



MINUTES

Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 28, 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: President Sanborn, Secretary Goler, Member Trujillo, and Member Maestas.
- Absent:** Vice President Flores
- 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, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Student Report-

Jonea Trujillo & Alejandro Acostas reported on the following:

- Taos High School had virtual parent teacher conferences today.
- Retakes for all students who have not taken a school photo for yearbook and their IDs is on November 18, 2020 in the Little Theater, 10:00-5:00 pm.
- Taos High has put up mock elections on canvas. Students will have until Tuesday, November 3rd, Election Day to vote. The results will be published in this school year's yearbook.
- Free online tutoring started on October 5th for New Mexico high school students.
- SAT School Day assessment on October 27th was cancelled.
- New test options - December 5th and/or April 2021.
- Blood drive was held today Wednesday, Oct 28th at THS.
- Taos Feeds Taos-The leadership class is working on plans to have this in November.
- Keeping School Spirit Alive-Last year was a very successful year for our school spirit. The spirit committee at THS, are working on ways to still have that alive but in a very different way, such as holding poles, using hashtags, and posting certain things that represent their class spirit, all in a socially distant environment. The mission is to engage students in friendly class competitions, to raise some happiness and lighten up the circumstance.

E. Presentations

a) Recognition of James Spevacek-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*

Dr. Torrez recognized Mr. Spevacek for his commitment and dedication with the Taos Schools and stressed her appreciation for his years of service. Ms. Grace recognized Mr. Spevacek and thanked him for being successful, proactive and always positive with his students and wished him the best in his retirement. Mr. Cordova recognized Mr. Spevacek for being the most dedicated, professional, honest and an amazing educator and for all he has done for the students and school district. Mr. Spevacek stated that he was grateful for the time he was able to work with the school district and thanked everyone. President Sanborn thanked him for his time with the schools and congratulated him on his retirement.

b) Taos School Zone-*Catherine Horsey/Julie Turner*

Ms. Turner updated the board on how the school zone is collaborating with the Taos Schools. She informed the board that they will be doing a survey specifically in reference to 1.3 and 3.3 on the emergency plan and are drafting the items with the teachers at this time. The survey would be administered in November with results in December. This would be to address the well-being of staff and collaboration with teachers in conjunction with the emergency plan that is in place right now. Ms. Melissa Sandoval would administer the survey to all teachers, the survey results will be looked at only by the Taos School Zone and will be encouraged by all administrators to their staff to participate in the survey. President Sanborn stated that on behalf of the board our intention is to hear from people in order to make positive change and we look forward to hearing from the staff on the survey. After some

respectively. Persons requiring special assistance or services, such as a sign language interpreter, should call (505) 738-3202 at least three days before the meeting.

**** No Public Comments ****

F. District Update

a) Administrator Reports

There was some discussion on the tiers of attendance and tiers on Istation reports, facilities, and HR. The board thanked administrators for the outstanding reports done on the charts with aligning the tiers with the emergency plan. They also asked if they could possibly include the percentages as well if possible. They would also like for facilities to include in the board report some of the items that Mr. Vallejos had previously reported on such as opened and closed workorders.

b) Superintendent Report

Dr. Torrez reported that teachers have embraced remote learning and feels that the stress level is less now. The Social Emotional learning group is still working on the 10-year plan. We meet every other week to discuss the plan. Our Vision and Mission is aligned to our district plan. Town Hall and Taos News continue to allow us to inform the public on what we are doing in regard to Taos Municipal Schools. Food service waiver was approved until the last day of school, so we will continue to do the food delivery. Taos School Zone continue working on staff support, Milagro Rotary also has a staff support committee working with us. We continue to work with the after-school sessions for staff and counseling staff. She thanked principals for all the support they continue to give teachers and for going above and beyond in their daily work. She thanked every employee, directors, support staff, custodians, cooks, community members, non-profit groups and board for working so hard and for all the support they have given us. Board member Maestas asked that we advertise the Halloween activities that the Town of Taos is having at the Plaza. Dr. Torrez stated that we have definitely advertised it and cancelled all Taos School activities.

c) TMS Emergency Plan 2020-2021 (Data updates are included in Administrator Reports)

Dr. Torrez stated that in reference to 4.1 on the emergency plan there is a quarterly survey that was sent to all parents, community, staff and board on how we are doing with communication. She asked to please complete the survey and will report back the results to the board in November or December meeting.

G. Finance Office -Brenda Halder

1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests

a) 076-000-2021-0018-D Operational	Decrease	(\$752,257.65)
b) 076-000-2021-0027-IB Carl Perkins (Redistribution)	Initial Budget	\$6,620.02
c) 076-000-2021-0028-IB NM GRADS (Instructional Component)	Initial Budget	\$8,000
d) 076-000-2021-0029-I NM GRADS (Child Care Component)	Increase	\$4,000
e) 076-000-2021-0030-IB Career Technical Education Program	Initial Budget	\$146,895

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

H. New Business

a) NMHU Dual Credit Agreement (Approval)-CJ Grace

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the NMHU Dual Credit Agreement at this time. Secretary Goler made a motion to approve the NMHU Dual Credit Agreement as recommended, seconded by Member Trujillo. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Old Business

a) Policy Advisory No. 209.....JJJ-Extracurricular Activity Eligibility (Approval)-Dr. Lillian Torrez
.....Correction to Policy Advisory No. 196 JJJ-Extracurricular Activity Eligibility (Approval)-Dr. Lillian Torrez
.....J-4550 Extracurricular Activity Eligibility (Approval)-Dr. Lillian Torrez

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of Policy Advisory No. 209 JJJ, Policy Advisory No. 196 JJJ and J-4550 Extracurricular Activity Eligibility at this time. President Sanborn made a

motion to approve item I. a) Policy Advisory No. 209 JJJ, Policy Advisory No. 196 JJJ and J-4550 Extracurricular Activity Eligibility as recommended, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

J. Consent Agenda

1. Contracts/MOU's

- a) 2020-2021 Contract for NM GRADS System & Taos Public Schools (GRADINSTRUCTIONAL)-*CJ Grace*
- b) 2020-2021 Contract for NM GRADS System & Taos Schools (GRADS CHILD CARE)-*CJ Grace*


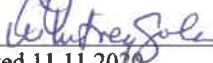
2. Minutes

- a) Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2020-Regular Board Meeting Via Zoom
President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item J. 1. & 2 as presented, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

K. Upcoming meetings & Agenda Items

- 1) Future Topics
 - a) Regular Board Meeting November 11, 2020-Via Zoom @6:00 pm
 - b) Re-Opening Recommendation Committee Presentation for Qtr. 3-12/9/2020 Meeting
 - c) Career Technical Education Presentation (CTE)-12/9/2020 Meeting
 - d) Communication Survey Results and Taos School Zone Survey-12/9/2020 Meeting

L. Adjournment-President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 9:19 pm, seconded by Secretary Goler. Motion carried 4-0.

Signature  _____ Date 12/17/20 _____
Attest  _____ Date 12/17/2020 _____
Approved 11.11.2020

