BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 24, 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: E. Renee Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent
Ben Kingsolver, Technology Coordinator
Annette A. Torrez, Chief Procurement Officer
Rhett Burt, Principal Belen High School
David Jimenez, Principal Infinity High School

Others Present: Julia Dendinger, Valencia County News Bulletin
Erik Harrigan, RBC Capital Markets LLC

A. **CALL TO ORDER**-Mr. Danner called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

B. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**- For the purpose of discussing Superintendent evaluation pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(2). Motion required to go into, and motion required to come out of Closed Executive Session pursuant to §10-15-1(J). Motion to go into Closed Executive Session made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Mr. Garley. Motion passes with all members saying "Aye". Motion to come out of closed executive session made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Mr. Garley. Motion passes with all members saying "Aye".

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

D. **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".

E. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**-Superintendent recommends approval of consent items. Motion to approve consent items made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Mr. Tucker. 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: 6/5/2025-6/18/2025
* Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Minutes: 6/10/2025
* Legal Service Agreement with Modrall Sperling

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

F. RECOGNITION-NMSBA Scholarship Winner Dulce Bautista Castro – reschedule due to weather issues.

G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. RBC Presentation-Eric Harrigan presented and discussed the two items on the agenda for approval. As part of the process, evaluation the bonds that can be sold and future capacity, also look at net tax value. The district has seen good growth in their tax base. He went over the two Constitutional Amendments regarding veterans and their property exemption. There could be about a 5% impact on the tax base due to this. This was taken into account when looking at future elections. The finance plan calls for issuance of $6,000,000.00, the first issuance of Bonds authorizes by voters in 2023 and the next borrowing estimated in 2027. ETN issuance is up to 1.5 million and will be a short term note through State Treasurer. In 2027 both GO Bonds and SB-9 will up for renewal. Time schedule:

Series 2025 ETN Time Schedule

Date	Activity	Responsibility
Tuesday, June 24, 2025	Board adopts Resolution to determine necessity to issue ETNs and notice of a public hearing	SD, BC, RBC
Tuesday, July 01, 2025	1st publication of Notice of Special Meeting for ETNs	BC
Tuesday, July 08, 2025	2nd publication of Notice of Special Meeting for ETNs	BC
Wednesday, July 16, 2025	Interest rate set with NMSTO	RBC, STO
Tuesday, July 22, 2025	Special Board meeting to adopt final ETN Resolution at 4:30 PM	SD, RBC, BC
Thursday, July 24, 2025	Publish Notice of Adoption of Resolution	BC
Monday, August 25, 2025	30 day limititation of action period expires	SD, RBC, BC, STO
Wednesday, September 03, 2025	Closing of ETNs	SD, RBC, BC, STO
Thursday, September 04, 2025	Payoff of ETNs	SD, RBC, BC, STO

Series 2025 GO Time Schedule

Date	Activity	Responsibility
Tuesday, June 24, 2025	***Board approves Resolution to submit application to NMFA for financing & Delegation Resolution***	SD, RBC, BC
Wednesday, June 25, 2025	Submit Signed Resolution and application to NMFA	RBC, NMFA
Thursday, June 26, 2025	Notice of Adoption Published	BC
Thursday, July 24, 2025	***NMFA Board of Directors approves application***	NMFA, RBC
Monday, July 28, 2025	Thirty day limitation of action period expires	
Monday, July 28, 2025	Interest Rates are set with NMFA	
Wednesday, July 30, 2025	***Superintendent Signs the BPA***	SD, RBC, BC
Tuesday, August 12, 2025	The board is updated on results of the sale (no action required)	SD, RBC, BC
Friday, August 15, 2025	***Bond Closing***	SD, RBC, BC, NMFA

2. EOY iMSSA and Galileo-Lawrence A. Sanchez presented on ELA and Math. Growth target last year was set for 12%. 97.2% of students grade 3-8, did not meet that target of 12%. When looking at achievement level the percentage goes up. When looking at expected growth; IMSSA uses different data; it looks where they scored BOY and where it thinks they should be EOY, 47% were above expected and another 20.3% were expected. How does that tie into they didn't meet the goal. The math doesn't work to do it simply for interim assessments. The math works when going from one year to another. When comparing how we did with the State; the results say we are doing average. We are struggling at fifth grade, and that needs to be a focus next year. When looking at the expected growth compared to the State using the same concept. Third grade did better than the state. We will use this data for next year, so we know how to attach the weak areas. It is the same story with Language Usage. Compared to the State we are either at or above the State average, even in the trouble areas. When looking at IMSSA Math compared to the state we are most on average with them. When looking at Galielo, it does not give good data. How can you say we

need to improve graduation rates, where one piece says they are doing good and another says they aren't very good. ELO MOY 34% met their target and EOY there was a big drop, that needs to be figured out. The only grad level that went up were seniors, and usually the seniors have checked out at end of year. We are looking to see if we have some of the people in the right positions. Math the numbers are a little better; almost 50-50. When looking at Alg I MOY 58% proficient and EOY just a little less. Don't think the data correlates how the students will do on PSAT or SAT.

3. Graduation Rates-Rhett Burt and David Jimenez. Mr. Jimenez present on Infinity HS. The three-year graduation rate trend in 2022-28%, 2023-60.6%, 2024-57%, and a got of 70% in 2025. There was a drop from 2023 to 2024 is due to not having the support for students with an IEP, undeveloped programs to peak student interest, not enough student support, lack of family engagement, not having effective progress monitoring, PLCs and use of data. Action taken in the 24-25sy include School Improvement and Transformation Monitoring (SITM), HERE initiative by PSB, MRI non-competitive grant, and 90 day plans. Other actions taken are the hiring of SPED teacher and teen specialist, dedicated ASC, WBL internships, Engage NM, increase in family engagement, and panorama intervention plans. Impacts on graduation and data include Early Warning & Targeted Support-Tracking and intervening before students reach 10% absences (tier 3). Partnering with RAC, JPO, FINS, and CREC social workers to address barriers. Intervention plans are entered and tracked in Panorama as another support for students that involve teachers. Intensive Intervention for Seniors-Daily check-ins for high-risk seniors. Flexible credit recovery options (Edgenuity support, extended learning time, ability to work on courses evening/weekend) (ASC, Engage NM, and teachers/staff) Parent engagement to ensure they understand risks through consistent communication. Re-engagement Strategies for Underclassmen-Advisory Teacher support for students missing 10%+ days. Attendance incentives and goal setting. Alternative schedules for students working jobs. If Tier 4 students do not recover attendance and complete coursework, the graduation rate will decline. Tier 3 students, if not supported, may move into Tier 4, increasing the problem. The attendance data has a direct and significant impact on the graduation rate. Chronic Absenteeism Correlates with Lower Graduation Rates-credit deficiency due to attendance issues, legal and disciplinary consequences disrupt education, lower engagement leads to dropout risks. Mr. Burt presented on BHS three-year graduation rates. 2022-66%, 2023-72.2%, 2024-66.51%. Possible factors for the decrease include Change in administration from 9-12th grade (3 principal's in 4 years), plc guidance, staff turnover (5 IEP facilitators), loss of grade level counselor for 12th grade year (retirement), graduation progress monitoring, students completing missing coursework on day of graduation, new social-emotional norms (behaviors), covid/remote learning for end of 8th grade and majority of 9th grade year (foundational work), lack of a consistent plan to intervene, 10th grade covid, restrictions (social distancing, mandatory absences for exposures 2+ weeks), students transferring, on-line schooling and lack of tracking access. Changes made in 2024-2025 include counselor-admin check-ins, counselor-student graduation status check-ins, Graduation Alliance from March 2025 to Ma7 2025, expansion of SOAR, behavioral interventions, and the expansion of the WBL opportunities. Changes that will be made for the 2025-2026sy include 5-star PBIS implementation, instructional model and proficiency scales implementation, continued and expansion fo the UNM-VC collaboration for industry trainings and certifications, pilot part time with Clinical Health Therapists for intensive cases, improve the site-wide cell phone expectations, and site wide make-up and late work expectations. Other changes are greater administration involvement in classroom operation, greater admin involvement in PLC's, increase in public communication and tracking, first week welcome back events with student groups, welcoming committees, and team building for sense of belonging.

H. BOARD REPORTS

1. Policy Committee Meeting-Mr. Danner and Mr. Tucker gave first reads

a. First Read E-0550 Emergencies with changes
b. First Read J-3150 Use of Cell Phones in Schools (new)
c. First Read J-5440 Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (new)
d. First and Second Reads Policy I-7350 Graduation Requirements with changes

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of approval: Policy I-7350 Graduation Requirements with changes-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve action item made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
2. Consideration of approval: Resolution to determine necessity to issue Education Technology Notes-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve action item made by Mr. Garley and seconded by Mr. Tucker. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
3. Consideration of approval: Resolution to approve Notice of Sale of general obligation bonds and to submit application to NMFA for financing-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve action item made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
4. Consideration of approval: Purchase Agreement with Robert and Linda Alguire for District owned property-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve action item made by Mr. Garley and seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
5. Consideration of approval: 2025-2026 BFSE CBA Ratification and salary schedule-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve action item made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Mr. Garley. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
6. Consideration of approval: purchase order revision to Jaynes Corp. for DCE rebuild for a total of $121,916.55-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve action item made by Mr. Garley and seconded by Mr. Tucker. Ms. Torrez stated they are building pads, Mr. Sanchez stated it is because of the soil. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
7. Consideration of approval: purchase order revision to Huett-Zollers for DCE rebuild for a total of $56,202.56-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve action item made by Mr. Garley and seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
8. *Consideration of approval: Legal Service Agreement with Modrall Sperling for the 2025-2026 school year

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.

J. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Regular Board Meeting July 8, 2025 5pm
2. NMSBA Board Retreat July 10-12, 2025

K. BOARD COMMENTS

L. ADJOURNMENT-6:41

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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