BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2026 MINUTES

Board Members Present: Jim Danner, Board President
Larry B. Garley, Board Secretary
Joanne Silva, Board Member

Board Members Absent: Ralph Fernandez, Board Vice President
Aubrey E. Tucker, Board Member

Administrators Present: Lawrence A. Sanchez, Superintendent
E. Renee Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent
Ben Kingsolver, Technology Coordinator
Antonio Sedillo, Director Support Services
Rhett Burt, Principal Belen High School
Deanna Barela, Assistant Principal Belen High School
Margaret Manning, Principal Rio Grande Elementary

Others Present: Julia Dendinger, Valencia County News Bulletin
Approximately (4) individuals present
Approximately (8) individuals watched via streaming

A. **CALL TO ORDER**-Mr. Danner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF NEW MEXICO**-Mr. Danner led the pledges. Mr. Danner did a roll call. Quorum present.

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

D. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**-Superintendent recommends approval of consent items. Motion to approve consent items made by Mr. Garley 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: 09/17/2026-10/07/2026
Board of Education Special Board Meeting Minutes: 09/22/2026
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Minutes: 09/22/2026
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*Donation from National Energy Foundation for kits to be used in homes with families for learning about energy efficiency for three classrooms at La Merced Elementary in the

approximate value of $1350
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*Purchases over $50,000

Vendor	DAC	TotalAmt	Reference
RITECON, INC.	Maintenance Services	$78,304.27	BHS Welding Electrical Upgrades
CES/Total Glass Solutions, LLC	Maintenance Services	$54,267.18	LPE Glass Replacement

*BARs

Fund	Fund Name	Bar	Adjustment
27149	PreK Initiative	087-000-2627-0056-M	$0.00
24101	Title I Part A - ESEA	087-000-2627-0057-M	$0.00
23000	Activity	087-000-2627-0058-M	$0.00
24106	Entitlement IDEA-B	087-000-2627-0059-I	$67,520.25
29102	Facebook/Meta	087-000-2627-0060-I	$33,000.00

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. RECOGNITION-VISTAS Recognition Rio Grande Elementary. Ms. Manning and her team were introduced. The board thanked her for all that they do for our students.

G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. BOY IMSSA-Lawrence A. Sanchez presented. The 2026–2027 Beginning-of-Year iMSSA assessment results for Belen Consolidated Schools were reviewed to evaluate student achievement in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics for grades 3–8. The data provides an overview of students' current performance levels and identifies areas where additional academic support may be needed. Results indicate that student achievement varies by grade level and subject, with Language Usage showing stronger performance in several grades. Mathematics continues to be an area of concern, with a significant percentage of students performing below the on-target level. The assessment results will help guide instructional planning, identify learning gaps, and support decisions regarding strategies to improve student achievement throughout the school year.
2. BOY AMIRA ELA and Istation Math K-2-E. Renee Sanchez presented. For AMIRA, areas assessed are phonological awareness, decoding, oral reading, vocabulary, and comprehension. Assessment completion rate for K-98%, 1st-98%, and 2nd96%. She went over

the results broken down by sites. Istation Math K-2 assessed number sense, operations, algebra, geometry, and data & measurement. Ms. Sanchez went over the comparison of beginning of year to beginning of year, broken down by assessment areas.

3. ACCESS Testing-E. Renee Sanchez presented. For ACCESS is an annual English language proficiency assessment for K–12 students identified as English learners or multilingual learners that assesses Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. The report shows school-level counts and percentages for whether students met the ACCESS goal. Central Elementary (grades 4–6) had 17 No (80.95%) and 4 Yes (19.05%) of 21 students. Dennis Chavez Elementary (grades 1–6) had 33 No (60.00%) and 22 Yes (40.00%) of 55 students. Gil Sanchez Elementary (grades 1–6) had 35 No (79.55%) and 9 Yes (20.45%) of 44 students. La Merced Elementary (grades 1–6) had 45 No (81.82%) and 10 Yes (18.18%) of 55 students. La Promesa Elementary (grades 1–6) had 31 No (70.45%) and 13 Yes (29.55%) of 44 students, with grade 4 showing the highest Yes rate at 85.71%. Rio Grande Elementary (grades 1–3) had 9 No (39.13%) and 14 Yes (60.87%) of 23 students. Belen High School (grades 9–12) had 121 No (95.28%) and 6 Yes (4.72%) of 127 students. Belen Middle School reported for grade 7: 36 No (97.30%) and 1 Yes (2.70%) of 37 students; grade 8: 25 No (92.59%) and 2 Yes (7.41%) of 27 students. Belen Family School and Belen Infinity High each reported approximate percentages of English Learner Progress (students on track toward proficiency within five years per ACCESS) by subgroup: Belen Family School roughly 18% All, 17.5% White, 18.5% Hispanic, 18.5% Multiracial, 13.5% Economically Disadvantaged, 18% Students with Disabilities (no visible bar for English Language Learners). Belen Infinity High roughly 18% All, 17.5% White, 18% Hispanic, 18% Multiracial, 14% Economically Disadvantaged, and 18% English Language Learners.

H. BOARD REPORTS

1. Second Read- NEW Policy Reasonable Accommodation for Employees and Applicants-Mr. Danner went over the new policy and did a second read.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of approval: NEW Policy Reasonable Accommodation for Employees and Applicants-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Mr. Garley. Individual votes 3-0, motion passes.
2. *Consideration of approval: MOU with NM PreK Partners
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8. *Consideration of approval: Purchases over $50,000 and BARs

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. Board Workshop October 19, 2026 4:30 pm -Board Goals and Equity Council Recommendations
2. Finance Committee Meeting October 21, 2026 9:00 am
3. Construction Committee Meeting October 21, 2026 10:00 am
4. Policy Committee Meeting October 21, 2026 11:00 am
5. Eagle Expo October 23, 2026 9:00 am
6. Super 27 Committee Meeting October 26, 2026 5:00 pm
7. Regular Board Meeting October 27, 2026 5:00 pm

K. BOARD COMMENTS-Mr. Garley congratulated people that he worked with at the high school for many years. Regina Elkins, Taylor Jaramillo, and Mr. Jim Danner were inducted into the Hall of Fame at Belen High School. Mr. Danner stated Mr. Tucker had a loss in his family, his father passes. Our condolences to him from the whole school district. Mr. Sanchez stated the sign for Regina Elkins renaming the Tennis Complex should be up this week.

L. ADJOURNMENT-Mr. Danner adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.

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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