



Minutes

Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6 PM-Administration Office & Via Zoom Webinar-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 Sanborn at 6:04 pm.
- B. Roll Call-**Linda Sanchez conducted a roll call. The following members were present: President Sanborn, Vice President Flores, Secretary Goler, and Member Trujillo. Member Maestas arrived at 6:07 pm.
- C. Approval of the Agenda-**President Sanborn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes. Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Trujillo-yes. Motion carried 4-0. Member Maestas was not present at the time.
- D. Student Report-***Jonnea Trujillo & Alejandro Acosta*
Jonnea started off by acknowledging the custodial staff for working extremely hard in keeping our school clean and safe. Both students reported on the following events.
- School Day SAT-Scheduled for April-students can sign up by March 15th.
 - ASVAB test will be held on April 9th at 8:00 am.
 - Financial Aid will hold a virtual presentation on March 3rd at 5:00 pm.
 - FAFSA assistance will be held on February 22nd, March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd, & March 20th.
 - Culinary class is getting back into cooking at the high school they will be working on some staff events for fundraising and hopefully soon they will be doing public curbside events. ProStart has canceled the spring invitational, and SkillsUSA is fully virtual.
 - Honor Society is meeting with younger students every Wednesday to be their reading buddy.
 - Taos High Supercomputing Challenge Team is getting ready to present to the evaluators on Wednesday.
 - Yearbook students are now Hybrid with Ms. Galligan and will be actively working on the yearbook.
 - EdRising Club participated in the first part of the state conference Friday February 19th.
 - Leadership class students have been planning and preparing.
 - Student Board Reporters are currently being looked at for the coming year.
 - Back to School- Alejandro is part of the coming back to school hybrid model and Jonnea chose to remain in remote learning. Alejandro reported that Principal Grace and the entire administration have done a great job of organizing and planning everything out. Their successful hard work will hopefully serve as an example for the rest of Taos and the State.

E. Presentations

a) THS Re-Opening Update-*CJ Grace*

Ms. Grace started off by acknowledging all the staff for all their hard work in re-opening the THS. She gave an update on the reopening of THS and reported that everything went well on the first days of opening. She stated that all protocols were explained to students and stated that they had 18 teachers with 10 students in each pod. The first day there were slightly over 100 students who attended and approximately 110 students on Tuesday. Students are remaining in one room throughout the day with teachers moving. Cafeteria staff continue to prepare lunches and custodial staff are sanitizing and keeping all areas defogged and cleaned. She reported that she was happy to see students and staff in school and welcomed the board and all staff to visit the THS if possible. Board members indicated that they would like to schedule a visit to the school.

b) THS Maps Data-*CJ Grace*

Ms. Grace presented a power point on the THS Maps Data. This is a short cycle assessment. This included measures of academic progress and standardized, adaptive test. It included ELA and Math assessment data on half the students tested at mid-year. The board had a discussion on the data and thanked Ms. Grace for the update.

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.

****No Public Comments****

F. District Update

a) Administrator Reports-Deborah Branchal/Sarah Bradley/Robert Valencia/Lourdes Cordova/Monica Martinez

The board had some discussion on the reports and thanked all administrators for their reports.

b) Superintendent Report-Dr. Lillian Torrez

Dr. Torrez started off by thanking all the high school staff for preparing for students returning in person. She explained that classrooms and students are spread out, filtration systems are in and everything is in order at the high school. She shared pictures of the school classrooms on the day of returning. Both breakfast and lunch are delivered to the classrooms and all students are abiding by all the rules. She reported the number of students attending face to face at the high school and how many are remote, students have 51 days left of instruction. She also reported how many will be going face to face and the number of students remote at the TMS, Enos, Ranchos and Arroyos Elementary. She reported on the HEPA Filters in place and where they are still needed to be placed. All athletics will be streamed. She reported that we are posting positions for substitutes. The state gave us funding for stipends for staff teaching in person. We are applying for a community grant to include all schools including charters. We are also working with the Union to do teacher, staff incentives. We are also offering counseling for all staff and family members up to the age of 26.

c) TMS Emergency Plan 2020-2021-(Pillar I)Lynn Brashar/(Pillar II-III) Melissa Sandoval & Renetta Mondragon/(Pillar IV)Dr. Torrez

Lynn Brashar, Melissa Sandoval, Renetta Mondragon and Dr. Torrez gave the board an update on all Pillars.

