



Minutes

Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday,
August 11, 2021, 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 6:05 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, and Member Maestas.
Absent: Member Trujillo
- C. Approval of the Agenda-** President Sanborn made a motion to approve the agenda 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. Member Trujillo arrived at 6:07 pm.

President Sanborn asked that we remind the public of the date to file for declaration of candidacy which is August 24, 2021. There are 2 seats opened, which are district 5 and district 3.

D. Presentations

a) Re-Opening Update of Schools-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*

Dr. Torrez reported that all schools will be starting with full safety measures in all classrooms. All students are required to wear masks and continue to do temperature checks. She gave an update on the re-opening plan of schools and stated that the plan has been posted on the website, we also shared it with Taos News and the community. We will be receiving a recommendation from the operating committee in the next four weeks. We are also looking into having vaccination clinics in schools. Students are going outside periodically to do SEL activities. We will follow all CDC guidelines to address any positive cases among students and staff. Lunch will be taken in the cafeteria and we will not be doing cohorts.

b) Operating Model Recommendation Committee-*CJ Grace*

Dr. Torrez reported that the committee will have a recommendation and more information on how to proceed within the next 4-5 weeks. We will have a plan in place if something changes within the district.

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

E. District Update

a) Superintendent's Report

Dr. Torrez reported that we will be taking all safety precautions and monitoring visitors. We are opening a Taos Tiger Connect K-12 Online Academy in order to provide online school for our students. At this time the capacity is 100 students and is presently full, we are hoping to expand it to 30-35 more students. Dr. Labelle is working with parents closely at this time and gave an update to the board on the academy. Afterschool program is going to be happening at schools. Orientation was held on Friday for all new employees and was also held on Monday

for all staff. New laptops were purchased for all students with new hot spots. All EA's were given a new laptop as well. We are working with Taos Pueblo on student transportation. We will continue to have professional development for all staff. The board asked that we identify a threshold for closing in case of an emergency due to Covid.

F. Finance Office -Brenda Halder

1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests

a) 076-000-2122-0005-IB	Indian Education Act.	Initial Budget	\$50,219.00
b) 076-000-2122-0008-IB	Carl Perkins Special Projects Unliquidated Obligations	Initial Budget	\$19,043.00
c) 076-000-2122-0009-I	Operational	Increase	\$1,025,152.00
d) 076-000-2122-0010-IB	Instructional Materials	Initial Budget	\$69,896.00

Dr. Torrez recommended to approve the BAR's item F. 1. a-d) at this time. Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the BAR's 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.

G. New Business

a) IT Update-Maria Jeantete

Maria Jeantete gave a complete update on the IT and shared a PowerPoint with the board.

b) Agreement between Taos Municipal Schools and Archuleta Consulting (Approval)Stephen Archuleta

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the Agreement between Taos Municipal Schools and Archuleta Consulting at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Agreement between Taos Municipal Schools and Archuleta Consulting as recommended 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.

c) School Board Meeting Plan for SY 2021-2022-James Sanborn/Dr. Lillian Torrez

After a discussion on school board meetings it was the consensus of the board to begin meeting in person at the administration building and to continue to provide zoom for the public and encourage them to join in on the meetings. We will practice social distancing and will follow all CDC guidelines. We will work with the various schools to focus on a night at their school and align our agenda with that school. The dates of the meetings will remain the same. If the public wishes to present in person they can notify Dr. Torrez ahead of time.

H. Consent Agenda

1. Contracts/MOU's

a) 2021-2022 Taos Charter School Contract for PowerSchool & Tie-Net Services by TMS-

Renetta Mondragon

b) 2021-2022 Anansi Charter School Contract for PowerSchool & Tie-Net Services by TMS-

Renetta Mondragon

c) 2021-2022 Vista Grande High School Contract for Tie-Net Services by TMS-Renetta

Mondragon

d) 2021-2022 Contracted Services All Together Academy (SEL initiative for all coaches)-Valerie

Trujillo

2. Minutes

a) Approval of Minutes for July 28, 2021 Special Board Meeting

President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items H. 1. and 2. a) Minutes 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.

I. Upcoming Meetings & Agenda Items

1) Future Topics

a) Regular Board Meeting August 25, 2021- 6:00 pm

b) Discussion of afterschool tutoring program

c) Workshop with Attorney Andrew Sanchez on Professional Development-October

d) Possibly moving from districts to at large

J. Adjournment-President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm, seconded by Member Trujillo. Motion carried 5-0.

Signature:  Date: 8/31/21

Attest:  Date: 8-22-2021
Approved 8.25.2021