



## MINUTES

### **Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 6 PM Taos Pueblo Head Start, 190 Shadow Ln, 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 Flores at 6:10 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 acknowledgement 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 moving item G. e) TESR Annual Report to follow item G. a) Taos Pueblo Presentation and becoming item G. b) and moving item G. f) Tiwa Language Presentation to follow the TESR Annual Report and becoming item G. c) and subsequently moving the remainder of items down, 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.
- F. Student Report-** Student Representative Tatiana Flores reported that the high school students are preparing for finals. Registration for all AP tests at the high school was finalized yesterday and will take place in May. A blood drive was held early last month at the high school with the goal of getting twenty-nine units of blood donated and instead there were forty-one units of blood donated. The future blood drives will be held on January 18th and May 3rd. The Envirothon team had its first meeting during lunch yesterday as well. On behalf of the student body, Tatiana congratulated Mrs. Trujillo on her appointment as our new Superintendent.
- G. Presentations**
- a) Taos Pueblo Presentation  
Tribal Secretary welcomed everyone on behalf of Governor Romero who was unable to attend tonight. He stated that they appreciate all the work that has been done on behalf of the board and for the partnership, communication, and collaboration established with the community and Taos Pueblo. Tribal Secretary expressed appreciation and support from the schools, principals, and teachers, at all levels from high school, and middle school to elementary. He stated that they appreciate the recognition of the Land Acknowledgement and recognition of the cultural sensitivity aspect and cultural responsiveness. He asked that we continue to support our children, each other and maintain our values and respect one another. He thanked everyone for being here tonight. Ms. Bettina Sandoval reported on an afterschool program that has been started at each school site and thanked the principals for their support. Ms. Sandoval also asked, if possible, they would like to add the Taos Pueblo Flag to each school site and if approved to have an acknowledgment ceremony when the flag is put up along with recognition of the Land Acknowledgment statement as well. She thanked the board and staff for their support.
- b) TESR Annual Report-*Renetta Mondragon*  
Mrs. Mondragon presented a PowerPoint on the Tribal Education Status Report for SY 2021-2022. The report included the statutory requirements; student achievement; school safety; graduation rates; attendance; parent and community involvement; educational programs targeting tribal students; financial reports; the current status of federal Indian education policies and procedures; school district initiatives to decrease the number of student dropouts; calendars; school district consultations, and Indigenous research and evaluation measures and research for effective curricula for Tribal Students.
- c) Tiwa Language Presentation-*Mary Alice Martinez*

Ms. Martinez Tiwa Language program coordinator gave an update on the Tiwa Language program and shared a PowerPoint presentation by students in the Tiwa Language.

d) Safety Coordinator Update-*Marcos Herrera*

Mr. Herrera gave an update on walkthroughs at Taos Middle School and Administration with Pom's & Associates and will be doing more walkthroughs at the other facilities. Mr. Herrera reported that they will be meeting with Jason Trujillo, Risk Management from the County. Emergency buckets have been distributed throughout the schools. We will be meeting with school administrators, law enforcement, and first responders from the entire county tomorrow. Mr. Herrera reported on the status of the security cameras throughout the district and the signs placed at the middle school.

e) Turf and Track and State Football Playoff Host Site Update-*Hernando Chavez*

Mr. Chavez reported that we are near the completion of the Turf renovation at the high school with close to two weeks out of finishing, the track will be completed during the Spring. Mr. Chavez reported that we have finalized New Mexico Highlands University as our quarter-final state playoff host site.

f) Special Education Processes-*Lynn Brashar*

Special Education Director Lynn Brashar gave a report to the board on the processes of Special Education in reference to students.

TESR Annual Report-*Renetta Mondragon*

Moved to follow item G. a)

Tiwa Language Presentation-*Mary Alice Martinez*

Moved to follow TESR Annual Report

**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\*\***

## H. District Update

a) Administrator Reports

The board had some discussion in reference to the Taos Middle School board report. President Flores thanked all the administrators for providing these reports.

b) Superintendent Report-*Valerie Trujillo*

Superintendent Trujillo started off by thanking Taos Pueblo, Tribal Leadership, Governor Romero, Tribal Secretary Lefthand, Bettina Sandoval, Rae Lujan, Tiwa Language Teachers, and Tutors for hosting our school board meeting tonight. Ms. Trujillo thanked the Taos Municipal School Board, her Leadership Team, Principals, Teachers, Staff, and Students for their confidence in her and stated that she is truly humbled and honored to lead the Taos Municipal School District as our new Superintendent and excited to work alongside everyone in continuing to move the district forward. On November 1<sup>st</sup> the district had a PD day which was a success, session one was on Anti-Racism and Racial Sensitivity/Classroom Management by Dr. Sharoky Hollie, and McKinney Vento Act by Ms. Florence Miera, and Session 2 was on Active Shooter (Situational Awareness) by POMS and Associates. November 9<sup>th</sup> Northwest Regional Education Cooperative conducted a 504 training for our district. Arroyos Del Norte Elementary has 65 students who have signed up for the Taos Ski Valley Ski Club, this includes all students in K-5. Attendance data for the district (Tiers 3 & 4) have been submitted to Engage NM to disaggregate and contact students with chronic absences and provide voluntary interventions. After School Credit Recovery and Tutoring have started at Taos High School. Students can attend afterschool or lunchtime tutoring to get support in academic

classes. As we commemorate National Native American Heritage Month, Tuesday, November 15th is National Rock your Moc's Day. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Western Sky Community Care will be having a Thanksgiving grocery giveaway on November 18, 2022, from 11:00-2:00 pm at Taos Youth & Family Center. Our District 2-4A champions and #3 seeded Taos Tiger football team will be taking on the #6 Albuquerque Academy Chargers on Saturday, November 12th at 1:00 pm at Sanchez Stadium. Family Reunification Training will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am. TMS will be honoring all Veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup> with a breakfast. We are currently working on getting security guards for all our campuses. School sites have started implementing the RAVE Panic Button and Staff Assist. Dr. LaBella is working on building reporting teams for the STOP IT reporting APP. Employees are finishing up required training on Vector Solutions, NMSU, and NMPED. We also continue to work with Taos County Risk Manager Trujillo to continue to identify risks and update our plan to address them.

**I. Finance Office**

**1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Request**

a) 076-000-2223-0017-T	Community Schools Implementation Grant	Transfer	+/-(\$32,085)
b) 076-000-2223-0018-1B	Private Direct Grant	Initial Budget	(\$21,000)
c) 076-000-2223-0019-1	Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	Increase	+\$4,161

Superintendent Valerie Trujillo recommended approval of Item I. 1. a-c) Budget Adjustment Requests as presented. Vice President Goler made a motion to approve item I. 1. a-c) Budget Adjustment Requests as presented, 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.

**2. Financials**

**J. Old Business**

a) Second Reading School Board Policy D-2450 DJ Contracts for Purchases and Services (Approval)-*Valerie Trujillo*

President Flores made a motion to approve the Second Reading School Board Policy D-2450 DJ Contracts for Purchases and Services, 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.

b) Second Reading School Board Policy D-2750 DJE Bidding/Purchasing Procedures (Approval)-*Valerie Trujillo*

President Flores made a motion to approve the Second Reading School Board Policy D-2750 DJE Bidding/Purchasing Procedures, 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.

c) 2022-2023 Revised-Amendments to and From School Bus Operator's Contracts (Approval)-*Esther Winter*  
 Esther Winter asked the board to table this item until the next scheduled board meeting due to a discrepancy in the dollar amounts. President Flores made a motion to table the 2022-2023 Revised Amendments to and From School Bus Operator's Contracts till our next regularly scheduled meeting on December 7th, 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. New Business**

a) Staff Conflict of Interest Employee Forms G-0731 (Approval)-*Valerie Trujillo*

President Flores made a motion to approve the Staff Conflict of Interest Employee Forms G-0731 and item K. b) Staff Conflict of Interest-Employee Disclosure of Outside Employment G-0732, 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.

b) Staff Conflict of Interest-Employee Disclosure of Outside Employment G-0732 (Approval)-*Valerie Trujillo*  
 This item was approved above.

c) First Financial Board Resolution/Third Party Administration Contract/Investment Advisory Services Agreement/Master Custodial Account Administration Agreement/ Investment Policy Statement Joinder Agreement (Approval)-*Nicole Brown*

Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the First Financial Board Resolution/Third Party Administration Contract/Investment Advisory Services Agreement and the Master Custodial Account Administration Agreement as presented. Vice President Goler made a motion to approve the First Financial Board Resolution/Third Party Administration Contract/Investment Advisory

Services Agreement and the Master Custodial Account Administration Agreement, 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.

d) Special Education Caseload Waiver Request 40<sup>th</sup> day Count-*Lynn Brashar*  
Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the Special Education Caseload Waiver Request 40<sup>th</sup> day Count as presented. President Flores made a motion to approve the Special Education Caseload Waiver Request 40<sup>th</sup> day Count, 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.

**L. Consent Agenda**

**1. Contracts/MOU's/Requisition Listing**

a) Requisition Listing-*Renetta Mondragon*

b) Requisition Listing-*Monica Martinez*

Superintendent Trujillo recommended approval of the Consent Agenda Requisition Listing for Renetta Mondragon and Requisition Listing for Monica Martinez as presented. Vice President Goler made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 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.

**2. Minutes**

a) Approval of Minutes for October 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

President Flores made a motion to approve item L. 2. a) Approval of minutes for October 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented, 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.

**M. Upcoming Meetings & Agenda Items**

Future Topics

a) Regular Board Meeting December 7, 2022, 6:00 pm Cyber Magnet School

b) Board of Education Work Session Strategic Plan November 18, 2022-Administration Bldg.

**N. Adjournment-** President Flores made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm, 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.

Signature: *Mark T. Flores* Date: *12/7/2022*

Attest: *[Signature]* Date: *12/7/2022*  
Approved 12.7.2022