



## MINUTES

### **Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6 PM Via Zoom-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 6:03 pm.
- B. Roll Call**-Linda Sanchez conducted a roll call. The following members were present Via Zoom Webinar: President Sanborn, Vice President Flores, Secretary Goler, Member Trujillo, and Member Maestas.
- C. Approval of the Agenda**-President Sanborn made a motion to approve the agenda moving Items H. a) Vista Grande Lease Agreement 5-yr extension request & I. a) Anansi Charter Performance Contract Approval to follow item E. e) presentations, 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. Student Report**-Jonnea Trujillo & Alejandro Acosta

Ms. Jonnea started off by acknowledging the Taos Municipal School food service department and thanked them for keeping our community safe and taking the extra precautions. She reported on the following:

- The NM Governor's STEM Challenge team and the Supercomputing Challenge team have turned in their proposal and are working on their prototype, paper and models.
- Yearbook is working on getting pictures for the yearbook, they need all seniors to send their baby pictures, senior quotes, and any senior photos they want in the yearbook.
- Mrs. Vargas Gonzales and the Teacher Academy/Educators Rising Class would like to congratulate the November and December staff member of the month for Taos High School. Ms. Toni Wright was the November staff member of the month and Ms. Audrey Edinger was the December staff member of the month.
- Leadership Class will be posting positive affirmations and sending them out to staff and students. They are working on using the mentor/mentee program in the class to show mentees how to plan events such as assemblies. The leadership class also helped with Taos Feeds Taos.
- Mr. Adam Medina had a teacher training for ProStart. It was determined that our normal ProStart competition is not going to happen this year. The state director has mentioned that he is looking into ideas for having alternative competitions in the spring.
- SkillsUSA is going to be a virtual conference this year. Students are still deciding if they want to participate in virtual culinary and baking competitions.
- Honor Society made Christmas cards for the living center and dropped them off at the high school today. They will continue to work on coming up with ideas to help out the community.
- UNM Dual Credit Spring 2021 Application deadline was today, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm for all Juniors and Seniors wishing to take classes. No applications will be taken after today.
- Seniors have decided on their choice of cap & gown color, class flower, class song, and class motto. Graduation cap & gowns will be white; class flower-gardenia; class song-Good Old days by Macklemore feat Kesha.

**E. Presentations**

a) Recognitions of EA's-William Archuleta-Enos/Rita Fresquez-Enos/Irene Archuleta-Enos/Rose Martinez-Enos/Teresa Archuleta-RES-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*  
Dr. Torrez recognized the EA's who are retiring and thanked them for their years of service. Ms. Sarah Bradley and the board also thanked them for all the years they dedicated to the Taos Municipal Schools and for their hard work.

b) Operating Model Recommendation Committee Presentation-*CJ Grace*

Ms. Grace presented a power point on the Operating Model Recommendation that the

committee had worked on for re-opening our schools. Committee members: Nathaniel

Evans; Francis Hahn; Luis Reyes, and Dr. Torrez spoke on behalf of the recommendation. President Sanborn also shared a letter from the Mayor on the re-opening of schools. The recommendation from the committee given the current average daily cases counts and test positivity rates, & PED guidelines, was to continue with current remote model and revisit on January 20<sup>th</sup> or consider remaining remote for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The board discussed the reopening model and what they would like to see going forward. Member Maestas asked that we continue to have Mr. Patton, CEO from Holy Cross Hospital participate in the reopening committee and also asked that Mr. Hahn, Union representative consider doing a poll among staff on how they feel about getting the vaccine. Vice President Flores stated that we need to focus on the mental health of the community; to have a plan for infections; be ready to move forward with a Hybrid plan and to focus on the mental health of our students. Based on the data we have right now and the current status of Taos County, the direction from PED, and the request from the Mayor, the board discussed remaining remote through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and asked the district to look at the remote learning model with any areas of improvement going into the second semester and present back to the board a phased hybrid approach that we can activate when conditions permit, and the tool kit for middle school and high school when PED approves. We will do a mid-course update on the remote learning model improvement; phased Hybrid model for coaching, special services, & remedial services; elementary and upper grades Hybrid model and integrating the state approach criteria into the operating model. President Sanborn made motion to stay in remote through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, we prepare to launch hybrid as soon as its feasible and not to plan to launch Hybrid for elementary school until after the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, 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. The board thanked Ms. Grace and the committee for all their hard work and time that was put into this model.

c) Taos School Zone Survey-*Julie Turner*

Ms. Julie Turner presented a power point with the results of the survey that was done in November for all teachers and support staff. The survey focused on student social emotional needs, staff challenges, teacher collaboration, school community support, and stress points. The board thanked Taos School Zone for all the work they put into the schools.

d) Communication Survey-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*

Dr. Torrez presented a PowerPoint with results and concerns on the communication survey that was given to our students, parents, staff and community. She also presented a communication tool that we are now implementing for improved communication with the community, parents, students and staff. Let's Talk is the new tool for communication and will be posted on the website for everyone to be able to have access.

e) Board Policy Review Committee-*Pascualito Maestas*

Member Maestas presented a draft of by-laws to the board and asked the board to review and bring back comments to the meeting of January 20<sup>th</sup> where he would like the board to take action on the by-laws presented.

