

**BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS BOARD OF
EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

JULY 14, 2026 MINUTES

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

Administrators Present: E. Renee Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent
Annette A. Torrez, Chief Financial Officer
Ben Kingsolver, Technology Coordinator
Antonio Sedillo, Director of Support Services
Deborah Baca, Director of Health Services
David Sweet, Director of Athletics

Others Present: Julia Dendinger, Valencia County News Bulletin
Approximately (1) individuals present
Approximately (9) individuals watched via streaming

- A. CALL TO ORDER**-Mr. Danner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF NEW MEXICO**-Mr. Danner led the pledges.
- C. MODIFICATIONS/ADOPTION OF AGENDA**-Asst. Superintendent recommends adoption of the agenda as is. Motion to adopt the agenda as is made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Mr. Garley. Motion passes with all members saying "aye".
- D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**-Asst. Superintendent recommends approval of consent items. Motion to approve consent items made by Mr. Tucker and seconded by Ms. Silva. 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: 06/18/2026-07/08/2026

Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Minutes: 06/23/2026

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 BARs per 2025-2026 Resolution

Fund	Fund Name	Bar	Adjustment
11000	Operational	087-000-2526-0180-M	\$0.00
27149	PreK Initiative	087-000-2526-0181-M	\$0.00
24101	Title I Part A - ESEA	087-000-2526-0182-M	\$0.00
24113	Education for Homeless Children	087-000-2526-0183-M	\$0.00
24190	Title I - (CSI)	087-000-2526-0184-M	\$0.00
25153	Title XIX MEDICAID	087-000-2526-0185-I	\$87,335.35
25157	Child Care Block Grant CYFD	087-000-2526-0186-I	\$31,456.00
27584	Attendance Success Initiative	087-000-2526-0187-M	\$0.00
11000	Operational	087-000-2526-0188-I	\$48,853.25
24189	Student Support and Enrichment	087-000-2526-0189-I	\$20,782.56
15200	Local Revenue Ad Valorem	087-000-2526-0190-I	\$2,806.33
11000	Operational	087-000-2526-0191-I	\$26,425.00
24154	Teacher/Principal Training & Recruiting	087-000-2526-0192-I	\$132,671.62
24106	Entitlement IDEA-B	087-000-2526-0193-M	\$0.00
23000	Activities	087-000-2526-0194-I	\$19,002.70
24113	Education for Homeless Children	087-000-2526-0195-M	\$0.00
26107	REC/Ed Fellows	087-000-2526-0196-I	\$62,500.00
15200	Local Revenue Ad Valorem	087-000-2526-0197-I	\$6,648.98
21000	Food Services	087-000-2526-0198-I	\$218.50
31200	Public School Capital Outlay	087-000-2526-0199-M	\$0.00
26107	REC/Ed Fellows	087-000-2526-0200-M	\$0.00
21000	Food Services	087-000-2526-0201-M	\$0.00
24113	Education for Homeless Children	087-000-2526-0202-D	(\$22,396.98)
11000	Operational	087-000-2526-0203-I	\$9,846.42
11000	Operational	087-000-2526-0204-I	\$2,018.85
11000	Operational	087-000-2526-0205-I	\$256.80
23000	Activities	087-000-2526-0206-I	\$19,032.70

