September 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM - Los Alamos Public Schools Board Meeting

Final Minutes

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Call to Order, 5:30 pm**
3. **Roll Call**

President Wyman, Here
Vice President Coupland, Here
Secretary Colgan, Here
Member Jaurigue, Here
Member Baker, Here

Superintendent Guy
Recording Secretary Brugh

4. **Routine Business/Approval of Agenda**

Member Colgan: I MOVE the School Board approve the Agenda for September 8, 2026, as presented.

All in Favor, AYE
Motion Carries

5. **Recognition by the Board**
2026 Golden Chile Award, Blossom Award Winner

The Golden Chile Awards celebrate NM Grown Buyers (early care centers, K-12 schools, senior centers) and Approved Suppliers (farmers, ranchers, food hubs) who help strengthen New Mexico's local food system through the NM Grown Program. Awardees will be recognized at the 2026 NM Grown Golden Chile Awards, a statewide awards ceremony, where attendees will enjoy a dinner featuring local food. Awardees will receive certificates recognizing their contributions to NM Grown.

The Board is proud to recognize Los Alamos Schools and Chartwells as a Blossom Award Winner for the 2026 Golden Chile Awards. Congratulations to Mr. Rex McCreary from Chartwells.

6. **a. LAHS Student Council Representatives**
b. Student Liaison Representatives
c. Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Guy reported that today was the Be Here Initiative Day in New Mexico. The goal was to have New Mexico schools' attendance over 90%. Los Alamos schools' attendance was terrific with 91.6% the lowest and 96% the highest attendance rate.

The week of September 14 is Homecoming Week. Schools will have an early dismissal on Friday so that students and families may attend the parade. The parade will go in the opposite direction this year. It will start at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Walkers will join the parade at the library and the parade will continue to the old Smith's grocery store. The primary reason for this switch is safety. We have had lightning delays in the past. This route will give us a safe place for students who are waiting for the parade.

d. Public Comment for items not on the agenda - None

7. **Routine Business/Consent Agenda items**
Fund and Function Report
Adjusting Entries Report
Budget Adjustment Report
Draft Minutes, August 27, 2026

Member Jaurigue: I MOVE the School Board approve the Consent Agenda for September 8, 2026, as presented.

All in Favor, AYE
Motion Carries

8. **Transportation Presentation on Bus Replacement**
Assistant Superintendent Johnson and Superintendent Guy discussed the replacement of two school buses. The board approved the replacement of the two school buses, funded by the state due to reaching end of life (10 years or approximately 150,000 miles). The district is also exploring the feasibility of electric buses, with a proposal possibly coming in October.

Vice President Coupland: I MOVE the School Board Approves the School Bus Replacement as presented.

All in Favor, AYE
Motion Carries

9. **Review and Approval of 2026 Legislative Resolutions**
Presented by Superintendent Guy

The board discussed and approved several legislative resolutions for submission to the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA).

They approved a nepotism waiver which would allow statutory waivers/exceptions for critical staffing shortages, with specific language edits.

The board also approved two resolutions for State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) Modernization. The first resolution is for stable, inflation-adjusted annual funding. The second resolution would establish a permanent recurring funding stream for technology and school safety.

A proposed resolution on math and science funding was tabled for further development due to recent legislative changes.

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO NM STAT 22-5-6 TO ESTABLISH STATUTORY NEPOTISM WAIVERS AND EXCEPTIONS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL STAFFING SHORTAGES.

Member Jaurigue: I MOVE the School Board approve the resolution proposing amendments to NM State 22-5-6 to establish statutory nepotism waivers and exceptions to address critical staffing shortages as presented.
All in Favor, AYE
Motion Carries

A RESOLUTION FOR STATE EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE (SEG) MODERNIZATION TO SECURE STABLE INFLATION-ADJUSTED ANNUAL FUNDING.

Member Jaurigue: I MOVE the School Board approve the resolution for State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) Modernization to secure stable inflation-adjusted annual funding as presented.

All in Favor, AYE
Motion Carries

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT, RECURRING TECHNOLOGY AND SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDING STREAM WITHIN THE STATE EQUALIZATION GUARANTEE (SEG)

Member Jaurigue: I MOVE the School Board approve the resolution to establish a permanent, recurring technology and school safety funding stream within the State Equalization (SEG) .

All in Favor, AYE
Motion Carries

10. **CTE Pathways Update**
Presented by Assistant Superintendent Payne

Assistant Superintendent Payne presented a comprehensive overview of CTE programs.

Los Alamos offers a wide range of CTE courses and Pathways (800+ students take at least one CTE course; 50 are currently recognized as pathway completers, with potential to identify more).

Priorities include increasing industry-recognized credentials, improving course selection materials, and better aligning programs with local workforce needs.

The district is working to better track and recognize students who complete full CTE pathways and is expanding partnerships with local colleges and organizations.

11. **Board Committees Update**
Secretary Colgan attended the NAPAC Welcome Back Dinner. There was a strong turnout with many new people attending.

There was an update to the LAHS and LAMS student liaisons. Board members chose the representative for each school. The first liaison lunches will be Thursday, Oct 8 (LAHS) and Friday, Oct 9 (LAMS). The liaisons will be at the Oct 13 meeting.

President Wyman will not be in attendance at the October meetings; Vice-President Coupland will be conducting the board meetings. Secretary Colgan will represent the LAPS board at the LAPS Foundation board meetings.

President Wyman requested that review of the Strategic Plan be placed on a future agenda.

13. **Adjournment**

Member Baker: I MOVE we adjourn this meeting.

All in Favor, AYE
Motion Carries

Meeting Adjourned, 7:54 pm