

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, June 15, 2017

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (Vice-President), Martha Valdez, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Fernando Macias, Toby Rue

Regrets: Oscar Juarez

Staff Present: Craig Cook, Margarita Porter, Dominic DiFelice, Mike Vigil II, Christina Montoya, Veronica Gonzalez

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
4. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of May 11, 2017 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Mike Vigil II, Business Manager, stated that the financial reports ending May 31, 2017 had very little change from the previous month's report. It was noted that it appeared that food services revenues would not cover the food service expenditures by about \$4K, so the Operational SEG would likely have to cover this. Revenue significantly exceeded expenditures resulting in a continuation of having no issues with cash flows. It was noted that there were a number of outstanding POs that were still awaiting closure. Closure of these POs could result in an increase to projected cash carryover into FY18 which is currently projected at \$390k. The bank statements for both of the school's accounts reconciled to the general ledger with no variances. There was 1 BAR reducing the DCIM grant allocation by \$1,588. This BAR was documented as being a procedural issue as it is only reflective of the amount of the allocation that the school was not able to utilize. No actual cash is being returned to the state. This BAR (#0028) passed unanimously. There was also a motion to approve of the business manager being given permission to create cleanup BARs as necessary between the time of this meeting and the BAR closure deadline. Because the school does not have a July meeting, this request is that of a timing issue and this approval is one that occurs each year around this time. The PED is aware of the timing issue and has approved of this practice. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that BAR 0028-D be approved. Votes: Unanimous. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the GC authorize Mike Vigil II to do a cleanup BAR and present it at the August GC meeting. Votes: Unanimous.

The budget was presented for FY18 with minor changes to the previous month's public hearing portion of the regularly scheduled open meeting. Two public hearing were conducted with some input from staff. The changes are as follows:

- \$7.35k was added for summer school employee stipends.
- \$5k was added for employee stipends for those that run student clubs.
- The Other Professional Services line was reduced by \$15k for reduction of budget availability for a lobbyist.
- Board Training increased by \$3k in light of the state's proposed increase to mandated GC training hours.

- The Asst. Principal line was reduced by \$11.636k as the salary was only supposed to be \$70k and this was a typo/oversight.
- 7. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the 2017-18 school budget be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
- 8. Note that Toby Rue was not present for the budget vote.
- 9. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the school calendar for 2017-18 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
- 10. The principal presented the IDEA B application. The amount for the award and its allocation were discussed. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Toby Rue that the IDEA B application be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
- 11. Only one bidder responded to an RFP for the food services contract. The bidder met all the criteria stipulated in the RFP. The bidder has also been providing the same services for the past two years. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Martha Valdez that the food services contract be awarded to Craving's Café. Votes: Unanimous.
- 12. After considerable discussion on a revised PTO policy, the GC took no action.
- 13. The principal presented EOC results by teacher. The results indicate considerable work needs to be done to align EOC results with class passing rates.
- 14. The principal's written report included staff hires and non-renewals; professional conferences; and truancy grant.
- 15. Public Input: None
- 16. Adjournment 7:00 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary