



## MINUTES

### **Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 6 PM -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 6:16 pm.
- B. Roll Call.** The following board members were present: President Flores. Secretary Trujillo. Member Spray. and Member Maestas.  
Absent -Vice President Whitney Goler
- C. Pledge of Allegiance-** Member Maestas 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 acknowledgment 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.*

Moment of silence in honor of the lives lost in Uvalde Texas.

- E. Approval of the Meeting Agenda-** Dr. Torrez recommended moving item J. b) County Education Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds Resolution (Approval)-Modrall Sperling Chris Muirhead to follow item G. f) under presentations. President Flores hearing Dr. Torrez's recommendation at this time made a motion to move item J. b) from new business and place under G. f) presentations, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Secretary Trujillo-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0. President Flores made a motion to approve the meeting agenda at this time, seconded by Secretary Trujillo. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Secretary Trujillo-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

**F. Student Report**

Student Representative Natalie Flores reported that this was the last week of school at Taos High and finals have been completed.

- Thursday, May 26th-6:00 pm Robe Ceremony followed by the announcement of scholarships.
- Friday, May 27th-Gear Up Ceremony and Senior lunch
- Saturday, May 28th-10:00 am Graduation Ceremony

She stated that as a senior she would like to thank everyone for an amazing year. The board and Dr. Torrez thanked her for doing an excellent job.

**G. Presentations**

a) Recognition of Dr. Torrez's Accomplishments-*President Flores*

President Flores recognized Superintendent, Dr. Lillian Torrez at this time. He stated that as board President he is honored to speak about Dr. Torrez. He stated that we have been blessed with stability and a great leader. He spoke about her accomplishments as an amazing Superintendent, an amazing leader of our schools, and a member of the community. She has reached out throughout the community bringing people together, and community organizations that have helped fund programs within the district, brought in funding, brought in professionals, and changed the dynamics and overall attitude of the Taos Schools. He stated that there will be an article in the Taos News reflecting all her accomplishments. At this time, he shared a letter with the board and the public from Dr. Torrez announcing her retirement. Dr. Torrez thanked Taos Schools for allowing her to serve the district for the past 8 years.

b) Taos High Mariachi Performance-*Mariachi Band*

Mariachi Instructor Mr. Norbert Martinez and Mariachi El Tigre performed three songs for the board at this time.

c) THS Envirothon Recognition & Presentation-*Greg Rael*

Mr. Rael introduced the THS Earthletes students. Envirothon is a nationwide competition that focuses on climate change. These students placed second overall in the state competition among fourteen teams. Dr. Torrez and Ms. Grace presented these students with a certificate on behalf of the board and the school district for representing Taos High School and the Community.

d) Excellence in Student Achievement Award (Richard Quintana)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*

Dr. Torrez and CJ Grace presented Richard Quintana with an award for Excellence in Student Achievement.

e) Visiting Artist Presentation-*Tanya Vigil & Valerie Trujillo*

Ms. Trujillo presented the board with a book written by visiting artists and students (La Tormenta de Taos) and acknowledged Ms. Tanya Vigil for all her challenging work. Ms. Tanya Vigil thanked Dr. Torrez for her support. The board thanked Ms. Vigil for all her work.

f) Community Schools Presentation-*Paula Oxoby-Hayett*

Paula started by thanking Dr. Torrez for her leadership. She presented a PowerPoint to the board and spoke about programs offered for families.

Item J. b) County Education Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds Resolution (Approval)- *Modrall Sperling Chris Muirhead*

President Flores read the County Education Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds Resolution to the board and audience. Member Spray made a motion to approve the County Education Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds Resolution as read, seconded by Member Trujillo. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Secretary Trujillo-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-abstained. Motion carried 3-yes and one abstained.

**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**

**H. District Update**

a) Administrator Reports

The board had discussions on Student Nutrition and Data at Enos Elementary & Ranchos Elementary. Ms. Winters presented her response to questions from the board about the audit findings.

At this time President Flores made a motion to move item J. a) Out of district travel for Volleyball Program to Camp-Adams State University, Alamosa Co July 7-9th (Approval)-*Anita Rodriguez* to item H. b) and moving item H. b) to H. c), seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Secretary Trujillo-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

b) Out of district travel for Volleyball Program to Camp-Adams State University, Alamosa Co July 7-9th (Approval)-*Anita Rodriguez*

President Flores made a motion to approve the Out of district travel for the Volleyball Program to Camp-Adams State University, Alamosa Co July 7-9th, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Secretary Trujillo-yes. Member Spray-yes. and

Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0. Dr. Torrez informed the board that Ms. Rodriquez is the new Assistant Principal at Taos Middle School.

**c) Superintendent Report**

Dr. Torrez reported that we now have sixteen job openings in the district to be filled, we had twenty-two prior and four positions were filled last week. The rejuvenation room at Enos Elementary has been completed and looks beautiful thanks to the LOR Foundation. We will begin next with the one at Ranchos Elementary. Our year-end luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:30-1 pm at the Taos High School gym. We will also honor our retirees. We have received approval for the Turf/Track and will be using it for outdoor learning as well. Cyber Magnet School will be graduating on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The ceremony will take place in the board room. Taos High School graduation will take place on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Anaya Field at 10:00 am. The board training is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> in the board room.

**I. Finance Office -Brenda Halder**

**1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests**

a) 076-000-2122-0104-IB	CDC Healthy Schools	Initial Budget	\$7,000.00
b) 076-000-2122-0105-I	IDEA-B	Increase	\$421,227.00
c) 076-000-2122-0106-I	Transportation	Increase	\$20,133.00
d) 076-000-2122-0107-D	ESSER II	Decrease	(\$568,753.00)
e) 076-000-2122-0108-T	Operational	Transfer	\$50,000.00
f) 076-000-2122-0109-M	ARP ESSER III	Maintenance	\$1,044,789.00
g) 076-000-2122-0110-T	ARP ESSER III	Transfer	\$505,211.00

Superintendent Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve the BAR's I. 1. a-g) as presented. President Flores made a motion to approve the BAR's item I. 1. a-g) as presented and recommended, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0. Secretary Trujillo had left the meeting at this time.

Finance Director Brenda Halder asked at this time for board approval for a blanket BAR request for any BARs that will need to be processed for May & June. Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the Blanket Bar Request at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve the Blanket Bar's so that they can adjust as needed through the end of the school year. seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**J. New Business**

a) Out of district travel for Volleyball Program to Camp-Adams State University, Alamosa Co July 7-9th (Approval)-*Anita Rodriguez*  
Approved under item H. a) above.

b) County Education Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds Resolution (Approval)- *Modrall Sperling Chris Muirhead*  
Approved under item G. f) above.

c) 2022-2023 Revised SY Calendar-(Approval)-*Lynn Brashar*  
Member Maestas made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Revised SY Calendar as presented by Ms. Brashar, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

d) 2022-2023 TMS Board of Education Meeting Schedule (Approval)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*  
President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 TMS Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented by Dr. Torrez, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

e) 2022-2023 School Board Resolution (Approval)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*  
President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Board Resolution as presented and recommended by Dr. Torrez, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

f) 2022-2023 TMS Resolution for New Teacher to the District Recruitment Incentive (Approval)-*Valerie Trujillo*  
Superintendent Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 TMS Resolution for New Teacher to the District Recruitment Incentive at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 TMS Resolution for New Teacher to the

District Recruitment Incentive as presented, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

g) 2022-2023 Taos Municipal Schools Budget (Approval)-*Brenda Halder*  
Superintendent Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Taos Municipal Schools Budget at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Taos Municipal Schools Budget as recommended, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

h) 2022-2023 Taos Charter School Budget (Approval)-*Jeremy Jones*  
Jeremy Jones and Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Taos Charter School Budget at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Taos Charter School Budget as recommended, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

i) 2022-2023 Anansi Charter School Budget (Approval)-*Michelle Hunt*  
Michelle Hunt and Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Anansi Charter School Budget at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Anansi Charter School Budget as recommended, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

j) 2022-2023 School Bus Contracts (Approval)- *Esther Winter*  
Superintendent Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve item J. j) 2022-2023 School Bus Contracts and item J. k) 2021-2022 School Bus Contract Amendments at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve item J. j) 2022-2023 School Bus Contracts and item J. k) 2021-2022 School Bus Contract Amendments as presented by Ms. Winter and recommended by Dr. Torrez, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

k) 2021-2022 School Bus Contract Amendments (Approval)-*Esther Winter*  
Approved with item j) above.

