

**MINUTES - REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009,  
AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE LOS ALAMOS HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH THEATER**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The Los Alamos School Board held a Regular School Board meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. in the Los Alamos High School Speech Theater. President Ahlers called the meeting to order at 6:02 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
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**4. Recognition by the Board**

The Board recognized Los Alamos Public Schools for receiving the New Mexico Activities Association's Dodge Director's Cup, along with Albuquerque Academy. The Dodge Director's Cup is awarded annually to the top New Mexico Activities Association member schools based upon success in activities and athletics.

**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. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

**6.2 Approval of Minutes: Regular School Board Meeting of September 8, 2009, and the Special School Board Meeting of September 16, 2009**

Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 8, 2009, and the Special School Board Meeting of September 16, 2009. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

**6.3 Approval of Budget Adjustment Requests**

After Mr. Wolfe responded to questions, Ms. Hahn made a **MOTION** to approve the Budget Adjustment Requests dated September 24, 2009. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

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

### **7.1 First Reading of Policies**

#### 5132 Student Conduct

After reviewing proposed changes and discussing alternate wording for the policy, Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to table 5132 Student Conduct - Discipline. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

#### 3327 Signing of Checks

Ms. McKinley made a **MOTION** to approve policy 3327 Signing of Checks. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

### **7.2 Trinity Development Project**

Ms. Ahlers reported on a recent meeting with the County and new documents should be available for the Board to review within the next few weeks. The Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular School Board meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Regular School Board meeting will begin at 5:30 P.M. on October 13<sup>th</sup> in the boardroom.

Dr. Schmidt discussed the transportation, warehouse and maintenance departments' move from the Trinity site to the Airport Basin site. He noted that there are still two issues to be resolved in the memo of understanding with the County prior to this relocation. Ms. Ahlers pointed out that the district must continue to push for a revenue neutral agreement and the Board directed the administration to provide a spreadsheet on the Airport Basin move including utilities. These figures are needed by the Board in order to provide direction to the staff.

### **7.3 Approval of Audit Response**

Mr. Wolfe presented his response to the audit for the year 2008. After he responded to questions from the Board, Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to approve the audit response for 2008. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

## **8. Unfinished Business**

More information about the budget will be placed on the November work session agenda.

## **9. Board Requested Discussion or Action**

A board member requested information about National Junior ROTC class fulfilling a PE requirement. Ms. Thomas will research this item and report back to the Board.

## **10. Future Business**

**10.1 Regular School Board Meeting and Work Session, October 13, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. in the boardroom**

## **11. Adjournment**

Ms. Ahlers adjourned the meeting at 6:52 P.M.

**Work Session**

**1. Summer School**

Ms. Suzanne Lynne, Summer School Director, presented a report on the 2009 summer school session, which included fourteen K-8 teachers, a second semester Algebra class at the high school and an orchestra class. In a summary, Ms. Lynne reported that of the 83 third through eighth grade students, 76% demonstrated growth or maintenance in the MAPs scores and 85% of the students attended 19 or more days of summer school. The Board was asked to consider the age of the summer school program, growing enrollment, bussing was the most frequent parent comment and teachers are making the same salary as they have for the past nine years. The Board thanked Ms. Lynne for this update.

**2. Quality of Education Report**

Ms. Thomas provided the Board with a summary of the 2008/2009 Quality of Ed Survey, which was conducted by the Public Education Department using an online survey. Only 99 surveys were completed by individuals from the Los Alamos school district. In an effort to continue encouraging parents to complete this survey, the group suggested that the district provide information about the online survey to parents at events such as Family Fun Night, Science Fair and other events at the sites in the spring.

**3. Graduate Survey Results**

Ms. Thomas provided the Board with a summary of the survey of the 2007 LAHS graduates. This paper survey is sent to graduates in December after they graduate in May. Only 26 students out of a class of nearly 300 responded to the survey. The Board directed the administration to research methods that other benchmark schools use to gather this type of data.

Ms. Ahlers adjourned the work session at 7:58 P.M.

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Cathy McAnally, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Attested:

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President

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Secretary