



MINUTES

**Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Tuesday,
May 30, 2023, at 6 PM-Administration Bldg. 310 Camino de la Placita, Taos, NM 87557**

- A. Call to Order-** The regular board meeting of the Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Flores at 6:13 pm.
- B. Roll Call-** The following board members were present: President Flores, Vice President Goler, Secretary Trujillo, Member Spray, and Member Maestas.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance-** President Flores 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.*
- E. Approval of the Meeting Agenda-** President Flores made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, moving item K. a-b-c) Approvals of Out of District Travel to follow H. b) Superintendents Report; moving item K. i thru u) to the Consent Agenda and moving item M. Executive Session to follow F. Presentations becoming item G. and consequently moving items to follow, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. Presentations**
- a) **Recognition of Student Representative for the Board Tatiana Flores-Valerie Trujillo**
Superintendent Trujillo presented Board Student Representative Tatiana Flores on behalf of the Taos Municipal School Board and Superintendent Trujillo with a certificate of appreciation and thanked her for her attendance at all board meetings and for the reports she provided to the board. President Flores also thanked Tatiana Flores.
- b) **Presentation by TMS Attendance Coaches-Dr. Mae LaBella & Attendance Coaches**
Attendance Coaches presented a PowerPoint on the Attendance School Success Plan for the Taos Municipal Schools. The board thanked them for their presentation.
- c) **Taos County Community Schools Coalition Presentation-Bettina Sandoval**
Ms. Paula Oxby Hayett, Bettina Sandoval, and Eleanor Romero shared a PowerPoint on a vision for a Taos County Community Schools Coalition. The PowerPoint included strengths and challenges, the support, and services they provide at school, and the benefits of a Community School Coalition for TMS. They drafted a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) which provides a legal structure that commits coalition partners to the long-term sustainability of community schools and is asking Taos Municipal Schools to support 39% of the TCCSC budget which is approximately \$52,650. Superintendent Trujillo stated that the JPA is being reviewed by our attorney and we will also look at the budget to see if we can sustain this and bring it back to a future meeting. The board thanked them for their presentation.
- G. Executive Session**
1. Pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act and Section 12-6-4 of the New Mexico Audit Act, for the Superintendent to update the Board, and legal counsel to advise, regarding status of a special audit and related personnel matters; and
 2. Pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, for the Superintendent to update the Board and legal counsel to advise regarding limited personnel matters, specifically, employee movements and contemplated movements.

President Flores made a motion to enter an executive session at 7:32 pm to discuss item G.

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2. Pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, for the Superintendent to update the Board and legal counsel to advise regarding limited personnel matters, specifically, employee movements and contemplated movements, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes,

and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice President Goler made a motion to exit the executive session at 8:20 pm and resume the regularly scheduled board meeting, seconded by President Flores. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0. President Flores stated for the record discussion in the executive session was for the Superintendent to update the board and legal counsel to advise, regarding the status of a special audit and related personnel matters; and legal counsel to advise, regarding limited personnel matters, specifically, employee movements and contemplated movements.

H. 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

I. District Update

a) Administrator Reports

President Flores thanked all administrators for their reports.

b) Superintendent Report-Valerie Trujillo

Superintendent Trujillo reported that Taos Municipal School Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held today in the Taos High School Cafeteria from 12:00-2:00 pm. Mr. Adam Medina and his amazing team catered this year's meal and thanked all the staff who attended. She also honored our nine retirees: Ms. Gwendolyn Countryman, Mr. Kenneth Herrera, Ms. Christine Martinez-Hudson, Ms. Kate Jensen, Ms. Elizabeth Lopez-Kear, Ms. Monica Martinez, Ms. Darlene Miera, Ms. Danette Rael, Ms. Linda Sanchez and thanked them for all their hard work, dedication, and the contributions they have made over the years. Ms. Trujillo also thanked Nusenda for donating the water, Mayor Maestas, and the Town of Taos for their \$5,000 donation, Ms. Sonya Struck and the LOR Foundation for their donation for the gift cards that will be raffled off to staff, and the Gorge for two gift cards. On May 17th, Sustainable Agriculture Students, Farmer Micah Roseberry of AIRE and the Farmhouse Cafe, and Mrs. Kosanke hosted over two hundred guests in the THS Farm. Taos Cyber Magnet Graduation was held on Thursday, May 25th at 10:00 am. There was a total of 7 Seniors this year. THS Senior Night/Robing was held on Thursday, May 25th at 6:00 pm. Gear Up College Signing Day was held on Friday, May 26th at 9:30 am at THS. Taos High School Graduation was held on Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 am at Anaya Field. Ms. Trujillo reported on the bilingual program, TK1 Youth Council, and Arroyos Del Norte Elementary School Summer Steam Camp. She also provided a list of required training and professional development for staff.

k. a) Approval of Out of District Travel for Taos High Culinary Students to Atlanta, Georgia June 19-24, 2023-Adam Medina

Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the out-of-district travel for Taos High Culinary Students to Atlanta, Georgia on June 19-24, 2023. Vice President Goler made a motion to approve the out-of-district travel for Taos High Culinary students to Atlanta, Georgia on June 19-24, 2023, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

k. b) Approval of Out of District Travel THS Girls Basketball attending team camp in Center CO, June 8-10, 2023-Hernando Chavez

Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the out-of-district travel for THS girls' Basketball to attend team camp in Center CO, on June 8-10, 2023, and for approval of out-of-district travel for THS girls' basketball to attend team camp in Durango (Ft. Lewis) Co on June 24-25, 2023. Member Spray made a motion to approve the out-of-district travel for THS girls' Basketball to attend team camp in Center Co on June 8-10, 2023, and the Approval of out of district Travel for THS Girl's Basketball to attend team camp in Durango (Ft. Lewis) CO, June 24-25, 2023, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

k. c) Approval of Out of District Travel THS Girls Basketball attending team camp in Durango (Ft.

Lewis) CO, June 24-25, 2023-*Hernando Chavez*

This item was approved with item k. b) listed above.

J. Finance Office-Carol Gonzales/Maria Fidalgo

1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests

a) 076-000-2223-0046-T	GRADS - Child Care	Transfer	\$0
b) 076-000-2223-0047-T	GRADS - Instruction	Transfer	\$0
e) 076-000-2223-0048-I	Comprehensive Literacy (CLSD)	Increase	\$574,225
d) 076-000-2223-0049-T	Teacher Principal Training	Transfer	\$0
e) 076-000-2223-0050-T	Title IV	Transfer	\$0
f) 076-000-2223-0051-T	ARP-Esser III	Transfer	\$0
g) 076-000-2223-0052-M	ARP-Esser III	Maintenance	\$0
h) 076-000-2223-0053-M	ARP-Esser III	Maintenance	\$0
i) 076-000-2223-0069-I	ARP-Esser III	Increase	\$119,816
j) 076-000-2223-0070-IB	Rural & Low Income	Initial Budget	\$175,914
k) 076-000-2223-0071-IB	NM ARP Child Care Supply Building Grant	Initial Budget	\$45,000

Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the BARs J. 1. a-k) as presented. President Flores made a motion to approve item J. 1. a-k) BARs as presented and recommended, seconded by Secretary Trujillo. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Financials

3. Approval of 2023-2024 Taos Municipal Schools Budget

Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the 2023-2024 Taos Municipal Schools Budget as presented. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Taos Municipal Schools Budget as presented and recommended, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Old Business

a) Taos County Property Acquisition Resolution and possible action – *Alex Abeyta*
Mr. Abeyta was not present therefore this item was tabled.

b) Facilities Construction Update-*Ray Vallejos*
Mr. Vallejos gave a brief update on the facilities.

