



MINUTES

Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, September 23, 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 6:10 pm.
- B. Roll Call-** Linda Sanchez conducted a roll call. The following members were present Via Zoom: 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 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.
- D. Student Report-Alejandro Acosta and Jonnea Trujillo reported on the following:**
- The leadership class is planning on having a safe Taos Feed Taos event in November.
 - Leadership blood drive committee is planning to have the blood drive on October 28th.
 - Speech and Debate are having virtual competitions.
 - Robotics is having virtual meetings.
 - NM Governor's STEM Challenge are having virtual meetings.
 - Pro Start is having virtual competitions.
 - Skills USA is in the process of recruiting students.
 - Yearbook is having drive by picture days on October 1st, 2nd, 7th 14th and the 20th.
 - Mariachi is still in the process of auditions.
- He also reported on suggestions and ideas from other students and teachers in reference to remote learning. The board and superintendent thanked the students for their board report.

E. Presentations

a) Re-Opening Recommendation Committee Presentation (Approval)-*CJ Grace*

Ms. CJ Grace shared a power point on the re-opening recommendation plan. She presented the points of view in reference to student, families and teachers; Taos county & Covid 19; science & data and school readiness. The plan also included statics for re-opening for Taos County in reference to Covid and data points and what other school districts are doing during this time. She also shared data from PED in reference to Covid. Nathaniel Evans, Luis Reyes and Francis Hahn members of this committee also reported to the board on the recommendation. The recommendation from this committee given the current R value, concern remains regarding transmission rates; follow PED guidelines and remain remote. Increased face to face supports for students in need at all schools & articulate to community and re-visit decision at the October 28th school board meeting. The committee asked for the decision to accept recommendation, open to hybrid per PED, or to remain remote for the remainder of the first semester.

The board recessed at 7:03 pm due to technical difficulties and reconvened at approximately 7:30 pm.

After a board discussion, President Sanborn made a motion to continue with the remote model through the end of the semester and that we continue to pursue as many options for working with children individually and in small groups as are allowed under PED Department of Health and State guidelines, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0. Member Trujillo had left the meeting.

b) NMDASH Presentation-*Melissa Sandoval*

President Sanborn made a motion to table items E. b-c) presentations at this time, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

c) Tempo Presentation (Maintenance)-*Ray Vallejos*

Tabled

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.

****There were no public comments****

F. District Update

- a) Administrator Reports
- b) Superintendent Report
- c) TMS Emergency Plan 2020-2021

Member Maestas reported that he had worked with the Leadership team on this emergency plan and explained the changes they had made to the plan. The plan was changed from a tactical plan to an emergency plan. Member Maestas also explained that this is a short-term plan due to the Covid and is focused on the Health & Safety of our students. Dr. Torrez thanked Member Maestas and the administrators for all the work they put into this plan. President Sanborn thanked Dr. Torrez, staff and Member Maestas for working on this plan.

G. Finance Office -Brenda Halder

1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests

a) 076-000-2021-0010-I	GOB Library	Increase	\$475.00
b) 076-000-2021-0011-I	Special Capital Outlay (State)	Increase	\$176,024
c) 076-000-2021-0013-IB	Indigenous Education	Initial Budget	\$150,000
d) 076-000-2021-0014-M	Operational	Maintenance	\$76,000

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the BAR's item G. 1. a-d) at this time. Member Maestas made a motion to approve the BAR's as presented, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

H. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution of the Taos Municipal School Board authorizing a subcommittee of the Board to develop bylaws for a Board Policy Review Committee-*Pascualito Maestas*

Member Maestas presented the Resolution to the board. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Taos Municipal School Board authorizing a subcommittee of the Board to develop bylaws for a Board Policy Review Committee with the Board Members being Secretary Goler and Member Maestas, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

- a) New Mexico Department of Transportation Agreement for Parking Lot (Approval)-*Robert Valencia*

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the New Mexico Department of Transportation Agreement for Parking Lot at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the New Mexico Department of Transportation Agreement for Parking Lot as presented, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Consent Agenda

1. Contracts/MOU's

- a) Contracted Services CES (Professional development)-*Melissa Sandoval*

2. Minutes

- a) Approval of Minutes for September 9, 2020-Regular Board Meeting Via Zoom

Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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

- a) Superintendent's Formative Evaluation

President Sanborn made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:18 pm. Motion carried 4-0. He explained that this was a formative meeting with Superintendent. Dr. Lillian Torrez and no action or decisions will be taken.

The board resumed at 11:15 pm. Matters discussed in executive session formative evaluation.

K. Upcoming meetings & Agenda Items

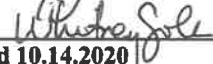

1. Future Topics

- a) Regular Board Meeting October 14, 2020-Via Zoom @6:00 pm
- b) NMDASH Presentation-October 14, 2020
- c) Tempo Presentation-October 14, 2020
- d) Sharp Presentation-October 14, 2020
- e) TMS Remote Model Update (Canvas Platform)-October 28, 2020

L. Adjournment- President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 11:15pm, seconded by Vice President Flores. Motion carried 4-0.

Signature: 

Date: 10/15/20

Attest: 
Approved 10.14.2020 

Date: 10/15/2020

