



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 14, 2022**

The Board of Education of the Artesia Public School District met in special session in the Lowell M. Irby Board Room, at 12:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**— Mr. Bowman, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

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

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

Staff attending the meeting in person included John Ross Null-Superintendent, Danny Parker-Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Cody Skinner, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Federal Programs, Thad Phipps-Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Janet Grice, Director of Finance. Staff attending the meeting via ZOOM included: Tami Elkins and Sherida Burnett.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The pledge to the United States flag and the official salute to the New Mexico flag were led by Mr. Harvey.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Bowman asked for corrections, deletions, or changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. Crockett and seconded by Mr. Conklin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**\*Election of Board Members**

Mr. Null asked for nominations and conducted the selection of our School Board President. Mr. Conklin made a motion for Mr. Bowman to be the President of the board, and Ms. Widmayer seconded. The motion, the motion passed. Mr. Bowman then began conducting the election process by asking for nominations for Vice President and Secretary of the Board. Ms. Widmayer made a motion for David Conklin as the position of Vice President, and all were in favor. Mrs. Crockett then made a motion for Cherie Widmayer to continue as Secretary of the Board and all were in favor. All motions passed unanimously.

**\*Executive Session**

The board met in Executive Session regarding limited personnel matters, discussion of Superintendent candidates, review of applicant submissions, possible Interviews of Superintendent candidates. No action was taken.

**\*Action Items:**

**\*Possible Action to Select Superintendent**

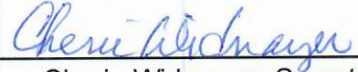
Mr. Conklin made a motion to select Thad Phipps as the Superintendent of Schools, and Ms. Widmayer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

January 14, 2022

**Public Forum**

None for this meeting

**ADJOURNMENT** — The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.



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Cherie Widmayer, Secretary