



## MINUTES

### **Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 6 PM -310 Camino De La Placita Taos, NM 87571**

- A. Call to order-**The regular board meeting of the Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Flores at 6:06 pm.
- B. Roll Call-** The following board members were present: President Flores, Vice President Goler, Secretary Trujillo, and Member Spray.  
Absent: Member Maestas
- C. Pledge of Allegiance-**President Flores led the pledge of allegiance.
- D. Land Acknowledgement Statement:** *It is respectful to recognize the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous People and their traditional territories. We acknowledge that we are on the historic homeland of the Red Willow People within the original territory of Taos Pueblo. This acknowledgement will oblige as a reminder of our ongoing efforts to respectfully recognize, honor, reconcile and partner with the Red Willow People whose land and water we benefit from in this great valley today.*
- E. Approval of the Meeting Agenda-** President Flores made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, and Member Spray-yes. Motion carried 4-0.
- F. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) matters subject to attorney-client privilege pertaining to pending litigation in which the public body is a participant:**
1. Jane Doe v. Taos Municipal Schools, et al. – Case No 1:20-cv-01041-SCY-JHR  
USDCNM
  2. Jane Doe 2 v. Taos Municipal Schools, et al. – Case No. 1:22-cv-00590-LF-JHR  
USDCNM
- President Flores made a motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) matters subject to attorney-client privilege pertaining to pending litigation in which the public body is a participant at 6:10 pm, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, and Member Spray-yes. Motion carried 4-0.
- President Flores made a motion to exit the executive session at 6:59 pm and resume the regularly scheduled board meeting, seconded by Member Spray. Motion carried 4-0. The board discussed pending litigations and no action was taken.

### **G. Presentations**

**a) Archuleta Consulting Services Presentation-Stephen Archuleta**

Mr. Archuleta gave a presentation to the board on the first session of the 56<sup>th</sup> legislature which included all the committee and legislative finance committee meetings since the last

legislative session. He also informed the board that the Legislative Finance Council will be meeting at Taos Ski Valley on September 21-23, 2022, and an updated report should be completed by then. Mr. Archuleta also submitted a consulting agreement for services to the board which gave a scope of services he would be providing for TMS if approved.

b) Covid Update-*Lynn Brashar*

Ms. Brashar gave an update on Covid which included updates on vaccinations and isolation requirements. Gave an overview of what the CDC is requiring at this time.

c)TMS Education for Homeless and Doubled up Students Presentation-*Florence Miera*

Florence Miera and Angela Romero gave a presentation to the board on TMS Education for Homeless and Doubled up Students. Their presentation included the needs of these students and what they are now doing to try to help all these students in need and where they need help. The board thanked them for their presentation and asked that they do a follow-up presentation at a future board meeting.

d) THS Track & Field Update-*Robert Valencia/Valerie Trujillo*

Mr. Valencia gave an update on the THS Track and Field. He reported that they had met with Hellas Construction and the engineer of the project and are hoping to start this week on Friday or early next week. He did state that they will have a minor change order due to a sinkhole. The completion could take from 10-12 weeks.

e)THS Fire Watch/Fire Panel Update-*Robert Valencia/CJ Grace/Valerie Trujillo*

Mr. Valencia informed the board that the **State Fire Marshall's office had lifted the fire watch** as of today. Surge protectors have been placed in the fire panels which are up and running 100% at this time. Mr. Valencia stated that we have put in new circuit boards as well and are looking into newly upgraded panels. After, a board discussion, the board asked Mr. Valencia if he could please provide the board with a list of needs, deficiencies, and upgrades with dollar amounts in reference to the fire panels. President Flores thanked Mr. Valencia and all staff on behalf of the board for all their hard work.

Public Comments\*\* Any interested person may submit data, views, or arguments in writing to the Board on any school related topic. An individual or representative wishing to give public comment shall register prior to participating in public comment. Additionally, when registering for public comment, the speaker shall be required to identify the subject matter of their proposed comment when they register. Speakers are allotted three minutes, or an amount otherwise designated by the Board President at the beginning of the meeting. The Board President in his/her sole discretion may shorten/lengthen the comment period time to ensure that the meeting is efficiently and promptly conducted. All speakers are strongly encouraged to abide by all time-limitations, to avoid personal attacks, to utilize all administrative avenues for complaint resolution before bringing Issues to the board, and to avoid identifying students or staff in comments, and to present all comments professionally and respectfully. \*Persons requiring special assistance or services, such as a sign language interpreter, should call (575) 758-5202 at least three days before the meeting.

1) Stephen Hall addressed the board with concern about gun violence.

