

## **New America School-Las Cruces**

Governing Council

Thursday, August 17, 2017

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

**Board Members Present:** Susie Kimble (President), Martha Valdez (Secretary), Fernando Macias, Toby Rue (Vice-President), Oscar Juarez

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer)

**Staff Present:** Craig Cook, Margarita Porter, Dominic DiFelice, Mike Vigil II, Veronica Gonzalez, Kyle Hunt

### **Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Teachers and support staff present were introduced and indicated how long they have been at the school and what their assignments were. The GC and senior staff also introduced themselves. Susie and Toby thanked staff for the incredible work they do with students. Kyle Hunt will be replacing Mike Vigil II for financial matters.
4. The mission statement was read by Fernando Macias
5. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Toby Rue that the minutes of June 15, 2017 be approved as amended (titles for President and Vice-president were adjusted). Votes: Unanimous.
7. Mike Vigil presented the 6/30/17 reports and Kyle presented the 7/31/17 reports to both the finance committee before the meeting and the GC during the regularly scheduled monthly open meeting. There was discussion of the reversion of unused title I funds, and Margarita contacting PED Title I to request a waiver on behalf of the school to secure the carryover for fiscal year 18. This waiver for the school has never been requested before. The June 30<sup>th</sup> final available balance was \$543,511 in operational. The final number after the audit has concluded should reflect around \$150k more in audited cash than was originally budgeted into OBMS for the coming year's budget. Three maintenance BARs (#30, #31 and #32) from FY17 were presented, all three were final cleanup of budget lines in operational 11000 in functions 1000, 2000, and 3000. These BARs and final year clean up were approved in the June Meeting, but were also re-stated with the BAR numbers in this meeting. BAR #0001 initial budget of the 2014 GO Library Bonds for \$3,879 was presented as well approved unanimously along with the financial reports. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Martha Valdez that BARs 30-32 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Martha Valdez that BAR 0001 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The principal confirmed that the school was compliant on all aspects of Title IX.
9. As part of the annual reporting to the CSD, the GC must identify the number of members for the school year. Once established this number must be maintained for the balance of the year. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the NAS-LC's GC have six (6) members on the board. Votes Unanimous. As a follow up, the principal indicated the new training requirements for new and returning GC members. The principal will send out a roster to the GC indicating hours required and training dates and topics.
10. The principal presented the PARRC results for the last three years. Results were not good and a fulsome discussion ensued on how to improve results for the upcoming year. Some suggestions were made. The principal was directed to work with Dominic and staff and present some strategies at the next meeting.
11. Principal report: A written report was presented to the GC. Highlights included

- Findings from the CSD visit
- MOU from NMSU ( Susie, Fernando and Margarita will review the MOU and send back to NMSU)
- Enrollment 350, 182 under 21
- Navigator grant received (\$11,163)
- Mariachi group looking for funds to sponsor conference
- Art Ramble was fully endorsed by the GC
- Currently in need for two positions

12. Public Input: None

13. Adjournment 7:15 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Valdez, Secretary

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