



MINUTES

Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, February 10, 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 6:02 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, Member Trujillo, and Member Maestas.
- C. Approval of the Agenda-** Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed changes: moving Item H. a) Black History Month Resolution 2021 to be the first presentation under Item E.; to be followed by the Operating Model Recommendation Committee Presentation; Survey Results; Board Discussion; Public Comments and then the approval of the Operating Model Recommendation, 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.
- D. Student Report-Jonnea Trujillo & Alejandro Acosta**
Jonnea started by recognizing the efforts of our Highschool Athletic Director and Leadership Teacher Dr. Mae Labella for her hard work in keeping our coaches and athletes safe during these unprecedented times. She reported that the Senior Class have been holding meetings via zoom to get information on upcoming activities. Yearbook had picture retakes for all students, faculty, and staff today from 8:00 to 5:00 pm. There was a University of New Mexico Academic Success workshop for all students, there will be workshops every other Wednesday. Students can get help with Test Prep, college prep, career prep, digital literacy, and motivation tips. The Taos High School Teacher Academy class honors a staff member of the month, January's staff member of the month went to Andrea Nicholson. Students in the Teacher academy class said that Ms. Nicholson is always supportive and is always encouraging her students to work to their potential. Congratulations Ms. Nicholson. The Educators Rising Club and Class will participate this February and March in the Educators Rising State Conference. Students will participate this Friday in the virtual break-out sessions and workshops and enter to win prizes and college scholarships. The competitions will be held March 4-5th. Students are currently preparing to participate in the Children's Literature, Ethical Dilemma, Lesson Planning and Delivery, and several different public speaking competitions. They currently have 12 active members and their club sponsor Mrs. Carmella Vargas Gonzales.

E. Presentations

a) Operating Model Recommendation Committee Presentation (Approval)-*CJ Grace*

President Sanborn thanked the Recommendation Committee for all their hard work put into this presentation. Ms. Grace presented a PowerPoint on the Operating Model Recommendation. Members of the committee Nathaniel Evans; April DeHerrera; Jason Ormsby, Francis Hahn also expressed their ideas and thoughts on the recommendation. The presentation included the Re-Entry Guidelines; Instructional Model; What Models Exist; Remote Model; Hybrid Model; Remote Learning & Learning PODS; Variables and the Consensus Recommendation of the Committee. The Consensus was to proceed cautiously; train staff; set expectations so staff, students, and families know what to expect; flexibility for instructional delivery for face to face model based on the needs of the school. So, the decision to open to hybrid, continue remote learning & increase face to face services for at-risk students, or remain remote sits with the TMSD School Board. The surveys were then presented by Dr. Torrez, Ms. Mae Labella gave an update on NMAA rules, school principals gave an update on their school site, board had discussion on items presented, public comments were followed. The board had a break at 9:30pm and reconvened at 9:45pm. After all presentations, surveys, comments and PED recommendations were presented to the board, all board members expressed their thoughts about remaining hybrid or going remote in regard to all issues presented. Vice President Flores made a motion to follow Dr. Torrez recommendation to proceed to move the high school into a Hybrid Model with limited student movement two days a week and to work towards getting our elementary school K-8 and middle school into a hybrid model at the proposed date of April 5th, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Sanborn-no, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4 yes-1 no.

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.

*The following attendees spoke on the re-opening of the schools:

Luckie Daniels, Caroline Colonna, Justis Daniels-Bezout, DMARIE Gallegos-Trujillo, Simon Torrez, Angelica Backer, Deb van Willigen, Ben van Willigen, Genevieve de Vellis, Sara Fisher, Mark Richert, Isaiah Vigil, ChrisAnn Jeantet, Monica Archuleta, Randi Sowers, Coach Abreu, Vernon Lujan, Angie Henderson, Hernando Chavez, JoAnna Martinez.

F. District Update

- a) Administrator Reports
- b) Superintendent Report
- c) TMS Emergency Plan 2020-2021 (Embedded in the Administrator Reports)

G. Finance Office -Brenda Halder

I. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests

a) 076-000-2021-0050-T	Cares Act	Transfer	\$ 75,000.00
b) 076-000-2021-0051-IB	GEAR UP NM	Initial Budget	\$356,098.00

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the BAR's item G. 1. a-b) at this time. President Sanborn 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.

H. New Business

- a) Black History Month Resolution 2021(Approval)-*Pasqual Maestas*

This was presented and approved under presentations.

Board Member Maestas presented the Black History Month Resolution 2021 to the board. President Sanborn made a motion to adopt the Black History Month Resolution 2021 as presented, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- b) MOU between TFUSE and TMSD for End of School Year Extended Contract Days (Approval)-*Francis Hahn/Dr. Lillian Torrez*

President Sanborn made a motion to table Items H. b through e, and Item I. a-b) until the meeting of February 24, 2021, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- c) MOA between Las Cumbres Community Services, Inc & TMSD (Approval)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*
- d) Board Resolution for 2020-2021 Academic Year Graduation Requirements (Approval)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*
- e) NMSBA Policy Alert Alternate Demonstration of Competency (ADC)-(1st Reading)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*

I) Old Business

- a) NMSBA Policy Board Organizational Meeting.....B-900 BDA (Approval)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*
- b) Nominations for Board Policy Review Committee-*Pascual Maestas*
President Sanborn made a motion to table Item H. b-e) and Item I. a-b) until the meeting of February 24, 2021, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Consent Agenda

1.Contracts/MOU's

- a) Contracted Services Amy McConnell Franklin, PHD. MED MPH (SEL Training)-*Melissa Sandoval*
- b) Contracted Services Jessica Harrower, LCSW (Social Worker)-*Lynn Brashar*
- c) Contracted Services Therapia Staffing (Special Education Teacher)-*Lynn Brashar*
- d) Contracted Services Capturing Kids Hearts powered by Flippen Group LLC-*Sarah Bradley*

a) Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2021-Regular Board Meeting

President Sanborn made a motion to approve the consent agenda items J. 1. a-d) & 2. a), seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes. Vice President Flores-yes. Secretary Goler-yes. Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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

a) Superintendent's Review

President Sanborn made a motion to table Item K. a) until the meeting of February 24, 2021, 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.

L. Upcoming meetings & Agenda Items

1) Future Topics

a) NMSBA 2021 Virtual Board Member Institute Conference February 10-13, 2021

b) Regular Board Meeting February 24, 2021- @6:00 pm

M. Adjournment-President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 10:48 pm. seconded by Secretary Goler. Motion carried 5-0.

Signature:  Date: 2/25/21

Attest:  Date: 3/2/21
Approved 2.24.2021

