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Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Special Board Meeting Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6 PM Via Zoom-Taos, NM 87571

- A. Call to order-** The special board meeting of the Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Sanborn at 6:03 pm.
- B. Roll Call-** Administrative Assistant Linda Sanchez conducted a roll call. The following members were present Via Zoom: President Sanborn. Vice President Flores, Secretary Goler, and Member Maestas. Absent-Member Trujillo.
- C. Approval of the Agenda-** President Sanborn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call- President Sanborn-yes. Vice President Flores-yes. Secretary Goler-yes. and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.
- D. Items for discussion:**
1. TMS 20/21 Education Plan review, with board feedback & suggestions
Mr. Alfred Cordova shared a power point on what the Task Force has been working on in reference to the Re-Entry for Schools. He reported that PED is asking to consider extending the SY by 10 additional instructional days for all K-12 students. We will provide computers or I-pads for students; wireless cellular hotspots; online remote only learning and hybrid instruction. We will continue to provide food services both at school and in the community during online learning; provide transportation; provide information about device distribution days in August; modify facilities to increase safety and social distancing and provide PPE to staff and students as needed. Tentatively we are proposing to start to begin online on (8/13 to 9/4) and move to 25% of the student in attendance per day for the first semester (9/18-12/18) and move to 50% of the student in attendance for two days a week second semester (1/5- to 5/27). He explained the plan for remote/online learning; planning, assessment, & participation; IT support & special education; bilingual education; homeless students; social emotional learning support; student referrals & support; student check in, and communication. After some discussion the board gave the following feedback on what they had concerns on and would like to see in the plan. President Sanborn commended the community for showing up on the zoom meeting tonight.
 - 1) The criteria we would look at to move from one part of the model to another, which is a virtual approach to option A-25% of students in the classroom.
 - 2) If we decide that we are not ready what kind of continuity plan can we give to the community letting them know how we will monitor this without changing this back and forth so much.
 - 3) Concern on how we will be assessing students. Melissa Sandoval explained the we will be assessing students using different standards based on how and when we will be virtual and when we are in person and focusing on instruction.
 - 4) Facilities and operational readiness for when we could go to option A or B. Dr. Torrez explained that the task force has been working on this every day to get ready for a safe return for all students and staff.
 - 5) Assessment within facilities in regard to buildings, classrooms on what should not be used based on the conditions. Mr. Valencia is addressing these areas.
 - 6) Potential revision to the 2020-2021 SY Calendar based on the models and how we will be running the school.
 - 7) Facilitating or requiring some level of Covid testing for anyone entering the buildings.
 - 8) Covid safe practices for families, students, faculty or anyone entering the building would have to agree to follow Covid safe practice plan.
 - 9) Because we could face remote learning possibly throughout the whole SY, it was recommended to organize a community check in form to get better support services for families. To stream meetings where the public could follow without having to go through zoom.
 - 10) Encourage taking a lot of the examples from community schools and social emotional learning models that exist and figure out how to apply them at a retail level for students working at home. We need to try to figure out how we can find other places for students to work out of if they cannot work at home.

- 11) Start to organize a repository for information where faculty, students, community members can go look at the material we are looking at.
- 12) We need very specific simple version of these models and what it means if you are an elementary school student, parent, teacher, etc. We need to take time and do versions of these models to get information out to the public in regard to each school.
- 13) What are we doing specifically for orientations in regard to getting information to parents on what we expect so they can plan accordingly? We need to have this information for parents, so they know what to plan.
- 14) We would like to have a plan for Athletics, clubs, and activities and continue to support these functions for our students. Dr. Mae LaBella our Athletic director will give us an update on the status of what we can do at this point at our next board meeting.


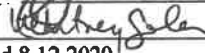
2. TMS Strategic Plan review, with board feedback & suggestions

Ms. Melissa Sandoval presented a power point on the Taos Municipal School Strategic Plan and gave an overview of the plan over the next 5 years. The board thanked everyone who had worked on the plan for all the hard work that went into it. After some discussion by the board, they indicated that they would like for the Strategic Plan to be a shorter version with clear goals for the public to understand. The following are suggestions of items they would like addressed in the plan and also to use some of the items that are already in the current plan based on all four pillars which were presented tonight.

1. A specific tactible plan for this year setting up 2 to 3 goals to get through this year
2. Focus on Social/Emotional Health & Well being
3. How do we reach these goals set by the board?
4. Smart goals to focus on and to include the boards expectations
5. Administrator reports to be a part of this plan
6. Decisions made on data to see where the district is at
7. Simple version, easily read and assessible
8. Strategic plan overview by board setting irrelevant goals
9. Board needs to write Board Message
10. Goals need to be more specific, measurable, milestones
11. Move school-level projects/initiatives to addendum
12. Recommend revising with SP expertise input (Andrew Cox or other)
13. Add district-level owner/coordinator for each goal (below pillar)
14. Limit # of initiatives per goal to max 5 (?)
15. SP needs to be a statement of purpose, organization, direction, 1-page per pillar
16. Add an overall goal/vision for each pillar
17. The overview should fit on 2 pages

After addressing and discussing the strategic plan the board decided that President Sanborn and Member Maestas will do a review of the 2020/2021 tactible management plan goals from the boards perspective and will put them together for a presentation on the 7/22/2020 meeting.

- E. Adjournment-**President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call- President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Signature:  Date: 8/20/20
 Attest:  Date: 8-13-2020
 Approved 8.12.2020