



**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 11, 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, Cari Jowers, Mitzi McCaleb, Scott Neel, J. R. Null, Scott Simer, Halee Goff, Kate DeHoyos, Chanda Crandall, Marsha, Molina, Susie Parker, Kaci Whitmire, Sally Fodge, Lynn Worley and Amy Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bowman asked for corrections, deletions, or changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Widmayer and seconded by Mr. Conklin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Jaramillo and the Board recognized the Miller sisters, Kirklyn and Brecklyn, for winning the Class 4A Girls Doubles State Tennis Championship, the first state doubles title for Artesia High School in 65 years. The Board also recognized the Artesia High School FFA members who earned first-place honors at the New Mexico State Career Development Events.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Mrs. Jaramillo requested approval of the Consent Agenda Items, which included the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 13, 2026 and the E-Waste Clean and Beautiful disposable items. Mrs. Crockett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, which was seconded by Mr. Conklin. 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 Mr. Conklin, and it

was seconded by Mrs. Crockett 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 Low Bids for Cafeteria Food, Fruits and Vegetables, and Kitchen Supplies

Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval of low bids for cafeteria food and vegetables and kitchen supplies from Ben E Keith, Labatt, Shamrock, Sysco and Agri-Cultura Cooperative Network. A motion was made by Ms. Widmayer and seconded by Mr. Conklin to approve the low bids received. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Seek Approval of Low Bids for District's Copy Paper for SY 2026-2027

Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval of a CES quote for \$43,397.85 from Liberty for the District's copy paper order for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion was made by Ms. Widmayer to approve the CES quote from Liberty for the district's copy paper, and it was seconded by Mr. Conklin. The motion passed unanimously.

D. *Seek Approval of CES Proposal for Janitorial Products and Supplies for SY 2026-2027

Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval of a quote from Starr Janitorial in the amount of \$154,922.80 for janitorial product and supplies for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion was made by Mrs. Crockett to approve the CES proposal from Starr Janitorial, and Mr. Conklin seconded the motion. This will come from our SB9 account. The motion passed unanimously.

E. *Seek Approval of Service Fee Proposal for Landscape and Irrigation Design for Roselawn Elementary

Mr. Taylor, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval of a \$66,616.00 proposal fee from Dekker for landscape and irrigation design services for Roselawn Elementary. Mr. Conklin made a motion to approve the proposal fee for Landscape and Irrigation Design for Roselawn Elementary, and Ms. Widmayer seconded the motion. This will come from our HB33 fund. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Ms. Davis reported to the board on the district's Chronic Absence Report. She discussed attendance trends across the district. She emphasized the importance of improving student attendance and outlined ongoing efforts to support student engagement, family communication, and intervention strategies to reduce chronic absenteeism throughout the district. Ms. Davis highlighted several schools which had both an increase in attendance rates and decrease in chronic absenteeism.

B. *Seek Approval of the Fine Arts Education ACT K-6 Funding Application

Ms. Davis, concurred by Mrs. Jaramillo, sought approval of the Fine Arts Education ACT K-6 Funding Application, this is a renewal each year. These funds allow us to provide fine arts education programs in music and art for elementary school students and 6th grade students at Zia. Ms. Widmayer made a motion to approve the Fine Arts Education ACT K-6 Funding Application, which was seconded by Mrs. Crockett. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Report on the Carl Perkins and NextGen Application

Mr. Parker presented the Perkins Next Generation Career and Technical Education (CTE) Report to the Board. He reviewed program highlights, student participation, and performance data related to Career and Technical Education opportunities throughout the district. Mr. Parker shared that,

of the 1,022 students enrolled in grades 9–12, 590 students are currently taking at least one CTE course. He explained that students who complete a sequence of courses become CTE concentrators and completers. Mr. Parker also reviewed the two funding sources that support the program, including the federal Perkins grant and the Next Generation application in the amount of \$165,658. He further reported that students involved in at least one CTE program have a 93% graduation rate, while students involved in two or more CTE programs have a 97% graduation rate. He emphasized the district's continued focus on providing students with hands-on learning experiences, industry certifications, and college and career readiness skills through the district's CTE programs.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

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

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (For 2026-2027):

- Kelli Hammond Nurse, Hermosa

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Gianna Gerardo Title I Ed Asst., GHECC
- Ariana Duran SpEd Ed. Asst., Roselawn

RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENTS (For 2026-2027):

- Karen Taylor Ed. Asst., GHECC
- Danielle Hunt Ed. Asst., Central
- Jessica Bejarano SPED Ed. Asst., AJHS
- Melissa Fuentes Health Assistant, AJHS
- Eugene Irby Drama/Electives Teacher, AHS

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS (2026-2027):

- Brandon Brabson Transportation, Alt. Setting Coordinator
- Kimberly Roberts Teacher, GHECC
- Jace Lynch P. E. Teacher, Central/Roselawn
- Naomi Pollard SPED Ed. Asst., Roselawn
- Chelsea Been Library Ed. Asst (Part-Time), Yeso
- Melissa Villescas Bilingual Teacher, Yeso
- Danielle Amaya SPED Ed. Asst., AJHS
- Kimber Baker Agriculture/Electives Teacher, AJHS
- Taylor Scott Woodshop Teacher, AJHS
- Devyn Garcia Energy/Oil & Gas Teacher, AHS
- Derek Montoya Head Boys Basketball Coach, AHS
- Richard Perales Construction Trades Teacher, AHS

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS:

- Gifted Teacher – Part-Time – Artesia Public Schools
- Piano Accompanist & Choral Educational Asst. – Artesia High School
- Color Guard Coach – Band Program – Artesia High School
- D-Level Special Education Educational Assistant – Roselawn Elementary
- Elementary Teacher – Yucca Elementary
- District Department Head – Vocational
- Food Services Director – Artesia Public Schools
- Speech Therapist (SLP) – Artesia Public Schools
- Language Arts Teacher – Artesia Intermediate
- D-Level Special Education Educational Assistant – District

- D-Level Special Education Teacher – Roselawn Elementary
- Crossing Guard 1.5 hours/day
- 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.
- Volunteer Application

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

Mrs. Jaramillo discussed the many upcoming end-of-year activities throughout the district, including athletic and academic banquets, state competitions, Scholarship Night, and graduation ceremonies.

9. **Public Forum** – None for this meeting

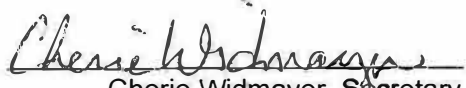
10. **Dates to Remember**

- May 12 AHS Scholarship Night at Bulldog Pit – 6:00 pm
- May 15 Spring Sports Day/No School
- May 20 Senior Banquet and Baccalaureate at BTC – 6:00 pm
- May 21 AHS Graduation – 7:30 pm
- May 22 Last Day of School
- May 25 Memorial Day Holiday
- June 4-8 NMSBA Law Conference in Albuquerque
- June 8 Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – 6:00 pm

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None for this meeting.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.


Cherie Widmayer, Secretary