Purchases over \$50K

Vendor	DAC	Total Amt.	Internal Notes
COOP. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	Special Education Services	\$1,687,191.54	Ancillary staff for evaluations and therapies for 2026/2027 SY
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NM	District	\$798,548.72	District Utility
JAYNES CORPORATION	Maintenance Services	\$660,522.86	Dennis Chavez Elementary Rebuild
COOP. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (Alb. Asphalt)	Maintenance Services	\$571,919.39	Support Services parking lot
EMPAT SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, P.C.	Special Education Services	\$550,903.04	Speech and language tele-therapies for the 2026/2027 SY
GIFTED NURSES, LLC	Special Education Services	\$281,144.39	In person physical therapists for the 2026/2027 SY
LABATT FOOD SERVICE	Food Services	\$270,811.00	Cafeteria service
GIFTED NURSES, LLC	Health Services	\$250,000.00	Contracted nurses for 2026/2027 SY
ACES- ASSOCIATION OF CHARTER SCHOOL	Special Education Services	\$202,124.42	In person speech therapist for 2026/2027 SY
MCGRAW HILL	Instruction & Curriculum Services	\$196,766.63	BHS - Math
CITY OF BELEN-WATER DEPARTMENT	District	\$179,525.05	District Utility
PLATEAU	Technology	\$165,360.00	District Utility
GAS CO. OF NEW MEXICO	District	\$145,982.06	District Utility
SOLIANT HEALTH, LLC	Special Education Services	\$145,197.08	In person Occupational Therapist in compliance for 2026-2027 SY
BILINGUAL MUTLICULTURAL SERVICES	Special Education Services	\$143,841.20	In person speech therapy services for the 2026-2027 SY
SOUTHWEST COPY SYSTEMS	District	\$109,565.39	District Utility
MCGRAW HILL	Instruction & Curriculum Services	\$106,832.93	LAM - Math
ORCOM	Maintenance Services	\$104,229.69	LPE hail damage
MCGRAW HILL	Instruction & Curriculum Services	\$100,801.55	BMS - Math
COOP. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (TLC Plumbing)	Maintenance Services	\$100,255.09	BMS sewer line repair
COOP. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (TLC Plumbing)	Maintenance Services	\$99,157.09	BHS 200 wing sewer line repair
SANDIA OFFICE SUPPLY	Dennis Chavez Elementary	\$96,166.46	Dennis Chavez Rebuild - FF&E
ORCOM	Maintenance Services	\$90,321.70	GSE HVAC 500 wing and library
A-COM TECHNOLOGIES LLC	Maintenance Services	\$78,858.71	DCE Systems Contractor for intercom
EVERYBODY LEARN LLC	Instruction & Curriculum Services	\$77,500.00	District math software
LABATT FOOD SERVICE	Food Services	\$75,000.00	Cafeteria service
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MCGRAW HILL	Instruction & Curriculum Services	\$74,105.96	GSE Math
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NM	District	\$73,821.36	District Utility
MCGRAW HILL	Instruction & Curriculum Services	\$72,902.49	DCE Math
HUITT-ZOLLARS INC	Maintenance Services	\$71,683.65	Dennis Chavez Rebuild - architect
MCGRAW HILL	Instruction & Curriculum Services	\$66,028.53	RGE Math
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	Dennis Chavez Elementary	\$55,372.96	Dennis Chavez Rebuild - FF&E
COOP. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	Maintenance Services	\$53,315.93	BHS Career Academy exterior painting
THE SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOP. INC	District	\$52,497.70	District Utility
ROBERTS TRUCK CENTER	Transportation Services	\$50,000.00	As needed school bus parts

E. 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. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. Evaluation of FY26 Ed Plan-E. Renee Sanchez presented an overview for fiscal year 26. The FY26 Educational Plan for Belen Consolidated Schools was submitted April 10, 2025, and approved April 14, 2025. The district received \$13.3 million in SEG funding allocated to At-Risk Programs (\$4.2M), Special Education (\$8.9M), and Gifted Programs (\$178K). At-Risk Student Success: The district implemented the BCS Instructional Model focusing on literacy, numeracy, and whole-child development. Key initiatives included Panorama data platform implementation, NM Literacy Summer School, Universal Design for Learning tools, career exploration programs, and professional learning aligned to Marzano's High Reliability Schools Model. Some adjustments include Streamline expectations to ensure all site principals and teachers are documenting data from MLSS Layer 2 Interventions, and attendance supports. Program review to support: Data Analysis and MLSS Expectations, Continued review of professional learning needs based on individual student growth. Review data to determine effectiveness of students in summer school programs. (Individual Student Growth). Adjustments for FY27: Alignment with Board goals-Literacy, Numeracy, and the

whole child. Targeted teacher support in alignment with individual student growth data. Monitor effectiveness of teachers using individual student growth data. MLSS Core Elements: Data-Guided Instruction, High-Quality Core Instruction and Interventions, School Leadership and Systems, Collaborative Structure, Positive School Culture and Climate, Health and Wellness, and Family Engagement. Professional Learning to support leadership to support the implementation of the BCS Instructional Model and to lead change in building High Quality Instruction in Every Classroom Special Education: Services included IEP facilitation, ancillary services (speech, occupational therapy, psychology, etc.), and Gifted Education enrichment programs. All services were individualized and aligned to student eligibility and FAPE requirements. Professional Development: First-year teachers received structured mentorship aligned to Elevate NM competencies. District-wide professional learning focused on the BCS Instructional Model through the Leadership Academy and standard alignment revision sessions in reading, writing, and math. Adjustments for FY27 include Data Analysis Expectations to target Individual Student Growth and effectiveness of programs. Professional Learning to support staff with strategies to support Gifted Students: Grade level standard alignment, MLSS Strategies braided with NMUDL to support students at the advanced level. Implement and refine the services for FY27, ensuring that we provide access to a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as mandated by individual Gifted Individualized Education Plans (GIEPs). Integrate Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) through collaborative strategies involving students, counselors, and staff, fostering a supportive community that understands students' backgrounds and interests. Performance Data: Graduation rates ranged from 59.9% (students with disabilities) to 72.7% (ELL). Math and reading proficiency varied significantly by student subgroup, with gaps between all students and students with disabilities ranging 11–26 percentage points across subjects. Supplemental Funding: Federal Forest Reserve and local property tax revenues funded facility improvements, technology upgrades, transportation safety, and communication systems to support student outcomes and positive learning environments.

G. BOARD REPORTS

1. Policy Committee Meeting June 17, 2026-Mr. Tucker did second reads. Mr. Danner added that we have always had policy J-4550 but now there is more teeth to it.
 - a. Second Read NEW Policy Generative AI in Schools
 - b. Second Read Policy J-4550 Extracurricular Activity Eligibility with changes

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of approval: Resolution for H2 Academics Lease renewal-Asst. Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Mr. Garley. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
2. Consideration of approval: The Necessity Resolution declaring a need to acquire technology equipment-Asst. Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Garley and seconded by Mr. Tucker. Mr. Harrigan spoke So this is exactly the same as what you've done in the past. You levy the education technology, mill levy rate. You collect those taxes over the year and then we do a short sponge note through the state treasurer to effectively convert that money that's in your debt service fund and you're able to use it for educ. Technology. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
3. Consideration of approval: for the disposal, auction, or recycling of general fixed assets and obsolete items -Asst. Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.
4. Consideration of approval: Renaming BHS Tennis Complex to Regina Elkins Tennis Complex-Asst. Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Mr. Garley/Ms. Silva. Mr. Danner stated we need to be aware as a board when we take this position with our facilities. We need to be able to say we did what we thought was right. There will be times when we don't agree, want to make sure we keep this in mind-if we don't believe it is something we don't want to do we don't add it to the agenda. Mr. Tucker stated Ms. Elkins was winning state championships since back in the 90s. Ms. Silva stated she is a huge asset to our District. Individual votes 5-0, motion passes.

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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.

I. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. NMSBA Leadership Retreat July 15-18, 2026 (Taos) Mr. Danner asked his fellow board members to ask a question for him at the meeting
2. Finance Committee Meeting July 23, 2026 (Thursday) 9am
3. Construction Committee Meeting July 23, 2026 (Thursday) 10am
4. Policy Committee Meeting July 23, 2026 (Thursday) 11am
5. Regular Board Meeting July 28, 2026 5pm

J. BOARD COMMENTS-Mr. Tucker commented that they have expanded the Belen family, his nephew is a new dad.

K. ADJOURNMENT-Mr. Danner adjourned the meeting at 5:44pm

Jim Danner, Board President

Larry B. Garley, Board Secretary

Respectfully submitted:

Cyndi Shawver, Recording Secretary