G. Finance Office -Brenda Halder

1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests

a) 076-000-2021-0052-I	Operational SEG	Increase	\$35,848.02
b) 076-000-2021-0053-IB	Non-Instructional Support	Initial Budget	\$488,119.83
c) 076-000-2021-0054-IB	Charter Schools	Initial Budget	\$119,204.00

2. Financials

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the BAR's item G. 1. a-c) at this time. Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the BAR's as recommended, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

H. New Business

a) MOU between TFUSE and TMSD for End of School Year Extended Contract Day (Approval)-Francis Hahn/Dr. Lillian Torrez

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the MOU between TFUSE and TMSD for End of School Year Extended Contract Days at this time. Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the MOU as recommended, seconded by Member Trujillo. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

b) MOA between Las Cumbres Community Services, Inc & TMSD (Approval)-Dr. Lillian Torrez

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the MOA between Las Cumbres Community Services, Inc & TMSD at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the MOA as recommended, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

c) Board Resolution for 2020-2021 Academic Year Graduation Requirements (Approval)-Dr. Lillian Torrez

Dr. Torrez recommended the Board Resolution for 2020-2021 Academic Year Graduation Requirements at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Board Resolution as recommended, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

d) NMSBA Policy Alert Alternate Demonstration of Competency (ADC)-(1st Reading Review)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*
For review only no action was taken.

e) Board Meeting Calendar Review-*James Sanborn*

The board had a discussion on the possibility of holding the remainder of the board meetings for this year at different locations other than the board room. After some discussion the board decided to keep our meeting schedule with the remainder of the meetings to be held at the administration office, no site school meetings for the remainder of the school year. The public can zoom in, board members can also zoom in if needed. We will update the board meeting calendar on the website to reflect that board meetings will be held for the remainder of the school year at the administration building. The board will schedule to visit the school sites individually.

I. Old Business

a) NMSBA Policy Board Organizational Meeting.....B-900 BDA
(Approval)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*

President Sanborn made a motion to adopt the NMSBA Policy Board Organizational Meeting...B-900 BDA, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

b) Nominations for Board Policy Review Committee-*Pascual Maestas*

Member Maestas stated that two meetings ago we approved the bylaws to establish a committee to review board policies. Our next task to get this committee started is to make nominations and for the board to ratify those nominations so that the committee can meet for the first time. He explained that according to the bylaws that were approved, Dr. Torrez will sit on the board policy review committee and will also need to nominate an administrator to sit on the review committee as well. The Union has the option to nominate a member and an alternate, the school board can nominate a school board member and an alternate, THS principal can nominate a student representative and an alternate, and there are five at large positions for the board to fill if the board desires. Dr. Torrez also recommended adding the Taos Pueblo and finding a representative. The board agreed to add the Taos Pueblo and to find a representative. After a discussion and nominations for the positions Member Maestas made a motion to approve the following members to the Board Policy Review Committee: Superintendent-Dr. Lillian Torrez; Administrator-Melissa Sandoval; Union Representative-Ms. Kate Jensen; Student Representative-Lily Henderson (Alternate) Natalie Flores; School Board Representative-Member Maestas (Alternate) Secretary Goler; At large Positions- Dr. Archuleta (UNM) and Larry Maes (Chamber of Commerce), seconded by President Sanborn. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Consent Agenda

1. Contracts/MOU's

a) Contracted Services Rita O'Connell Grant Writer Full-Service Community Schools Federal Grant Application-*Renetta Mondragon*

b) E-rate Contracted Services between TMSD with Taos Net and Kit Carson Internet-*Maria Jeantete, CTS and Sharp*

c) E-rate Contract with CamNet for Network Infrastructure upgrade-*Maria Jeantete, CTS and SHARP*

2. Minutes

a) Approval of Minutes for February 10, 2021-Regular Board Meeting

President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items J. 1 & 2, as presented, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (4) NMSA 1978

a) Superintendent's Review

President Sanborn made a motion to go into executive session @ 9:14 pm, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0


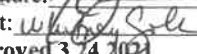
A motion to resume the meeting was made by President Sanborn at 10:09 pm, seconded by Vice President Flores. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Upcoming meetings & Agenda Items

Future Topics

a) Regular Board Meeting March 24, 2021- @6:00 pm

M. **Adjournment**-Vice President Flores made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 pm, seconded by Member Trujillo. Motion carried 5-0.

Signature:  Date: 3/29/21
Attest:  Date: 3-29-2021
Approved 3.24.2021