



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

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. Irby, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

LOWELL IRBY	President
JEFF BOWMAN	Vice-President
DAVID CONKLIN	Member
LUIS FLOREZ	Member
CHERIE WIDMAYER	Secretary

Staff attending the meeting in person included John Ross Null-Superintendent, Danny Parker-Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, Thad Phipps-Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Janet Grice, Director of Finance, Mykol Horner-Secretary to the Board. 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 Jeff Bowman.

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

***Seek Approval of a Formal Statement by the Board Petitioning the New Mexico Public Education Department to Grant the School Districts in New Mexico and the Public Additional Time to Adequately Review, Research, and Provide Comments and Proposed Changes to the New Draft Social Studies Standards.**

Mr. Null asked Mr. Bowman to share with the board the process for the development of the petition and some details of the work that has been put in contacting other districts' board members encouraging them to also consider the petition. Mr. Null then sought approval of the formal statement by the Board petitioning the NMPED to grant the school districts in New Mexico adequate time research and provide comments and proposed changes to the new draft Social Studies Standards. Ms. Widmayer made a motion to approve the statement and Mr. Florez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The approved petition is attached

Public Forum

None for this meeting

ADJOURNMENT — The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.


Cherie Widmayer, Secretary