



## MINUTES

### **Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6 PM -Taos,NM 87571-Via Zoom**

- 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: President Sanborn, Vice President Flores, Secretary Goler, and Member Maestas.  
Absent: Member Trujillo
- C. Approval of the Agenda-** Member Maestas stated that President Sanborn will be leaving the school board in three months and asked if the remainder of the board could practice facilitating the meetings. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the agenda with Member Maestas facilitating the meeting tonight, 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**

Natalie Flores reported that they are at the end of their 6th week. Homecoming activities are taking place this week with all activities taking place outside. Currently all 10th graders are taking their PSAT test as well as 60 plus juniors. Maps testing is also taking place. Scholarships for the senior class of 2022 have started.

#### **E. Presentations**

a) LANL Foundation's Mission, Services, and Programs Presentation-Jaap Gardner  
Jennifer Parks introduced her team and presented a power point on what they are focusing on. Their focus is on education, research, programs, advocacy, collaboration, grants and scholarships. The board and Dr. Torrez thanked them for their partnership and look forward to continuing with them.

b) Operating Model Recommendation Committee-CJ Grace

Ms. CJ Grace started by introducing the recommendation committee. She presented a powerpoint to the board on the Operating Model which included guidance from PED toolkits. She reported on COVID safety, vaccinations, how parents can help and who you can call if you need information. She thanked all the staff and families for continuing in keeping our students safe.

**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\*\***

#### **F. District Update**

a) **Administrator Reports**

Members of the board had some questions and discussion in reference to transportation, nutrition and maintenance.

b) **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Torrez reported that our theme this year is achievement, equity and love. We are continuing to do assessments. We continue to work closely with our families. Hotspots, devices and laptops continue to be issued to students who move from residence and also new students. Milagro Rotary are now giving backpacks to students and we are partnering with the community to provide groceries to families. We are working on daycare for students. We have afterschool tutoring/activities and tutoring during lunch. Homecoming

activities are taking place this week and all activities will take place outdoors. Dr. Torrez thanked the community for their help. Career technical education our GEAR Up program is running for the secondary level (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade). We are applying for a Near Peer Grant through NMPED which will pay high school students to tutor our younger students. We have received approval for covid testing for staff. We are partnering with Milagro Rotary to fund raise through Mountain Film (Telluride) for senior scholarships. NMAA activities are in full swing and are following all regulations. Athletes will participate in social emotional learning curriculum. Mark Richert is also working on SEL training on classroom curriculum and we will also have Part II of social emotional activities during all staff professional development on November 1st. Safety is our number one priority for all students/staff.

#### **G. Finance Office -Brenda Halder**

##### **1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests**

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|------------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|
| a) 076-000-2122-0017-M | Title I | Maintenance | (+/-) \$81,236 |
| b) 076-000-2122-0018-T | Title I | Transfer    | \$1,087.00     |

##### **2. Financials**

Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the BAR's item G. 1. a-b) 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, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **H. New Business**

##### **a) Review and (Approval) of the American Rescue Plan Application-Valerie Trujillo**

Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the American Rescue Plan Application at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the American Rescue Plan Application as recommended, 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) NMFASFA Data Use Agreement (Approval)-Dr. Lillian Torrez**

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

##### **c) Allied Universal Security Service Agreement (Approval)-CJ Grace**

Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the Allied Universal Security Service Agreement at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the Allied Universal Security Service Agreement as recommended, 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.

#### **I. Consent Agenda**

##### **1. Contracts/MOU's**

- a) Contracted Services Nikki Cain-*Renetta Mondragon*
- b) Contracted Services Joseph Machado (Chess Club facilitator)-*Renetta Mondragon*
- c) Contracted Services Cassandra Machado (Crochet Club facilitator)-*Renetta Mondragon*
- d) Contracted Services FIT Institute (After school club outdoor activities)-*Renetta Mondragon*
- e) Contracted Services DreamTree-*Renetta Mondragon*

##### **2. Minutes**

##### **a) Approval of Minutes for September 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting**

Member Maestas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items I. 1 a-e) and 2. a) 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**

- a) Regular Board Meeting October 13, 2021- 6:00 pm
- b) Regular Board Meeting October 27, 2021-6:00 pm

##### **Future Topics**

- a) After School Tutoring Program TBH/INSPIRE
- b) Strategic Planning
- c) Regular Board Meeting November 10, 2021-Align agenda with Taos Pueblo

d) Legislative Update with lobbyist-December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

K. **Adjournment**- President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 8:17pm. seconded by Secretary Goler. Motion carried 4-0.

Signature:  Date: 10/21/21

Attest: Whitney Goler Date: 10-18-2021

Approved 10.13.2021

