BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2025 MINUTES

Board Members Present: Jim Danner, Board President
Ralph Fernandez, Board Vice President
Larry B. Garley, Board Secretary
Aubrey E. Tucker, Board Member
Joanne Silva, Board Member

Administrators Present: Lawrence A. Sanchez, Superintendent
Annette A. Torrez, Chief Procurement Officer
E. Renee Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent

Others Present: Julia Dendinger, Valencia County News Bulletin
Approximately (10) individuals watched via streaming

A. CALL TO ORDER-Mr. Danner called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF NEW MEXICO-Mr. Danner led the pledges.

C. MODIFICATIONS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA-Superintendent recommends adoption of the agenda as is. Motion to adopt the agenda as is made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Silva. Motion passes with all members saying "aye".

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS-Superintendent recommends approval of consent items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Motion passes with all members saying "aye".

(Discussion/Action) (Indicates Items for Consideration by Consent. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item may be placed on the regular agenda.)*

* AP Report: 7/17/2025-8/6/2025
* Board of Education Special Board Meeting Minutes: 7/22/2025
* Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Minutes: 7/22/2025
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Fund	Fund Name	Bar	Adjustment
24106	Entitlement IDEA-B	087-000-2526-0021-I	$88,237.94
24174	Carl D Perkins - Current	087-000-2526-0022-M	$0.00
28189	GRADS - Child Care	087-000-2526-0023-IB	$8,000.00
28190	GRADS - Instruction	087-000-2526-0024-IB	$14,000.00
27107	27107 GOB Library	087-000-2526-0025-D	($922.13)
26107	REC/Ed Fellows	087-000-2526-0026-IB	$528,000.00
21100	Universal Free Lunch-state	087-000-2526-0027-D	($41,493.00)
27528	Community School Initiatives	087-000-2526-0028-M	$0.00
31900	Ed. Technology Equipment Act	087-000-2526-0029-M	$0.00

OPEN FORUM *–Public comments/observations regarding non-agenda items will be considered at this time. Action will not be taken on items presented but may be referred to staff/others. Derogatory comments regarding personnel or matters under litigation will not be allowed. Any person or persons addressing the Board are liable for their own statements NOT the Board*

E. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. Back to School Activities-Lawrence A. Sanchez presented a comprehensive overview of district-wide professional learning initiatives aligned with board goals. The districtwide goals and activities included QPR training on suicide assessments and reporting, drug training with Belen Police Department, review of the "Stop It & Help Me" program, Panorama Basics training, and training on McGraw Hill adopted science resources. Additional focus areas were professional boundaries, the district cell phone policy, employee handbook review, and behavior principles addressing classroom management, transitions, and common areas. Each school site tailored professional learning to address unique needs: Middle and High Schools emphasized literacy development through Reading Horizons training, data-driven instruction, and collaboration on common syllabi and pacing guides. Staff participated in bias awareness training and quizzes, and new procedures such as 5-Star PBIS and e-hall pass systems were introduced. Elementary Schools concentrated on instructional models, proficiency scales, and collaborative planning while addressing logistical challenges like construction disruptions. Notable initiatives included Love and Logic discipline training and professional learning on the Black Education Act. Training on Universal Design for Learning tools and SEL initiatives supported diverse learners, particularly at the high school level. Districtwide professional learning fosters a culture of continuous improvement, equity, and collaboration, equipping staff to meet the diverse needs of students and advance district goals for the 2025-26 school year.
2. Professional Learning Days-E. Renee Sanchez gave an overview of the survey results: Belen Consolidated Schools conducted a Professional Learning Survey from July 30 through August 1, 2025, aimed at gathering comprehensive feedback from staff regarding the recent professional learning days. The survey received participation from 165 respondents, generating a total of 399 responses to multi-select questions. The purpose of the survey was to assess the effectiveness of the professional learning sessions, identify strengths, and recognize opportunities for improvement. Survey Findings: Strengths (What are we doing right?): Respondents highlighted several positive aspects of the professional learning days. Many staff members appreciated the relevance and applicability of the content presented. Collaborative activities and opportunities for peer interaction were frequently noted as valuable components. The organization and structure of the sessions received praise, with participants noting that the professional learning days were well-planned and effectively

facilitated. Overall, there was strong appreciation for the district's commitment to ongoing staff development and the effort put into planning meaningful professional learning experiences. Challenges (How can we improve?): While the feedback was largely positive, respondents also identified areas where improvements could be made. Suggestions included the need for more differentiated sessions tailored to specific roles or experience levels, increased opportunities for hands-on practice, and clearer alignment of professional learning content with classroom realities and district goals. Some participants requested more follow-up support after sessions to help implement new strategies. Scheduling and time constraints were also mentioned as challenges that impacted the ability to fully engage with the material. Other: General Comments: Additional remarks included expressions of thanks for the professional learning opportunities and recognition of the hard work of the organizers. Some general comments provided constructive ideas for future topics and formats, emphasizing the desire for continued growth and engagement. Questions or Comments: Participants took advantage of an open section to ask clarifying questions and offer further insights. These comments will be reviewed to ensure ongoing dialogue and responsiveness to staff needs. Conclusion and Next Steps: The administration values the feedback received and is committed to using these insights to enhance the professional learning experience. Plans include reviewing the suggestions for differentiated content, increasing practical application opportunities, and improving scheduling to maximize participation and impact. Follow-up sessions and support mechanisms will be explored to reinforce learning and address challenges raised by staff. This survey represents an important step in the district's continuous improvement efforts to support educators and ultimately improve student outcomes through effective professional development.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of approval: for a comprehensive upgrade for improved operational longevity and compliance, with an estimated cost of $2,404,100, including contingency for the BCS Outdoor Pool-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Mr. Garley. Mr. Danner thanked Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Torrez. Having been part of the original opening it is important and glad we are doing this. Mr. Sanchez stated the thanks needs to go to Ms. Torrez. There is not city, state, or federal help. They all thanked Ms. Torrez. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
2. Consideration of approval: for the Resolution for the sale the Alco property located at 630 Reinken Ave-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Ms. Silva. Mr. Danner stated people need to know this has been discussed by the board in executive session and feel this is something we need to do. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
3. Consideration of approval: adopting a Resolution Amending the Election Resolution/Proclamation to reflect that Position 1 will be for a 2-year term rather than a 4-year term-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Ms. Silva and seconded by Mr. Tucker. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
4. Consideration of approval: Purchase to Roberts Truck Center for 71 Passenger Route Bus in the amount of $140,032.00 fund 27178-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
5. Consideration of approval: Purchase to McGraw Hill for RGE science curriculum in the amount of $54,556.51 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Garley and seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
6. Consideration of approval: Purchase to HEC Software Inc for Literacy PL in the amount of $105,000 fund 24195-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Mr. Tucker. Individual votes 5-0, motion

passes.

7. Consideration of approval: Purchase to Curriculum Associates for Literacy PL in the amount of $59,600.54 fund 24195-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
8. Consideration of approval: Purchase to Public Service Company of NM for electricity FY25 in the amount of $57,069.12 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Ms. Silva and seconded by Mr. Garley. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
9. Consideration of approval: Purchase to Labatt Food Service for fresh fruits & vegetables in the amount if $95,695.00 fund 24118-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Danner and seconded and Mr. Fernandez. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
10. Consideration of approval: Purchase to McGraw Hill for GSE science curriculum in the amount of $69,241.04 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Mr. Garley. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
11. Consideration of approval: Purchase to McGraw Hill for LME science curriculum in the amount of $99,104.21 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
12. Consideration of approval: Purchase to McGraw Hill for DCE science curriculum in the amount of $65,478.62 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Garley and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
13. Consideration of approval: Purchase to Gifted Nurses, LLC for PT services in the amount of $247,679.26 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Ms. Silva and seconded by Mr. Tucker. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
14. Consideration of approval: Purchase to CES (Sunland Asphalt) for LPE parking lot and bus lane in the amount of $194,611.22 fund 31701-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
15. Consideration of approval: Purchase to Bilingual Multicultural Services for SLP services in the amount of $131,966.61 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Ms. Silva and seconded by Mr. Garley. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
16. Consideration of approval: Purchase to A-Com technologies, LLC for low voltage kitchen repair DCE in the amount of $68,164.44 fund 31701-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Mr. Garley. Mr. Sanchez stated this will be reimbursed by the insurance. Ms. Torrez stated minus the $15,000 for the deductible. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
17. Consideration of approval: Purchase to Soliant Health, LLC for SLP services in the amount of $53,520.48 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
18. Consideration of approval: Purchase to ACES- Assoc. Of Charter Schools for OT and SLP services in the amount of $221,623.22 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Mr. Tucker. Mr. Danner asked why it says Charter. Dr. Del Rosario stated ACES is similar to CES and is usually used by Charter Schools but also provides services to school districts. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
19. Consideration of approval: Purchase to New Direction Solution, LLC for SLP services in the amount of $128,408.64 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval of action items. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Ms. Silva. Mr. Fernandez asked if one company can't handle the load. Dr. Del Rosario stated that is correct. Individual votes

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As allowed by the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, on occasion a quorum of board members will attend the same function, including those held at school sites, at the district level, as well as sports functions, conferences, workshops, trainings, and community events. Members agree to refrain from discussing and/or acting upon board issues in those settings.

G. ADVANCED PLANNING

- **a.** Finance Committee Meeting August 20, 2025 9am
- **b.** Construction Committee Meeting August 20, 2025 10am
- **c.** Policy Committee Meeting August 20, 2025 11am
- **d.** Regular Board Meeting August 26, 2025 5pm

H. BOARD COMMENTS-Mr. Danner commented that all board members have the RBC pricing book in their possession that was sent over today by Erik Harrigan, it tells us it was a good sell. Ms. Torrez stated they just got approval from PED too. Mr. Danner also commented that we are very thankful for Dollar Tree Belen, Amazon, and Senator Sanchez. Mr. Tucker also thanked the donators. Ms. Silva congratulated Mr. Sanchez on receiving the Valencia County Hispano Chamber of Commerce Board Member of the Year. Mr. Tucker congratulated this District for being Non-profit Business of the Year. It is remarkable and show what we are doing is being recognized by our stakeholders.

I. ADJOURNMENT-Mr. Danner adjourned the meeting 6:01pm

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Jim Danner, Board President

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Larry B. Garley, Board Secretary

Respectfully submitted:

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Cyndi Shawver, Recording Secretary