## **H. District Update**

a) Administrator Reports

The board thanked the administrators for presenting their reports.

b) Superintendent Report-*Valerie Trujillo*

Ms. Trujillo stated that implementation of the new Elementary and Middle School ELA Curriculum has started at all school sites. Third-grade staff and new staff started their LETRS training last Friday, this training will be a 2-yr commitment. TMS and Elementary Teachers have been trained on I-Ready which has replaced the previous short cycle assessment, and fifth-grade elementary teachers are in the process of professional development to implement Ready Math in all three elementary schools. We have hired a K-12 District Math Instructional Coach Nickie McCarty. Ms. Trujillo gave an update on Math 180; the student success program which offers mentoring to students; Gear Up; student achievement; AVID; visiting artist program; community engagement; community schools and safety & wellness. Ms. Trujillo stated that safety at TMSD includes all properties and buildings owned and operated by TMSD. Safety covers things like fire extinguishers, walkways, lighting, roads, and anything that could be a risk to staff, students, and guests on TMSD property. Security covers how we keep students, staff, and guests safe from harm that could come from outside or inside the building. Ms. Trujillo also informed the board that school supplies were distributed to Native American students on August 13th.

c) District Goals & Objectives-*President Flores*

President Flores stated that with a new Interim Superintendent starting he would like the board to come up with some goals and objectives to move the district forward and to direct our Superintendent. Some of the goals discussed to address were staffing, filling all vacancies, security, curriculum, student achievement, staff training, professional development, and moving forward with the strategic plan. The board will continue to work with this while working on the strategic plan for the district and will continue to discuss it at future meetings.

**I. Old Business**

a) 2022 Taos Municipal Schools (FMP) Facilities Master Plan (Approval)-*Robert Valencia/Valerie Trujillo*

Ms. Valerie Trujillo recommended approval of the 2022 5-year Taos Municipal Schools (FMP) Facilities Master Plan. President Flores made a motion to approve the Taos Municipal Schools (FMP) 5-year Facilities Master Plan 2022-2027, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, and Member Spray-yes. Motion carried 3-0. Secretary Trujillo had left the meeting at this time.

b) Turf & Track Change Order (Approval)-*Robert Valencia/Valerie Trujillo*

President Flores made a motion to approve and amend the Turf & Track Change Order in the amount of \$453,867.00, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, and Member Spray-No. Motion carried 2-yes and 1-No.

c) 2022-2023 Revised SY Calendar (Approval)-*Lynn Brashar*

Ms. Valerie Trujillo recommended approval of the 2022-2023 Revised SY Calendar to include the change of the half day for Homecoming from September 7<sup>th</sup> to October 21<sup>st</sup>. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Revised SY Calendar as recommended, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, and Member Spray-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**J. New Business**

- a) GRADS Instructional/Child Care Components and 2022-23 GRADS Budget (Approval)-  
*CJ Grace & Camille Rivera*

Ms. Valerie Trujillo recommended approval of the GRADS Instructional/Child Care Components and 2022-23 GRADS Budget. President Flores made a motion to approve the GRADS Instructional/Child Care Components and 2022-23 GRADS Budget as recommended, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, and Member Spray-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

- b) Agreement between Taos Municipal Schools and Archuleta Consulting Services (Approval)-Stephen Archuleta

President Flores made a motion to approve the Agreement between Taos Municipal Schools and Archuleta Consulting Services as provided by the presentation and in the board packet, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, and Member Spray-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

- c) Resolution regarding School Safety Discussion of Boards of Education (Approval)-  
Member Maestas

President Flores made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding School Safety Discussion of Boards of Education and to be submitted to the school boards association, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, and Member Spray-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**K. Consent Agenda**

**1. Contracts/MOU's/Requisition Listing**

- a) Contracted Services between TMS and Student Success Agency (Sept 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)-*Valerie Trujillo*  
b) Contracted Services between TMS and CES/Cooperative Educ Services (2022-2023FY)-  
*Renetta Mondragon*  
c) Contracted Services between TMS and Cierra Martinez (Sept 2022-May 2023)-*Renetta Mondragon*  
d) Contracted Services Between TMS and Allied Security (Security Guards)-*CJ Grace*  
e) Requisition Listing-*Hernando Chavez*  
f) Requisition Listing-*Monica Martinez*  
g) Requisition Listing-*Sarah Bradley*  
h) Requisition Listing-*Robert Valencia*  
i) Requisition Listing-*Valerie Trujillo*  
j) Requisition Listing-*Lynn Brashar*

**2. Minutes**

- a) Approval of Minutes for August 24, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Valerie Trujillo recommended approval of the Consent Agenda for Contracts/MOU's/Requisition Listing K. 1. a-j). President Flores made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item K. 1. a-j) and to include K. 2. a) Approval of Minutes for August 24, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, and Member Spray-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**L. Upcoming Meetings & Agenda Items**

Future Topics

- a) Regular Board Meeting September 21, 2022, 6:00 pm
- b) Resolution Teacher Housing-Member Pascual Maestas
- c) Public Meetings with parents, students, and community
- d) Strategic Plan Work Session-Bobbie Gutierrez/Denise Johnston
- e) Procurement Work Session
- f) Security Presentation

**M. Adjournment**-President Flores made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, seconded by Member Spray. Motion carried 3-0.

Signature: Mark T. Flores

Date: 9-21-2022

Attest: Durva J. Lopez

Date: 9/21/2022

Approved 9.21.2022