

MINUTES - REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM

The School Board held an Executive Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. in Conference Room A to discuss a limited personnel matter. No decisions were made at this meeting and Ms. Ahlers adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Los Alamos School Board held a Regular School Board meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Boardroom. President Ahlers called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. Recognition by the Board

Los Alamos Public Schools Foundation’s Executive Director, Joanna Gillespie, made a presentation to the Board regarding the classroom makeover project of E19 at Los Alamos High School. The Board thanked Ms. Gillespie, the foundation and the donors for this project.

Dr. Schmidt presented the Board with a plaque from the School Match Program for Los Alamos Public Schools’ participation in their program.

The Board recognized Los Alamos Public Schools Prevention Specialist, Georgina Williams, for completing the International Certification for Prevention Specialist.

The Board also recognized Mr. Rick Mai, Los Alamos Public Schools’ Director of Student Services for being named, “Administrator of the Year” in New Mexico by his peers.

5a. High School Student Council Report

Josh Dolin, Los Alamos High School Student Body President, reported to the Board on the plans for homecoming on October 2nd, which will include a parade and a football game on Friday followed by a dance on Saturday, October 3rd.

5b. Public Comment

A parent requested a hearing with the School Board in a closed meeting regarding a personnel matter.

Another parent requested that detailed information about incidents at the sites be provided to parents prior to the publishing of information by the local newspaper. She also stated that she concurs with the other parent's issue.

6. Routine Business/Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Approval of Agenda

Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

6.2 Approval of Minutes: School Board Meeting and Work Session of August 27, 2009

Ms. McKinley made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the School Board Meeting and Work Session of August 27, 2009. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

6.3 Ratification of August Cash Disbursements

After a discussion of the disbursements, Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to ratify the cash disbursements for the month of August 2009. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

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

7.1 Second Reading of Policies

3326 Bills

After reviewing proposed changes, Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to approve policy 3326, Bills. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

3327 Signing of Checks

The Board directed the administrators to research the checks and balances used by other school districts and possibly the County in the process of approving payments for expenditures.

After a discussion, Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to table policy 3327, Signing of checks. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

3440 Inventories

Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to approve policy 3440, Inventories. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

1140 Distribution of Materials

Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to approve Policy 1140, Distribution of materials, as amended. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

7.2 Second Reading of Policy and Regulation: Tobacco 5128/1328/4028

Ms. Thomas introduced Katie Bridgewater and Georgina Williams, who served on the committee to revise this policy and regulation to incorporate prevention and cessation wording and take out the

punitive sections. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Bridgewater will develop an age appropriate no use contract for grades Kindergarten through third. The Board requested that Ms. Thomas amend the next to last paragraph to read that the Prevention Specialist will provide an annual report to the Director of Student Services, his/her immediate supervisor. The Board also reviewed the revised regulation on tobacco.

Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to approve Policy 5128/1328/428, Tobacco, as amended. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

7.3 Journal Entry Report for August

Mr. Wolfe presented the journal entry report for August 2009. He pointed out several entries that were entered twice and were reversed out.

7.4 Trinity Site Development Project

Ms. Ahlers advised the Board that there was no update on these negotiations.

7.5 Long-term Financial Planning Committee

Mr. Wolfe and Ms. Thomas will facilitate this committee along with Mr. Tim Doyle from Los Alamos National Bank. Prospective committee members have been contacted and a first meeting date has been set for October 5th.

7.6 Proposed Lease of A15

Mr. Wolfe presented a proposed lease of one acre of A15 for the Board's consideration. The district's attorney developed this agreement and the lease rate was based on a current appraisal. The Board requested that a site plan be added to the agreement and that Mr. Wolfe check the company's references prior to approval of the lease. A special school board meeting may be scheduled after the site plan has been added and references have been checked.

8. Unfinished Business

The Board discussed the e-alert system.

Dr. Schmidt advised the Board that the administration is currently working on a plan for developing master schedules at the secondary level, as well as, developing a timeline for registration and delivery of student schedules for the 2010/2011 school year. A meeting has been planned this month to identify what drives the schedule, individual needs or the needs of the mass of students.

Ms. Hahn requested information regarding the GATE model in the district. Mr. Mai invited Ms. Hahn and Ms. McKinley to attend the annual GATE meetings in the spring. The elementary GATE program, the middle school GATE program and the high school GATE program are the three focus areas of the three meetings.

9. Board Requested Discussion or Action

10. Future Business

10.1 School Board Meeting and Work Session, September 24, 2009, at the Los Alamos High School Speech Theater at 6:00 P.M.

Since this meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month is a Regular School Board Meeting, Ms. Ahlers requested the addition of public comment to the agendas of these meetings.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Ahlers adjourned the meeting at 8:39 P.M.

Draft Prepared and Respectfully Submitted
on Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Cathy McAnally, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Attested:

President

Secretary