L. New Business

a) Approval of Out of District Travel for Taos High Culinary Students to Atlanta, Georgia June 19-24, 2023-*Adam Medina*

This item was moved and approved below Superintendent's Report

b) Approval of Out of District Travel THS Girls Basketball attending team camp in Center CO, June 8th-10th, 2023-*Hernando Chavez*

This item was moved and approved below Superintendent's Report

c) Approval of Out of District Travel THS Girls Basketball attending team camp in Durango (Ft. Lewis) CO, June 24th-25th, 2023-*Hernando Chavez*

This item was moved and approved below Superintendent's Report

d) Approval of FY2023-2024 Anansi Charter School Budget-*Michele Hunt*

Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the FY2023-2024 Anansi Charter School Budget. Vice President Goler made a motion to approve the FY2023-2024 Anansi Charter School Budget, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

e) Approval of SY2023-2024 Taos Municipal Schools Calendar -*Lynn Brashar/Dr. Mae LaBella*
Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of both the Primary and Secondary SY2023-2024 Taos Municipal Schools Calendar. Vice President Goler made a motion to approve the SY2023-2024 Taos Municipal Schools Calendar, seconded by President Flores. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

f) Approval of the contract for Audit Services SY 2023-*Maria Fidalgo/Carol Gonzales*
Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the contract to Jaramillo Accounting Group for Audit Services SY 2023. President Flores made a motion to approve the contract for Audit Services SY 2023, seconded by Member Spray. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

g) Approval of 2023-2024 School Bus Contracts-*Esther Winter*

Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the 2023-2024 School Bus Contracts as

presented. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Bus Contracts, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

h) Approval of 2023-2024 TFUSE Collective Bargaining Agreement-*Esther Winter*
Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the 2023-2024 TFUSE Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented by Esther Winter. President Flores made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 TFUSE Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Vice President Goler. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

i) Approval of 2023-2024 Title I ESEA Consolidated Application-*CJ Grace*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

j) Approval of 2023-2024 Title II ESEA Consolidated Application-*Renetta Mondragon*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

k) Approval of 2023-2024 Title III ESEA Consolidated Application-*CJ Grace*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

l) Approval of 2023-2024 Title IV ESEA Consolidated Application-*Dr. Mae LaBella*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

m) Approval of FAEA Fine Arts Education Act Application-*Renetta Mondragon*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

n) Approval of 2023-2024 NM Pre-K Application-*Lynn Brashar*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

o) Approval of 2023-2024 State Bilingual Multicultural Education Program Funding Application-
CJ Grace
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

p) Approval of Donation to raise funds for Taos Middle School Cheer SXW summer camp
estimated revenue \$5,000- *Dr. Mae Labella*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

q) Approval of Donation to raise funds for Taos Middle School Dance for summer camp estimated
revenue \$400-*Dr. Mae Labella*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

r) Approval of Donation from Nusenda Credit Union for Staff luncheon (300 water bottles)-
Valerie Trujillo/Bianca Delgado
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

s) Approval of Donation from The Gorge for Staff Luncheon Retirees-*Valerie Trujillo*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

t) Approval of Donation from Taos Pueblo Education & Training Division to EGES for School
Summer Program \$21,209-*Sarah Bradley*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

u) Approval of Donation from Farmhouse Café to EGES for breakfast & lunch summer program
for \$3,605.75-*Sarah Bradley*
Moved and approved under Consent Agenda

M. Consent Agenda

1. Contracts/MOU's/Requisition Listing

a) MOU between Taos Municipal Schools and Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region-*Jeff Rogers*

b) MOU between Anansi Charter School and Taos Municipal Schools for Bus Transportation
\$10,900- *CJ Grace*

c) Contracted Services between Anansi Charter School & Taos Municipal Schools (Power
School-Tie Net \$1700)- *CJ Grace*

d) Contracted Services between Taos Charter School & Taos Municipal Schools (Power School-
Tie Net \$1700)-*CJ Grace*

2. Approval of Minutes

a) Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

President Flores made a motion to approve the consent agenda items M. 1. a-d) and to include items i-u) listed under New Business and moved to the consent agenda, Member Maestas seconded the motion with the amendment to also approve and include item 2. a) Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. Roll call: President Flores-yes, Vice President Goler-yes, Secretary Trujillo-yes, Member Spray-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

N. Executive Session

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This item was moved following presentations.

O. Upcoming Meetings & Agenda Items

Future Topics

- a) Regular Board Meeting June 21, 2023, 6:00 pm Administration Bldg.

P. Adjournment – President Flores made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 pm, seconded by Vice President Goler. Motion carried 5-0.

Signature: Mark T. Flores Date: 6/21/23

Attest: [Signature] Date: 6/21/23
Approved 06.21.2023