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

The board had questions and discussions on athletics, federal programs, and high school board report. They thanked all administrators for their board reports and for all the detail reported on the maintenance report.

b) Superintendent Report

Dr. Torrez reported that our District is using best practices with our children, especially our minority students. The AVID program is still going and is effective for our K-12 students. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Torrez will be presenting to the Legislative Education Study Committee. Also, on December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be another Taos News live Town Hall. We will be focusing on thanking our community groups for supporting the schools with several

projects, including remote learning. Approximately 80 community groups will be mentioned and honored at this live town hall. Food services continue at all schools and have over 100 bus routes and are doing great. All students have electronic devices and we have ordered more hot spots for students who move locations and do not have internet. Taos High School is having extended after school zoom classes for social emotional learning and will expand to the mid-school and the elementary level. The Taos Community Foundation has donated \$1000 to help volunteers with funding background checks. We continue with after school activities with every school having various topics.

c) TMS Emergency Plan 2020-2021

**G. Finance Office -Brenda Halder**

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

a) 076-000-2021-0037-IB	Rural and Low-Income Schools	Initial Budget	\$55,323.00
b) 076-000-2021-0038-IB	Cares Act, Governor's Emergency Economic Relief Fund (GEER)	Initial Budget	\$50,666.02
c) 076-000-2021-0039-I	Title I	Increase	\$63,874.81
d) 076-000-2021-0040-I	IDEA B Preschool	Increase	\$29,266.94
e) 076-000-2021-0041-I	Entitlement IDEA-B	Increase	\$269,308.36
f) 076-000-2021-0042-I	Title III	Increase	\$20,999.95
g) 076-000-2021-0043-M	Community Schools	Maintenance	+/- \$5,000.00
h) 076-000-2021-0044-M	Operational	Maintenance	+/-750.00
i) 076-000-2021-0045-M	Operational	Maintenance	+/-260,792.00

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the BAR's items G. 1. a-i) at this time. Secretary Goler made a motion to approve the BAR's as recommended items G. 1. a-i), 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.

**2. Financials**

**H. New Business**

a) Vista Grande Lease Agreement 5-yr extension request-*Isabelle St. Onge*

This was presented under Item E. e) following presentations.

Isabelle St. Onge and members of their board were present. Isabelle presented the Vista Grande Lease Agreement and explained that they are asking for a third 5-yr automatic renewal and continuation of the lease agreement. After some discussion Member Maestas made a motion to grant authority to President Sanborn and Dr. Lillian Torrez to execute the lease agreement following legal review, 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.

b) Rural & Low-Income Application (Review)-*Melissa Sandoval*

Ms. Sandoval presented the Rural & Low-Income Application to the board for review.

**I. Old Business**

a) Anansi Charter Performance Contract Approval-*Michelle Hunt*

This was presented and approved under Item E. e) following presentations.

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the Anansi Charter Performance Contract request at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Anansi Charter Performance Contract 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.

**J. Consent Agenda**

**1.Contracts/MOU's**

- a) Contracted Services Patricia Tolmo/Family Navigator to support English Language Learners, Enos Garcia-*Renetta Mondragon*
- b) Contracted Services ABC Community School Partnership/ Coordinator Training, Enos Garcia Elementary-*Renetta Mondragon*
- c) Contracted Services Nikki Cain/Community Schools Afterschool Coordinator, Enos Garcia Elementary-*Renetta Mondragon*
- d) Contracted Services Parent Powered PBC/Ready4K Family Text Program-*Renetta Mondragon*
- e) MOU with Department of Health for Site Use at THS-*CJ Grace*

President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items J. 1. a-e) as presented, 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.

**K.Upcoming meetings & Agenda Items**

**1) Future Topics**

a) Regular Board Meeting January 20, 2021- Via Zoom @6:00 pm

**L. Adjournment**-Secretary Goler made a motion to adjourn at 9:38 pm, seconded by

Member Maestas. Motion carried 5-0.

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1-22-21

Attest Whitney C. Jola \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1-27-2021  
Approved 01.20.2021