

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

Governing Council

Thursday, May 12, 2016

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

**Board Members Present:** Susie Kimble (Vice-President), John Munoz (President), Toby Rue

**Regrets:** Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer), Martha Valdez (Secretary)

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

### **Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM.
  2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  3. The mission statement was read by Toby Rue.
  4. Students of the months were introduced. If parents/relatives were in attendance they were introduced. Students answered questions from the GC members. The following students received awards:
    - Enedina Arciniega, 16
    - Thomas Melendez, 16
    - Kody Keding, 16
    - Rodrigo Salas, 18
    - Ian Cutler, 19
    - Brandon DeMerritt, 20
    - Jason Ortiz, 27
  5. The consent agenda and minutes were unanimously approved.
  6. The principal provided a detailed overview of each of the contracts under discussion. She indicated the projected amounts to be received, how the monies will be allocated and addressed any questions from the GC. Roberto Lozano reviewed the status of E-Rate. The school will be 90% in category 1, the only application the school applied for. It will also receive monies for internet and phone services. This reflects a net 10% decrease from last year. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Susie Kimble that the following contracts be approved:
    - Title I
    - Title II
    - Title III
    - IDEA-B
    - E-Rate
- Votes: Unanimous.
7. The Superintendent indicated the contract for Matthews-Fox under discussion was the same as last year except for a \$20/hr. increase in fees. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Toby Rue that the service agreement with Matthew-Fox be approved. Votes: Unanimous.

8. The Vigil Group contract is exactly the same as last year. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Susie Kimble that the service agreement with the Vigil Group be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
9. The Superintendent indicated the PSA with the Network is the same as last year except that the term has been reduced from 2 to 1 year. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Susie Kimble that the service agreement with the NAS Network be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
10. The lease assistance agreement was presented, reviewed and discussed. Counsel for the GC has reviewed the application and the Superintendent cautioned the school that the checklist be completed in its entirety before submission.
11. The Finance Committee reviewed the draft budget and recommended the GC approve an increase in employee benefits from 60% to 80%. This was passed unanimously.
12. No one spoke during the public hearing of the draft 2016-2017 school budget.
13. Final discussion and approval of the FY2016-17 budget will be delayed until the June 2016 meeting of the Board.
14. The chair indicated he had received one resume from the possible nominees to the GC. The other two nominees will be considered when their information is received. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Toby Rue that Judge Fernando Macias be elected to the Board effective June 1, 2016 with term ending December 2018. Votes: Unanimous.
15. The financial reports were presented by Mike Vigil II, business manager. The financial reports ending 4/30/16 were discussed in detail with the finance committee prior to the GC meeting as normal. Revenue from the USDA for reimbursement from an October 2015 submission had been held up but Mr. Lozano had worked with the PED to get this cleared up. The school has ordered the food warmer from its special USDA equipment grant and it has not yet been received. Since it has not been received, the school cannot issue a check for the purchase which means it cannot yet request reimbursement from the state. The only new item of significance on the expenditure report was an issuance of a PO to Camnet of a little over \$3k for the moving of the email server to the cloud so that the school can be independent of the Albuquerque NAS. Revenues exceeded expenditures for the month of April resulting in a reconciled cash balance of \$979,985.63. The activity account had a reconciled balance of \$3,318.68. Mr. Cook added the discussion in finance committee about the school's bank account not being interest bearing. The BARs were discussed. Moved by Toby Rue and seconded by Susie Kimble that BARs 0018-I to 0020-I be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
16. Dashboard: The principal presented results from the Quality of Ed survey. 156 surveys were returned. All results were in the 90%+ range.
17. Principal report:
  - Block v. regular schedule for night program-67% dropout rate, same as last year. Will need to determine passing rates from last year vs. this year to determine how to move forward.
  - PARCC testing completed. 97% participation rate
  - Truancy Coordinator Award received. This has a value of \$50-70K.
  - Summer school, 4 credits will be offered
  - 16 new inductees to Honor Society
  - Renewal Application is now available online. Process will begin starting early June with state training.

