

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, May 10, 2018

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Martha Valdez (Secretary), Fernando Macias

Regrets: Oscar Juarez, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski (Treasurer)

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Dominic DiFelice, Veronica Gonzales, Mike Vigil II

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
4. The following students were presented student of the month awards.
 - Madison Knopic, 17
 - Lorraine Bravo, 17
 - Enedina Arciniega, 18
 - Brandy Martinez, 18
 - Amari Smith, 19
 - Luz Cervantes, 24

The Dona Ana County Freshman of the Month award went to Alfonso Carpio

5. Susie Kimble announced to the audience that the second public hearing would be held in room 108 and invited members of the audience to attend and provide input or ask any questions about the draft FY 2018-19 budget.
6. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the minutes of April 12, 2018 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The board accepted the resignation of Toby Rue from the board. To replace Toby's officer position, Fernando Macias agreed to be Vice- President. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Martha Valdez that Fernando Macias be elected Vice-President. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Susie Kimble provided background on the Momentum Research's (MR) proposal. Jim Griffin and Jody Ernest would assist NAS-NM and NAS-LC and lobbyists to begin the process of changing the accountability framework for SAM schools. Dom provided the background and work done in Colorado to move a similar agenda to fruition. Susan Fox at the NAS-NM board meeting on May 9, 2018, agreed to tweak the language in order to generate a viable agreement with Momentum Research. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the GC authorize Susan Fox to work with both NAS-NM and NAS-LC staff to draft an appropriate agreement with Momentum Research and bring it back to the GC for final approval. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the GC approve the PSCOC lease assistance application and annual conflict of interest questionnaire with amendments as discussed. Votes: Unanimous.
11. The principal outlined the details of the FY2018-19 school calendar. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the school calendar for 2018-2019 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

12. Susie reviewed the agreements before the board. The three agreements were similar to last year with some minor changes. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agreements with NAS-Network, Legal Services and the Vigil Group be approved as presented for FY 2018-19. Votes: Unanimous.
13. As part of the public hearing for the budget, the GC heard from the Mariachi group that there was an important need to purchase traje (outfits) for the band members. The cost per student would be approximately \$800. There are currently 12 members in the band. In order to account for different sizes and additional band members the GC decided to allocate \$20,000 for outfits. In addition \$50,000 was included in the budget for professional services (lobbyist/consultants as discussed in item #9). Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the draft 2018-19 budget be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
14. The finance committee met before the GC meeting. Susie noted there were no major changes from the previous report. Mike Vigil II summarized the contents of the four BARs. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Fernando Macias that the finance report and BARs # 0024-0027 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
15. Mike Vigil II indicated the need to provide budget adjustment authority to The Vigil Group to submit any final Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs) on behalf of the school to maintain the school in budgetary compliance for audit and other regulatory purposes. This is done knowing that the BARs will not impact actual cash but only address budgets. In addition, any BARs submitted as allowed under this approval, will be brought before the GC at the next meeting with review and explanation of the BAR. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the GC authorize the Business Manager working with the principal and assistant business manager to do a final cleanup BAR on behalf of the school. Votes: Unanimous
16. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the GC move into executive session to discuss the principal's evaluation. Votes: Unanimous.
17. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the GC move back into open session. Votes: Unanimous
18. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that only matters pertaining to the principal's evaluation were discussed. Votes: Unanimous.
19. The GC agreed to move the March 2019 GC meeting to March 7, 2019.
20. As requested at the last GC meeting, the principal presented the % increase in attendance due to the pilot program discussed.
21. Principal Report: Highlights from the written report included
 - PARCC data
 - Graduation ceremonies
 - Truancy grant
 - Renewal letters
 - Catholic Charities donation of \$2,000 for homeless students
22. Public Input: None
23. Adjournment 6:45 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday June 14, 2018 at New America School 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary