



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 8, 2026**

The Board of Education of the Artesia Public School District met in regular session in the Lowell M. Irby Board Room at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER — Mr. Bowman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL — A Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

JEFF BOWMAN	President
DAVID CONKLIN	Member
KRISTY CROCKETT	Member
BEN HARVEY	Vice President
CHERIE WIDMAYER	Secretary

Staff attending the meeting in person included Darian Jaramillo-Superintendent, Danny Parker-Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Tammy Davis-Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Federal Programs, Clint Taylor-Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, and Mykol Hodges-Secretary to the Board. Other staff members that attended in person: Matt Conn, Scott Neel, J. R. Null, Scott Simer, Halee Goff, Kate DeHoyos, Chanda Crandall, Susie Parker, Lynn Worley, and Michael Mondragon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge to the United States flag and the official salute to the New Mexico flag were led by Cherie Widmayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowman asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or changes to the agenda. Mrs. Crockett made a motion to approve the agenda with the adjustment of Item E under the Assistant Superintendent of Finance/Operations Report, as the transportation allocation had not yet been received and a budget adjustment would be made at a later date. Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized several outstanding student athletic and activities achievements. Members of the Artesia High School Boys Golf Team were recognized for winning the State Championship. Individual State Track Champions were also recognized for their exceptional performances at the State Track and Field Championships. In addition, the Artesia High School Softball Team was recognized for capturing the State Championship title. HOSA was also recognized for two state championships in their first year. The Board congratulated the students and coaches on their accomplishments and for representing Artesia Public Schools with excellence.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mrs. Jaramillo requested approval of the Consent Agenda Items, which included the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 11, 2026. Mr. Conklin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, which was seconded by Mrs. Crockett. The motion passed unanimously.

ASST. SUPT. OF FINANCE/OPERATIONS REPORT

- A. Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, asked the Board to approve the monthly Bills, the Budget Report, the Budget Adjustments, the Fund Balance Report, the Temporary Loans Report, and the Fixed Assets Report as presented. A motion was made by Ms. Widmayer, and it was seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve the monthly Bills, the Budget Report, the Fund Balance Report, the Budget Adjustments, the Temporary Loans Report, and the Fixed Assets Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. ***Seek Approval of 2026-2027 Artesia Public Schools Budget**
Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval of the 2026–2027 Artesia Public Schools Budget. The budget was submitted to the New Mexico Public Education Department on April 29, 2026, and technical corrections have been completed over the past several weeks. Ms. Widmayer made a motion to approve the 2026–2027 APS Budget, and Mr. Conklin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. ***Seek Approval of CES Quote for Janitorial Services for 2026-2027**
Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval of a CES quote for \$204,800.15 for Janitorial Services from Quality Janitorial. A motion was made by Mr. Harvey to approve the CES quote from Quality Janitorial for the Janitorial Services and it was seconded by Mr. Crockett. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. ***Seek Permission to Issue a Request for Proposals for Construction of Roselawn Elementary**
Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the construction of Roselawn Elementary School. Mr. Conklin made a motion to authorize the issuance of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the construction of Roselawn Elementary School, and Ms. Widmayer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. ***Seek Approval of 2026-2027 To and From Transportation Contract**
Item E was not discussed as the transportation allocation had not yet been received. A budget adjustment related to this item will be presented at a future meeting.
- F. ***Seek Approval of the 2026 – 2027 Activity Transportation Contract**
Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval of the 2026–2027 Transportation Contract with B & G. The agreement provides for the management, maintenance, and operation of transportation services related to district athletics and activities. Funding for these services will come from the SB-9 Fund and the General Fund. A copy of the contract was included in the Board packet for review. Mr. Harvey made a motion to approve the 2026–2027 Transportation Contract with B & G, and Mrs. Crockett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. *** Seek Approval of a Cooperative Quote for Network Monitoring Services**
Mr. Taylor is seeking approval of Sourcewell Quote 121923 for Traversa Network Monitoring Services for the 2026–2027 school year in the amount of \$74,200. Traversa serves as the district's network support provider, offering around-the-clock monitoring of district network systems as well as engineering and technical support. The company also assists with remote network updates and configuration changes when requested by district staff. Mrs. Crockett made a motion to approve the cooperative quote for network monitoring services and Mr. Conklin seconded the motion. The cost of these services will be paid from the SB-9 Fund. The motion passed Unanimously.

ASST. SUPT. OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION & FEDERAL PROGRAMS/ASST. SUPT. OF SECONDARY EDUCATION REPORT

- A. Ms. Davis presented the District WIDA ACCESS assessment results, which measure English language acquisition for English Learner (EL) students. She reported that 25 students exited the EL program during the 2025–2026 school year, matching the district's previous high and representing the highest number of students exiting the program to date. Of those students, two were from the secondary level. Ms. Davis explained that students must achieve an overall score of 4.7 on the ACCESS assessment to exit the program. She also noted that it is uncommon for secondary students to exit the program, as bilingual services conflict with elective courses and some parents choose to decline services through a parent refusal process.
- B. Ms. Davis presented the Parent Panorama Survey results, an extensive survey administered to students, teachers, staff, and families during both the fall and spring semesters. She highlighted the family survey results, specifically those related to parent engagement and school safety. Ms. Davis reported that when families were asked about barriers to engagement in their child's education, 97 respondents indicated that no barriers existed. Compared to national survey results, Artesia Public Schools ranked in the 90th percentile for positive responses regarding family engagement. She also shared that 95% of responding families reported having no concerns regarding school safety, reflecting a strong level of confidence in the district's learning environment.
- C. Ms. Davis reported on the district's Summer Math Camp, "Game On," which was held the week following Memorial Day. She recognized Erica Nielsen for her outstanding work in organizing and leading the camp. A total of 136 students attended, with a focus on developing number sense skills through interactive games and activities. Ms. Davis noted that this was the third year Artesia Public Schools has offered the camp and shared plans to expand participation next year to include incoming kindergarten students. The goal of the program is to make math engaging and enjoyable while strengthening students' mathematical understanding.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- A. STAFF AND OPERATIONS ITEMS: Mrs. Jaramillo announced the following:

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None for this meeting

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None for this meeting

RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Rebekah Majkrzak Elementary Music Teacher
- Estefani Hammond Math Teacher, AJHS
- Nick Rivera Spanish Teacher/Coach, AHS
- Leslie McKillip Mobility Specialist, SpEd

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Vannesa Rivera Ed. Asst., Central
- Kali Martinez SPED Teacher, Roselawn
- Aariah Salazar Nurse, Roselawn
- Jessie Olivas Bilingual Teacher, Yucca
- Aimee Johnson Nurse, AJHS
- Lynsey Bellingier Gifted Teacher, AIS/AJHS/AHS
- Gentry Doolittle Head Baseball Coach, AHS
- Dennis Garcia Asst. Girls Basketball Coach, AHS
- Amber Griffin Head Swim Coach, AHS
- Gabriella Sanchez SPED Ed. Asst./Health Assistant, AHS

- Julius Acosta Spanish Teacher/Head Cross Country Coach, AHS
- Jaelyn Bustamante DD Pre Ed. Asst., GHECC
- B.J. Montoya Welding Teacher/Asst. FFA Advisor, AHS
- Jessica Morgan Elementary Music Teacher, Yeso & Roselawn

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS:

- Elementary Teacher – Yucca Elementary
- Piano Accompanist & Choral Educational Asst. – Artesia High School
- Custodian – Yucca Elementary
- Special Education Teacher – Yeso Elementary School
- Food Services Director – Artesia Public Schools
- Speech Therapist (SLP) – Artesia Public Schools
- D-Level Special Education Educational Assistant – District
- 2026-2027 – Substitute Teachers – Artesia Public Schools
- 2026-2027 – Substitute Cafeteria Assistants & Substitute Custodians – APS
- Activity Bus Drivers – Artesia Public Schools
- School Bus Drivers – Artesia Public Schools via Kaiser, Inc.

B. *Seek Approval of Joint Powers Agreement Between Artesia Public Schools and City of Artesia Police Department

Mrs. Jaramillo sought approval of the Joint Powers Agreement between Artesia Public Schools and the City of Artesia Police Department. This agreement is reviewed and approved annually to continue cooperation and coordination between the two entities. Ms. Widmayer made a motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement, and Mr. Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Report on Revisions for NMSBA Training Hours

Mrs. Jaramillo provided an update on the annual training requirements for school board members. She explained that each returning board member is required to complete five (5) hours of training by December 31, 2026. While previous guidance allowed the five hours to be completed in any training category, the requirements for 2026 have been clarified to require at least one (1) hour of training in each of the five designated categories. Board members were provided with an update on their current training hours and category completion status. Mrs. Jaramillo also noted that board training hours are tied to each school's accreditation requirements and reported that the district successfully met the training standard during 2025.

D. Update on Various Events and Activities in the District/PED/Legislation

Mrs. Jaramillo reported that the district had a successful conclusion to the school year and noted that the graduation ceremonies were well executed. She expressed appreciation for the efforts of students, staff, and families throughout the year and shared her excitement for the upcoming school year.

9. Public Forum – None for this meeting

10. Dates to Remember

- July 13 Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – 6:00 pm
- July 15-17 NMCEL Conference/Admin Retreat – Albuquerque
- August 7 New Employee “Bulldog Beginnings” Breakfast – 7:00 am
- August 10-12 Staff Professional Development Days
- August 13 First Day of School

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

June 8, 2026

None for this meeting.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Cherie Widmayer, Secretary