, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Attested:

President

Secretary