

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, April 11, 2019

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Fernando Macias (Vice-President), Martha Valdez (Secretary/Treasurer), Oscar Juarez, Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski

Regrets:

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Dominic DiFelice, Kyle Hunt, Christina Montoya, Veronica Gonzalez

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. Student of the month presentation. Award winners were
 - Leslie Zamora, 17
 - Alberto Rojas, 18
 - Spencer Griffiths, 18
 - Jordan Salcido, 18
 - Moses Villalobos, 21
 - Joseph Chavez, 22
 - Edna Bailey, 29
 - Catalina Guerrero-Cordova, 43
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the minutes of March 14, 2019 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that Part-Time Resolution 2019-04-11-01 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the GC award a PSA with Craig Cook and Dominic DiFelice for \$15,000 each for services and expenses for the FY 2019-2020. Votes: Unanimous.
9. The first public hearing for the FY 2019-20 budget was held. Highlights of the draft budget included
 - The draft budget was reviewed in detail by Kyle Hunt
 - The projected reduction in funding is \$56,584 from last year
 - This reduction is far less than anticipated
 - Over 21 funding is grandfathered for one year
 - Small school size is reduced by 20% over the next five years
 - Going forward the funding will be significantly reduced with no more over 21 funding and decrease to small school size funding
 - The various cuts to function lines were detailed
 - \$30K was allocated for consulting services for Dom and Craig
 - Lobbyists were funded to a maximum of \$10,000 if necessary
 - Benefits are to be reduced to a 75%-25% split
 - Vacation time payout will be discussed further
 - Discretionary time payouts to teachers would continue

- A stipend for teachers would continue if the school improved on student achievement, criteria to be determined

10. The Finance Committee met prior to the GC meeting. Kyle reviewed the financial reports. Highlights included

- Revenue report as expected, no surprises. All federal funds received.
- One large negative line item in expenditures was explained as an accounting anomaly and will be adjusted accordingly
- Some encumbrances in the PO report will not materialize and monies will be freed up
- Ending balance in the bank \$1,303,949
- Student activity balance \$ 7,877
- Unrestricted fund balance \$583,572
- Restricted fund balance \$720,376
- No BARs

Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial report be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

11. Moved by Susie Kimble and seconded by Martha Valdez that the GC move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Votes: Unanimous.
12. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that the GC move into public session. Votes: Unanimous.
13. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Oscar Juarez that only matters pertaining to a personnel matter was discussed in executive session and no action was taken. Votes: Unanimous.
14. Craig Cook indicated a meeting has been arranged with the building representative for FYI/RCY to discuss a lease to purchase arrangement, an extension of the maturity for the lease and a lower monthly lease payment. Craig will update the GC as to discussion that will occur at the next meeting.
15. This month's dashboard looked at enrollment based on age and graduation. Benchmark data was presented in Algebra I, II, Geometry, and Language Arts based on growth.
16. Principal report: Margarita reviewed a written report to the Board highlighting
- Implications of HB5/SB1
 - \$10,000 received for capital outlay
 - PARCC testing dates
 - Donation of \$250 by Steinborn Reality
 - Christina Montoya invited for an interview for the PPE program
17. Public Input: None.
18. Adjournment 7:08 pm

Next Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at New America School, 207 S. Main, Las Cruces, NM.

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary