BELEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2025 MINUTES

Board Members Present:	Jim Danner, Board President Ralph Fernandez, Board Vice President Larry B. Garley, Board Secretary Joanne Silva, Board Member
Board Members Present:	Aubrey E. Tucker, Board Member
Administrators Present:	Lawrence A. Sanchez, Superintendent Ben Kingsolver, Technology Coordinator Annette A. Torrez, Chief Financial Officer E. Renee Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent Deborah Baca, Director Health Services Antonio Sedillo, Director Support Services Baylor Del Rosario, Director Special Education
Others Present:	Julia Dendinger, Valencia County News Bulletin Approximately (9) individual in attendance Approximately (7) individuals watched via streaming

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

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. Fernandez 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 Ms. Silva and seconded by Mr. Garley. 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. Fernandez 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: 9/18/2025-10/8/2025
* Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Minutes: 9/23/2025
*Donation from Max Bustamante and Mike McMillen for athletics in the amount of $500

*Donation from Senator Joshua Sanchez for pumpkins at the elementary sites in the estimated amount of $4500
*MOU (Memorandum of Understanding with Waves Behavioral Health
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BARs

Fund	Fund Name	Bar	Adjustment
24101	Title I Part A - ESEA	087-000-2526-0061-M	$0.00
24101	Title I Part A - ESEA	087-000-2526-0062-M	$0.00
24106	Entitlement IDEA-B	087-000-2526-0063-M	$0.00
25153	Title XIX MEDICAID 3/21 Years	087-000-2526-0064-M	$0.00
24195	CLSD Comprehensive Literacy Development	087-000-2526-0065-T	$0.00
27502	Career Technical Education Program (Pilot)	087-000-2526-0066-M	$0.00
27584	Attendance Success Initiative	087-000-2526-0067-M	$0.00
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27502	Career Technical Education Program (Pilot)	087-000-2526-0069-T	$0.00
11000	Operational	087-000-2526-0070-M	$0.00
11000	Operational	087-000-2526-0071-M	$0.00
13000	Pupil Transportation	087-000-2526-0072-M	$0.00
24113	Education for Homeless Children	087-000-2526-0073-M	$0.00
24190	Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)	087-000-2526-0074-M	$0.00
27149	PreK Initiative	087-000-2526-0075-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*

F. RECOGNITION- BHS Cheerleaders Pauline introduced her five All American Cheerleaders.

G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. BOY IMSSA and Galileo-Lawrence A. Sanchez presented detailed assessment data for the IMSSA (Interim Measures of Student Success and Achievement) and Galileo benchmark tests across multiple cohorts (2030 and 2031) from 2021 to 2026, covering Reading, Language Usage, and Math for grades 3 through 8. It compares local Belen student performance with statewide New Mexico (NMSSA) data, reporting percentages in categories such as Needs Support, Novice, Near Target, Nearing Proficient, On Target, Proficient, and Advanced. This report presents a comprehensive analysis of student performance data from the IMSSA (Instructional Monitoring System for Student Achievement) and Galileo assessments across multiple grades (3rd through 8th) for the academic years 2021-2026. The data includes reading, language usage, and math achievement metrics, comparing local Belen student cohort results with New Mexico Statewide (NMSSA) benchmarks. Reading achievement: Belen's student cohort performances generally show lower percentages in the "On Target" and "Proficient" categories compared to NMSSA averages across grades 4-8. The proportion of students needing support or categorized as novice is consistently higher in Belen than the state average, particularly in grades 5-7. Over the years, there is some fluctuation but no consistent upward trend in proficiency levels, indicating a need for targeted interventions. Language Usage: Similar trends as reading, with many students in Belen scoring in the "Needs Support" and "Novice" ranges. NMSSA data shows broader distribution with a higher percentage reaching "Proficient" and "Advanced" levels. Belen's percentages of students meeting goals vary by grade but generally show room for growth. Mathematics achievement: Belen students show a higher percentage in "Needs Support" and "Novice" categories compared to state averages, particularly in grades 3-6. The state's proficiency

and advanced percentages are notably higher than Belen's, signaling a performance gap. Some improvement in proficiency and advanced levels is seen in select grades, but overall performance remains below state benchmarks. Galileo ELA and Math Performance (Grades 9-12): The Galileo BOY (Beginning of Year) data for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math shows average and median scores increasing progressively from ENG I through ENG IV and ALG I through GEO courses. Percentages of students in the "Novice" category decrease from ENG I to ENG IV, while the "Advanced" category increases notably by ENG IV. Math achievement data shows a mixed pattern in proficiency levels across Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry, with some shifts toward higher proficiency in later years. Improvements and Strategic Focus: Enhanced clarity in communication related to resources, instructional practices, and continued professional learning. Adoption of high-quality instructional materials (HQIM) for mathematics and structured professional development programs such as LETRS for K-6 and AIM Pathways to Proficient Reading for grades 7-12. Emphasis on data-driven decision-making supported by AI tools including Panorama and Magic School platforms. Focus on proficiency scales and common resources to unify instructional approaches across grades. The data indicates that while there are areas of strength, significant opportunities for improvement exist, particularly in raising proficiency levels in reading, language usage, and mathematics for the Belen student cohort. Ongoing commitment to targeted instructional strategies, resource allocation, and professional development will be critical to closing the achievement gaps relative to state averages. Mr. Sanchez stated that after reviewing the data at this time Belen is average when compared to the state, and he would like to see us become above average.

H. BOARD REPORTS

1. NMSBA Fall Region IV-Ms. Silva stated one of the topics they spoke about was communication bootcamp. Provided tips and strategies.
2. Policy Committee Meeting September 17, 2025-Mr. Danner gave second reads.
    a. Second Reads:

- Policy A-0250 Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity with changes
- Policy A-0300 Nondiscrimination On The Basis Of Sex with changes
- Policy J-3200 Pregnant / Parenting Student with changes
- Policy J-3600 Student Concerns, Complaints, And Grievances with changes

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. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of approval: Policy A-0250 Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity with changes-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 4-0, motion passes.
2. Consideration of approval: Policy A-0300 Nondiscrimination On The Basis Of Sex with changes-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Garley and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 4-0, motion passes.
3. Consideration of approval: Policy J-3200 Pregnant / Parenting Student with changes-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Ms. Silva and seconded by Mr. Garley. Individual votes 4-0, motion passes.
4. Consideration of approval: Policy J-3600 Student Concerns, Complaints, And Grievances with changes-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 4-0, motion passes.
5. Consideration of approval: purchase to CES, J3 Systems, for BHS Weight Room roof repair in the amount of $140,943.06 fund 31701-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to

approve made by Mr. Danner and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 4-0, motion passes.

6. Consideration of approval: purchase to CES, J3 Systems, for BHS gym roof replacement in the amount of $320,547.95 fund 31701-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Ms. Silva and seconded by Mr. Fernandez. Individual votes 4-0, motion passes.
7. Consideration of approval: purchase to CES, for behavioral therapist for BMS in the amount of $100,135.10 fund 11000-Superintendent recommends approval. Motion to approve made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Ms. Silva. Individual votes 4-0, motion passes.
8. *Consideration of approval: Donation from Max Bustamonte and Mike McMillen for athletics in the amount of $500
9. *Consideration of approval: Donation from Senator Joshua Sanchez for pumpkins at the elementary sites in the estimated amount of $4500
10. *Consideration of approval: MOU (Memorandum of Understanding with Waves Behavioral Health

J. ADVANCED PLANNING

1. Finance Committee Meeting October 22, 2025 9am
2. Construction Committee Meeting October 22, 2025 10am
3. Policy Committee Meeting October 22, 2025 11am
4. Audit Committee Meeting October 22, 2025 12pm
5. Regular Board Meeting October 28, 2025 5:00 pm

K. BOARD COMMENTS-Mr. Danner asked the other board members what are their thoughts on a board member or members being part of the math adoption. What is the role the board has in that process. Think about it and then they will discuss next board meeting during comments.

L. ADJOURNMENT-Mr. Danner adjourned the meeting 6:47 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