



MINUTES

Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, August 26, 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 6:02 pm.
- B. Roll Call-**Linda Sanchez conducted a roll call. The following members were present Via Zoom: 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 moving item H. c) Taos County to acquire 1,520 square ft right-of-way from TMS (Approval) to follow item E. b) under presentations, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.
- D. Student Report-**Jonnea Trujillo and Alejandro Acosta student representatives for Taos High School presented a report to the board. Their report included the following:
- Administration, teachers and staff of Taos Municipal Schools have worked really hard to get school up and running efficiently.
 - Some students are experiencing internet connectivity.
 - Remote learning will require strong self-motivation and time management.
 - Counselors and social workers are reaching out to students who need additional support. Senior Counselor, Ms. Necia Etheridge has informed students that there is a free SAT exam at the high school on September 23rd. There are also ACT waivers that students can receive from the counseling office.
 - This school year, the teachers are requiring us to have our video and microphone on. This allows the teacher to observe whether or not we are engaged in the lesson or not. The teachers have also worked really hard to be creative with their Canvas platforms. Another change with learning remotely has been to use Microsoft Teams instead of the Big Blue Button. Microsoft Teams allows you to use video where Big Blue Button did not allow you to see the other students.
 - Ms. Maria Jeantete and her IT Team have been working long hours to ensure that every student have the proper connectivity.
 - In regard to UNM-Taos courses, Ms. Matz has sent students multiple emails. She has taken the time to encourage students to sign-up for college courses. Ms. Matz has set up students in their courses and has provided students with guidance on how to access their courses.
 - THS Leadership class is working on upcoming events such as Public Service Announcements that would be posted on Canvas. Principal Grace is also having "Coffee & Conversation" Sessions on a weekly basis.
 - Taos High School distributed cupcakes and Tiger gear to the Freshmen as a welcoming gesture. Although they couldn't have the traditional Freshmen Orientation, they had a virtual orientation. All students at THS had the opportunity to have a virtual tour of THS.
 - Blood Drive is taking place for students who want to participate.
 - School Spirit ideas for clubs, etc. are being discussed virtually.

The board thanked the students for their great reports and for all the updates. After some discussion the board stated that they would like to continue for them to report at every board meeting, as well as to get input from all of their peers. Jonnea stated that she would poll students at the high school as well as the younger students possibly in middle school on how they are doing with virtual learning.

E. Presentations

a) Re-Opening Recommendation Committee Presentation (Approval)-*CJ Grace/Francis Hahn*

Ms. CJ Grace presented a power point on the Re-Opening Recommendation and went over all the recommendations presented. Francis Hahn; Nathaniel Evans, and Luis Reyes members of the committee expressed their concerns on re-opening. The recommendation was to continue with remote learning through the end of the first quarter, consider limited re-opening to significant needs special education students, Grads Daycare, College Board assessments, and programming that is viable with ratios set by PED ratios. Review metrics at the 9/23 board meeting to review decision for second quarter, use similar process in 3rd and 4th quarter and for district leadership to develop a timeline of benchmarks. After some discussion by the board on the direction of any student gatherings, it was decided that the district would adhere to any of the student gathering guidelines for providing student services and for any student activities including athletics while in compliance with PED and NMAA

guidance on sports and activities. Dr. Torrez recommended to go with the Re-Opening Recommendation as presented and discussed. President Sanborn made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to continue remote learning through the end of the 1st quarter, the board will get another update from this group at our 2nd meeting in September to look at the information and make a decision on the model going forward, and the school district is going to adhere to any of the student gathering guidelines for providing student services and for any student activities including athletics, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call-President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0. The board thanked Ms. Grace and the committee for a great presentation and for all their hard work put into this plan.

b) TFDC (Taos Family Development Center) GRADS Day Care Presentation-Camille Rivera/CJ Grace

Ms. Camille Rivera presented a power point on the Taos Family Development Center which is located at the Taos High School. She explained that the district will continue to offer all daycare services provided in the past years. We currently have 11 staff members in need of childcare along with students in need of childcare. Ms. Rivera explained the plan and asked the board to consider the re-opening of the TFDC for the GRADS program onsite day care center at Taos High School. They will adhere to all state guidelines for daycare facilities and students' children would be their priority. Dr. Torrez recommended to open the Grads day care facility up to our staff and to allow them to have their children there, making our students the priority if they are in need. President Sanborn made a motion to support opening the GRADS facility as described following State Day Care Guidelines, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call-President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

H. c) Taos County to acquire 1,520 square ft right-of-way from TMS (Approval)-Alex Abeyta/Robert Valencia

Mr. Alex Abeyta presented the request on behalf of Taos County wanting to acquire 1,520 square ft right-of-way from Taos Municipal Schools. He explained the reasoning for wanting to acquire the property from TMS either by right-of-way of the easement or gifting it to Taos County or allowing them to purchase the right of way from TMS. Mr. Abeyta stated that the Taos County would pay for all costs associated with the sale of the property including the appraisal. After a discussion with the board, President Sanborn made a motion that the School Board supports the sale of the property and that we will work with the Real Estate Attorney on determining the price and any associated costs and to bring back to the board for final approval when it is ready, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

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.

1) Angel Suazo addressed the board about students getting back into school activity and sports.

F. District Update

a) Administrator Reports

Member Maestas asked if administrators could include previous year end enrollment on all school reports and also for HR to include a staff count on the report with possibly a spread sheet on each department indicating Teachers, EA's, etc. He also had questions on IT. Secretary Goler asked Ms. Grace how the participation has been in reference to the coffee meetings with the principal at the high school. The board requested to have the reports aligned with the tactical plan and to address concerns that are in the plan for this year.

b) Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Lillian Torrez started by thanking the board for having a board training on 9/2 at Parr Field from 2-4:30 pm. She reported that she will be live at Kit Carson on 8/27 at 2pm with the plan for students. The new website will be up and going soon, we will have a section in English and Spanish on Social Emotional Learning. Childcare is a huge significant and has moved forward, Taylor has identified 12-day care centers and is working with parents on all aspects. We have 22 staff members who need Daycare. The lunches have been a big challenge and is going into the red right now. Part of the issue is parents are not picking up lunches, we are advertising the lunches through the Radio and Taos News. Dr. Torrez thanked Ms. Maria Jeantete for all her amazing hard work. We have received some Capital Outlay from Impact Aide and would like to order more hot spots that we are in need of.

c) Tactical Plan Status

This item was tabled and will have details at the next board meeting on September 9, 2020.

G. Finance Office -Brenda Halder

1. BAR's- Budget Adjustment Requests

a) 076-000-2021-0006-D	Transportation	Decrease	\$(43,926)
b) 076-000-2021-0007-D	NM Grown Local Produce Grant	Decrease	\$(1,865)
c) 076-000-2021-0008-M	Cares Act	Maintenance	+/--\$9,718.91
d) 076-000-2021-0009-IB	Indian Ed Formula Grant	Initial Budget	\$53,857

Finance Director Brenda Halder presented the BAR's to the board and asked for approval of items G. 1. a-c) and to postpone item d) at this time. Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the BAR's item G. 1. a-c) at this time. Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the BAR's as presented, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

H. New Business

a) 2020-2021 Taos Charter Food Service (Approval)-*Jeremy Jones*

Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the 2020-2021 Taos Charter Food Service and 2020-2021 Anansi Food Service contracts at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Taos Charter Food Service and the 2020-2021 Anansi Food Service Contracts as presented, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

b) 2020-2021 Anansi Food Service (Approval)-*Michelle Hunt*

This was approved under item H. a).

c) Taos County to acquire 1,520 square ft right-of-way from TMS (Approval)-*Alex Abeyta/Robert Valencia*

This was addressed under Presentations:

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d) MOA-Nonviolence Works, Inc. (Taos Behavioral Health) & Taos Municipal School District (Approval)-*Lynn Brashar*

Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the MOA-Nonviolence Works, Inc. (Taos Behavioral Health) & Taos Municipal School District at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the MOA-Nonviolence Works, Inc. (Taos Behavioral Health) & Taos Municipal School District as presented, seconded by Member Maestas. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

e) Resolution to Discard Old Furniture (Approval)-*Sarah Bradley/Lourdes Cordova*

Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the Resolution to Discard Old Furniture at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Resolution to Discard Old Furniture as presented, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

f) Policy Advisory No. 208.....JE Supplement-Student Attendance Supplement (Review)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*
.....J-0540 JE Student Attendance Supplemental for Remote Learning (Review) *Dr. Lillian Torrez*
.....J-0541 JE-R Student Attendance Supplemental for Remote Learning (Review)-*Dr. Lillian Torrez*

I. Consent Agenda

1. Contracts/MOU's

a) Contracted Services Audrey Davis Mariachi Program-*Alfred Cordova*

b) Contracted Services Nick Branchal Mariachi Program-*Alfred Cordova*

c) Contracted Services Dennis N. Quintana Psychological/Threat Assessment Services-*Lynn Brashar*

d) Contracted Services Kristen K. Torres SLP-*Lynn Brashar*

e) Contracted Services CES Occupational Therapy Coyle Domina-*Lynn Brashar*

2. Minutes

a) Approval of Minutes for August 12, 2020-Regular Board Meeting Via Zoom

President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

J. Upcoming meetings & Agenda Items

- 1) Future Topics
- a) Board/Superintendent Training (TBA)
- b) Regular Board Meeting September 9, 2020-Via Zoom @6:00 pm
- c) Policy Review Committee
- d) Tempo Presentation-Maintenance and Custodial Grounds (September)
- e) Finance Department Presentation (September)
- f) TMS Remote Model Update (Canvas Platform)-Fall Meeting

K. Adjournment-President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Signature:  Date: 9/10/20

Attest:  Date: 9-10-2020

Approved 9.9.2020