AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES Draft – Not Official
June 11, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Laci Newland, President Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President Katie Buchholz, Secretary Amanda Sutherland, Member Dr. Rebekah French, Member
SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT:	Lauren Laws, Superintendent Jonathan Acrey, Deputy Superintendent Jason Miller, Director of Technology Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal Catherine Olson, Counselor Levi Stout, Director of Operations and Facilities Steve Wamel, Counselor Jordan Graham, Teacher
VISITORS:	Thomas Buchholz Darryl Espinoza

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Laci Newland in the Board Room at Central Office. The Aztec Board of Education welcomes you to this meeting. This meeting is streamed live on the Aztec Schools Website via Zoom.

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	HERE
	Laci Newland, Board President	HERE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	HERE
	Katie Buchholz, Board Secretary	HERE
	Dr. Rebekah French, Member	HERE

WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Aztec Board of Education welcomes you to this meeting.

If you wish to express an opinion or ask questions unrelated to the agenda, please direct those to the appropriate administrator and/or board member(s) outside of this meeting. It is our intent to maintain a professional atmosphere during this meeting. Public input is always welcomed, pursuant to board policy BEDH. Please refer to our handout on the website under Board Meetings that describes the appropriate procedures and decorum for public input. If you are present in the Board Room, please turn off or silence your cell phones and avoid side conversations. If a need arises for a side conversation, please step out of the room to not disrupt business at hand.

Board President Mrs. Laci Newland welcomed those attending. Mr. Thomas Buchholz led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico State Flag.

We would ask now that you please stand for our pledge of allegiance and the salute to the state flag. Official Salute to the New Mexico Flag: "I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico and the Zía symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures.

Tell Me Something Good

APPROVAL OF AGENDA*

Board President Mrs. Laci Newland presented and recommended to approve the agenda as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Katie Buchholz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Secretary	AYE
	Laci Newland, Board President	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE
	Dr. Rebekah French, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Board President Mrs. Laci Newland presented and recommended to approve the minutes from the May Board Meetings as presented. Board Member Dr. Rebekah French made a motion to approve the minutes from the May Board Meetings as presented; second Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Secretary	AYE
	Laci Newland, Board President	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE
	Dr. Rebekah French, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Description:

The Aztec Municipal School District Board of Education welcomes public comments during its regular board meetings to offer suggestions on topics relevant to the District. Topics may include suggestions for improving district services, policies, items currently on the meeting agenda, etc. Per board policy BEDH, please keep in mind the following practices:

- Questions of fact asked by the public shall, when appropriate, be answered by the President or referred to the Superintendent for reply. No action or discussion shall transpire among Board members regarding such questions or comments. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Superintendent for later report to the Board. Questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not receive a response.
- The President has set a time limit on the length of the comment period. This time limit is five (5) minutes and the lending or borrowing of time is not permitted. The time limit may be shortened depending on the number of speakers signed up to speak during public comment to allow more speakers to be heard.
- Personal attacks upon Board members, staff personnel, or other persons in attendance or absent by individuals who address the Board are prohibited. Presenters are cautioned that statements or representations concerning others that convey an unjustly unfavorable impression may subject the presenter to civil action for defamation.

No Public Forum Requests

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws included the Superintendent's Report in Board Book. Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Personnel Report. Mr. Jonathan Acrey, Deputy Superintendent, included the Personnel Report in Board Book. Mr. Jonathan Acrey, Deputy Superintendent, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Policy Committee Report. Board Secretary Mrs. Katie Buchholz was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Financial Report. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery presented the Financial Report. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the "Curriculum And Instructional- HQIM Adoption". Ms. Phyllis Cox, Associate Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, was present for any questions. Discussion was held.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws introduced Mrs. Charda Sanders, Aztec High School Principal; Ms. Catherine Olson, Counselor; and Mr. Steve Wamel, Counselor, who were present for any questions regarding the Dual Credit Program. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – BEDBA – Agenda

Preparation And Dissemination – Second Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – BEDB – Agenda – Second Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented Board Policy - KCD – Public Gifts/Donations To Schools – Second Reading. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – GBGC – Employee Assistance – First Read. Discussion was held

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – KDB – Public's Right To Know/Freedom Of Information – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – KDB-E – Public's Right To Know Freedom Of Information – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – E-2050 – EEAA – Eligibility For Bus Transportation/Walker And Riders – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – IKF – Graduation Requirements – First Read. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented the Proposal to Revise Board Policy – GCCH – Professional Staff Bereavement Leave – First Read. Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS*

Approve Board Policies – Action Items 9-A to 9-D*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve Action Items 9-A to 9-D as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Katie Buchholz made a motion to approve Action Items 9-A to 9-D as presented; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Secretary	AYE
	Laci Newland, Board President	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE
	Dr. Rebekah French, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA*

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws presented and recommended the approval the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, included the Consent Agenda in the Board Packet. Mrs. Evelyn Garcia, Associate Superintendent of Finance, was present for any questions. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; second Board Secretary Mrs. Katie Buchholz; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Secretary	AYE
	Laci Newland, Board President	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE
	Dr. Rebekah French, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Special Board Meeting – June 12, 2026 – 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Regular Board Meeting – July 11, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
Working Meeting – July 11, 2026 @ 5:00 P.M.
NMSBA Leadership Retreat – July 16-18, 2026 – Taos, New Mexico

Executive Session – Discussion Regarding Potential Sale/Disposal Of District-Owned Real Property Located At McCoy Avenue And Tiger East Land, Pursuant To NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8) Of The New Mexico Open Meetings Act (Discussion Of The Purchase, Acquisition Or Disposal Of Real Property). This will be held in the Regular Board Meeting.

Board President Mrs. Laci Newland recommended the Board of Education Convene In A Closed Executive Session as presented. Board Secretary Mrs. Katie Buchholz made a motion to Convene In A Closed Executive Session as presented; second Board Member Dr. Rebekah French; vote unanimous.

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Secretary	AYE
	Laci Newland, Board President	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE
	Dr. Rebekah French, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to return to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:59 p.m.; second Board Member Ms. Amanda Sutherland, vote unanimous. No decisions were made.

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE

Katie Buchholz, Secretary	AYE
Laci Newland, Board President	AYE
Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE
Dr. Rebekah French, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

<u>ACTION ITEM*</u>

<u>Approve Possible Action Item To Approve The Superintendent And/Or Board President To Negotiate Terms Related To The Potential Sale Of District-Owned Property Located At McCoy Avenue Land And Tiger East Land*</u>

Superintendent Mrs. Lauren Laws recommended to approve the Superintendent And/Or Board President To Negotiate Terms Related To The Potential Sale Of District-Owned Property Located At McCoy Avenue Land And Tiger East Land as presented. Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to approve the Superintendent And/Or Board President To Negotiate Terms Related To the Potential Sale Of District-Owned Property Located At McCoy Avenue Land And Tiger East Land With An Appraisal as presented; second Board Member Dr. Rebekah French; vote unanimous. Discussion was held.

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Secretary	AYE
	Laci Newland, Board President	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE
	Dr. Rebekah French, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

Board Vice President Mr. Jimmy Dusenbery made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second Board Secretary Mrs. Katie Buchholz; Vote 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Roll call:	Jimmy Dusenbery, Vice President	AYE
	Katie Buchholz, Secretary	AYE
	Laci Newland, Board President	AYE
	Amanda Sutherland, Member	AYE
	Dr. Rebekah French, Member	AYE

Motion carried.

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Laci Newland, President

ATTEST TO:____
Katie Buchholz, Secretary