

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, May 11, 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,

Regrets: Oscar Juarez Toby Rue,

Staff Present: Craig Cook, Margarita Porter, Dominic DiFelice, Mike Vigil II

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
4. Students of the month awards were presented to the following students
 - Tiffany Parmer, 16
 - Spencer Griffiths, 17
 - Jose Aguilar, 17
 - Lizbeth Hernandez, 18
 - Karen Banuelos, 21
 - Zeriah Chavez, 22
 - Michael Nevarez, 26
5. Susie Kimble announced that a public hearing would take place for the draft 2017-18 school budget. Members of the audience were invited to attend the presentation and provide feedback.
6. Craig Cook and Mike Vigil II reviewed the draft 2017-18 budget. Highlights included
 - Based on 251 FTE
 - Estimated revenues \$2,116,624
 - Status quo on salaries
 - Reduced staff hours
 - Discussions on whether to eliminate discretionary and vacation payouts eliminatedQuestions and input from the public were addressed.
7. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Susie Kimble that the minutes of April 13, 2017 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Contracts were reviewed for the three services agreements under consideration. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Fernando Macias that the service agreements for Matthews Fox, the Vigil Group and the New America School Network be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Mike Vigil II, Business Manager, reported on the financial reports ending 4/30/17 which the finance committee reviewed in detail prior to the GC meeting as normal. Revenues are coming in as expected with no areas of concern to report. The expenditure report only had one area in the Operational fund for ancillary services that is projecting an overage, but Veronica, assistant business manager, did not believe the full encumbrance would be expended for the remainder of the year. The food service fund is awaiting a few federal reimbursements, and the final invoices for the food service need to be

received in order to determine if the Operational fund will need to supplement the food service fund this fiscal year. IDEA-B funding will be brought back to no overages with the BAR to be presented at this meeting. The food equipment grant has yet to be expended and the school has been reminded that these funds do expire and the purchase of the equipment needs to happen very soon. The Truancy Initiative fund has already had expenditures that put the fund in deficit moved into the Operational fund. A BAR will cover these expenditures in the Operational fund by utilizing unused nurse salary budget. The Bank Account Register Activity Report shows that revenues were exceeded by expenditures by about \$75k, but this is normal for this time of year. The only notable PO that was opened since the last meeting was to Backbone Communications and this was for purchases out of the Spaceport grant. Both banks reconciled to the general ledger with no variances with the main account holding over \$1.1M, about \$750k of which is in the Operational fund. BAR #0024, as discussed before, is moving budget from the unused nurse salary line to cover expenditures not covered by the Truancy grant. BAR #0025, as discussed before, was the final allocation for IDEA-B to cover expenditures in that fund. BAR #'s 0026 and 0027 were both at the request of the school's principal to move budget in the College Navigator grant from software and student travel into PD for teachers who will be traveling in June for a college readiness for students training.

Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Fernando Macias that BARs 0025-0027 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

11. The benefits of renewing membership with the Coalition were discussed. There is a 20% or \$1,000 savings for renewing prior to July 1, 2017. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the school renew its membership to the Coalition and pay the dues prior to July 1, 2017. Votes: Unanimous.
12. Margarita outlined that the workbook for the PEC that will begin discussions on the charter contract was now completed. Susie Kimble and Margarita will negotiate the contents with the PEC at a future date.
13. There was considerable discussion whether NAS-LC should opt into FMLA, The pros and cons were debated. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the school not be part of FLMA, however, allow the principal to use her discretion in awarding leave without pay for staff and that this issue be re-examined for the following year. Votes: Unanimous.
14. The principal presented Title I and Title II applications. The use of the resources were outlined. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the applications be approved as presented. Votes Unanimous.
15. Margarita and Dominic outlined the proposed changes for GC member training. For new members it would go from 5 to 10 hours, for returning members from 5 to 8 hours. Also the PED would specify who could provide the training subject to an intensive RFP process. It was highly encouraged GC members attend the public hearing on May 30th to discuss this proposal. Some of the issues with the proposal were discussed. It was agreed that the principal would prepare a white paper outlining the problems with this new proposal and that she would bcc it to the GC for reaction. Once finalized Susie Kimble agreed to present it at the hearing.
16. The dashboard summarized the Quality of Education survey completed by students and parents. Results were extremely positive.
17. Margarita reviewed the written principal report before the board.
18. Veronica has been extremely busy completing a very detailed Lease Assistance application. Funding for next year is unclear but it could range from \$589 to \$736. The lower amount has been budgeted.
19. Public Input: None
20. Adjournment 7:17 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary

