



## Minutes

### **Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 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 6:00 pm.
- B. Roll Call-**Linda Sanchez conducted a roll call. The following members were present Via Zoom: President Sanborn, Vice President Flores, Secretary Goler, Member Maestas. Absent Member Trujillo.
- C. Approval of the Agenda-**President Sanborn made a motion to approve the agenda 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.

**D. Student Report-Jonnea Trujillo**

Ms. Jonnea started off by recognizing the efforts of the Taos Municipal Schools Facilities/Maintenance Staff. She stated that they are working hard to ensure that our schools are following all COVID-19 safe practices and reminded everyone to thank them.

She gave an update on the following:

- Leadership Class – Dr. LaBella is working with students to serve on the following committees: Spirit Committee, Blood Drive Committee, Teacher Appreciation Committee and PSA Committee.
- UNM-Taos – Fall classes are underway. There are some on-line courses that will begin now in October.
- Mariachi –Mr. Norbert Martinez informed us that Mariachi de Tigre had virtual auditions. The results will be getting posted this week, they are also working on virtual performances.
- Culinary Arts –Mr. Adam Medina informed students that they are getting teams together for the ProStart Competition that is scheduled for the Spring.
- Athletics – Student Athletes are excited to begin conditioning practices. Football and volleyball have started, cheer starts on Thursday. Teams are still required to adhere to the Governor’s Executive Order. Teams are allowed to practice in a 5:1 ration until further notice.
- SAT /ACT Exam – The September 23<sup>rd</sup> SAT Exam date has been postponed to October. This exam will be free. Students can also contact the Counseling Department to get an ACT exam waiver.

Deanna Cordova and Vanessa Herrera 8<sup>th</sup> grade students also addressed the board. They reported on the challenge’s students are facing during online learning and stated that they are looking forward to going back to school. They thanked the teachers, staff and administrators for all their hard work.

**E. Presentations-**

**a) Finance Department Presentation-*Brenda Halder/Christine Valencia/Lisa Isaacs/Nicole Cardenas/Tanya Maestas/June Segura***

Finance Director Ms. Brenda Halder presented a power point on the short-term and long-term goals, expectations & standards of the finance office. She reported on the career path, ongoing learning & personal working goals for her finance team. Ms. Halder’s finance team were present, they each introduced themselves and stated their positions in the finance office. The board thanked them for their presentation and for their hard work as a team.

**b) Athletics Livestreaming Presentation-*Mae Labella***

Ms. Labella presented a power point on Pixellot a livestreaming system for athletics and other events. She explained what exactly the Pixellot system is, the cost of the system and how we would use it to live broadcast all games and events including non-sports events. She informed the board of the benefits of having Pixellot and also how our school can generate revenue using Pixellot. After some discussion the board asked if she could check to see if NMAA/PED would consider helping us purchase something like this since we are not able to attend live events at this time. Dr. Labella will check into this and have an update for the board at a later date. The board thanked her for the great presentation.

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) *Caroline Colonna*
- 2) *Deborah Van Willigen*

## **F. District Update**

### **a) Administrator Reports**

The board thanked administrators for identifying students with intervention and for including data in reference to SAT and upcoming tests in their reports. They commended the IT department and thanked them for all they are doing. Thanked the administrators for using the format on the tactical plan on their board reports. The board also requested for our IT contract services provider Sharp and Maria district IT manager to do a progress report on all that has been accomplished since they got here and what their plans for the future are.

### **b) Superintendent Report**

Superintendent, Dr. Torrez started by thanking the board for attending the Board training on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. She reported that the Auditors will be starting the audit on Monday and stated that we need to have two volunteers from the board on the audit committee. President Sanborn and Secretary Goler indicated that they would continue to serve on the audit committee unless someone else would like to step in. She reported that she will be at Town Hall on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to speak in reference to Pre-k and Special Education, next week she will be there along with Lynn Brashar speaking on proper PPE. September 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a main safety procedural training for all employees to prepare for the start of school. She has sent out a letter to all parents in reference to technology and stated that Maria will also be meeting with grandparents and parents to help them with IT issues. She thanked the grandmas for making 300 cloth masks for the staff. We continue to work on the 10-day extended and after school programs, virtual clubs, etc. We are working on the CTE grant for purchasing farming infrastructure for the high school. The food service received the waiver we have been working on. We will be contacting all charters to see if we could provide food for them.

### **c) Tactical Plan (Approval)-James Sanborn/Dr. Lillian Torrez**

After a board discussion President Sanborn stated that Board Member Maestas will be the contact person working with Dr. Torrez and the staff that have been working on this plan and will report back to the board at our next board meeting.

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

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

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| a) 076-000-2021-0009-IB | Indian Ed Formula Grant | Initial Budget | \$54,031 |
| b) 076-000-2021-0012-IB | Indian Education Act.   | Initial Budget | \$89,749 |

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

### **2. Financials**

### **3. Randomly Selected IRS Bond Series 2010A Audit**

Ms. Halder reported to the board that we had randomly been selected for an IRS Audit on Bond Series 2010A. This was an informational item only.

## **H. New Business**

### **a) NABTU MC3 Model Online Licensing Agreement (Approval)-CJ Grace**

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the NABTU MC3 Model Online Licensing Agreement at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the NABTU MC3 Model Online Licensing Agreement 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) NM MESA, Inc. Memorandum of Understanding for Taos Public Schools for the 2020-2021 SY (Approval)-CJ Grace**

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the NM MESA, Inc. Memorandum of Understanding for Taos Public Schools for the 2020-2021 SY at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the NM MESA, Inc. Memorandum of Understanding for Taos Public Schools for the 2020-2021 SY 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.

### **c) Data Sharing Agreement with Kids 1/Rosey Hyatt (Approval)-Maria Jeantete**

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the Data Sharing Agreement with Kids 1/Rosey Hyatt at this time. Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the Data Sharing Agreement with Kids 1/Rosey Hyatt 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.

d) PSFA Impact Aid Capital Projects Award Program (Approval)-*Renetta Mondragon*

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of the PSFA Impact Aid Capital Projects Award Program at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the PSFA Impact Aid Capital Projects Award Program 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.

**I. Old Business**

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

Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of Policy Advisory No. 208 JE, J-0540 JE and J-0541 JE-R Student Attendance Supplemental for Remote Learning at this time. Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the Policy Advisory No. 208 JE, J-0540 JE and J-0541 JE-R Student Attendance Supplemental for Remote Learning 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.

**J. Consent Agenda**

**1. Contracts/MOU's**

- a) Contracted Services for aha! Process, Inc. Consulting Services-*Melissa Sandoval*
- b) Contracted Services Hurtado Speech Therapy Apprentice Speech Language-*Lynn Brashar*

**2. Minutes**

- a) Approval of Minutes for August 26, 2020-Regular Board Meeting Via Zoom

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

**K. Upcoming meetings & Agenda Items**


**1. Future Topics**

- a) Regular Board Meeting September 23, 2020-Via Zoom @6:00 pm
- b) Policy Review Committee
- c) Tempo Presentation-Maintenance and Custodial Grounds-September 23, 2020
- d) TMS Remote Model Update (Canvas Platform)-October 2, 2020

**L. Adjournment**-President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/23/20

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved 9.23.2020

Date: 9/23/2020