l) 2022-2023 FAEA Fine Arts Education Act Application (Approval)-*Valerie Trujillo*  
Superintendent Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve J. l) 2022-2023 FAEA Fine Arts Education Act Application at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 FAEA Fine Arts Education Act Application as recommended, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

m) 2022-2023 TMS Education Plan (Approval)-*Valerie Trujillo*  
Superintendent Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve J. m) 2022-2023 TMS Education Plan at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 TMS Education Plan as recommended, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

n) 2022-2023 Idea B Application (Approval)-*Lynn Brashar*  
Superintendent Dr. Torrez made a recommendation to approve J. n) 2022-2023 Idea B Application at this time. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Idea B Application as presented by Ms. Brashar and recommended by Dr. Torrez, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

o) AASA Executive Committee Meeting in Washington DC-July 11-14, 2022 (Approval)-  
*Dr. Lillian Torrez*  
Superintendent Dr. Torrez asked for approval to travel and attend the AASA Executive Committee Meeting in Washington DC-July 11-14, 2022. Member Maestas made a motion to approve Dr. Torrez's travel to the AASA Executive Committee Meeting in Washington DC-July 11-14, 2022, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

## **K. Consent Agenda**

### **1. Contracts/MOU's**

a) Contracted Services Between Anansi Charter School and TMS (Bus Transportation)-*Renetta Mondragon*

- b) Contracted Services Between Anansi Charter School and TMS (Power School & Tie Net)-*Renetta Mondragon*
- c) Contracted Services Between Taos Charter School and TMS (Power School & Tie Net)-*Renetta Mondragon*
- d) Contracted Services Sarah Martinez Music Instruction (June 6-June 24, 2022)-*Renetta Mondragon*
- e) Contracted Services Ursula Pfisterer Yoga Instructor Services (June 6-June 24, 2022)-*Renetta Mondragon*
- f) Contracted Services Anne-Sophie Lenoir Summer Instructor Services (June 6-June 24, 2022)-*Renetta Mondragon*
- g) Contracted Services Taos Sanitary Supplies (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)-*Robert Valencia*
- h) Contracted Services La Tierra Landscaping (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)-*Robert Valencia*

Member Spray made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items K. 1. a-h) as presented, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**2. Minutes**

- a) Approval of Minutes for May 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting  
President Flores made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item K. 2. a) Minutes as presented, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0.

**L. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (2) NMSA 1978**

- a) Personnel matters  
President Flores made a motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (2) NMSA 1978 at 10:00 pm to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes. Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 3-0. The board exited the executive session at 10:30 pm and resumed the regularly scheduled meeting. Matters discussed in the executive session were personnel matters only. No action was taken.

**M. Upcoming Meetings & Agenda Items**

- a) NMSBA 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual School Law Conference June 2-4, 2022-Albuquerque, NM
  - b) Virtual Board Training-June 8, 2022 (4:00-5:00 pm)
  - c) Regular Board Meeting June 22, 2022, 6:00 pm
- Future Topics
- a) Resolution Teacher Housing-Member Pascual Maestas
  - b) Strategic Plan-Working with Dr. Hugh Prather/Bobbie Gutierrez
  - c) Public Meetings with parents, students, and community
  - d) Board Training

**N. Adjournment-** President Flores made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 pm. seconded by Member Maestas. Motion carried.

Signature: *Mark T. Flores* Date: 6/22/2022  
 Attest: *[Signature]* Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved 6.22.2022