

"A Dual Language Charter Middle School"

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SPECIAL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FINAL

Thursday, April 9, 2015, 5:30 pm

1) Call to Order

Ms. Norma Martinez-Arrieta, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm and asked for a roll call.

2) Roll call and establish quorum

Ms. Jennifer Allen, Treasurer: Present (via phone)
Ms. Clara Lopez, Member, Absent
Mr. Robert del Plain, Member: Present
Ms. Norma Martinez-Arrieta, Chair: Present

Ms. Elena Hinderlich, Member: Absent

Ms. Patty Montoya, Secretary: Present

Dr. Spencer Herrera, Vice Chair: Absent

Totals: Present (4); Absent (3). Let the record show that a quorum of members is present and this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Administration/Staff Present: None

Public Present: Dr. Christopher Adams, LADH Foundation

3) Approval of Agenda

Ms. Martinez Arrieta initiated discussion of any needed agenda revisions with GC members.

Mr. del Plain motioned to approve agenda with the removal of Item 6) Closed Session: To discuss any student or personnel issues and was seconded by Ms. Montoya. Motion was passed unanimously.

4) Open forum-Public Input

Dr. Adams was present but he stated that he would only provide input if the governing council had questions regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would be discussed in Action Item 5f.

ACTION ITEMS

5) Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

a. ALD4ALL BAR

This BAR was tabled until the next regular governing council meeting as it was not ready in time for members to review.

b. IDEA-B BARs Reference Doc. ID: 560-000-1415-0038-I & 560-000-1415-0035-IB

The PED received its final allocation for federal grand year 2014 and is now making adjustments to all subgrants awarded. Per the attached memo from the NM PED, the budget will increase by \$2,962.00 and will move \$35 to a "risk pool" account.

Motion to approve IDEA BARs, Doc ID: 560-000-1415-0035-I and 560-000-1415-0035-IB was made Mr. del Plain and seconded by Ms. Allen. Motion was passed unanimously.

c. SB-9 BAR Reference Doc ID: 560-000-1415-0034-I

As per the attached memo from the PED, this BAR is to adjust the budget due to an allocation of funds received from supplemental severance tax bonds for the Public School Capital Improvements. This year, LADH received \$9,086 which will be allocated as capital outlay for the school vehicles general account.

Motion to approve SB-9 BAR, Doc ID: 560-000-1415-0034-I was made by Ms. Montoya and second by Mr. del Plain. Motion was passed unanimously.

d. 2015-2016 School Calendar as Presented

Ms. Arrieta initiated a discussion regarding the attached proposed 2015-2016 LADH school calendar, which provides the school with a start date of July 30, 2015 and end date of May 19, 2016. A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of LADH teachers and parents having an issue with the earlier start date. Ms. Allen stated that she was at the meeting held with parents and explained that it was her impression that teachers and parents alike did not have any issues with the calendar. It was also mentioned that teachers had provided Mr. Casillas with input regarding the calendar long before it was presented to the parents. A brief discussion was held about the possibility of the earlier start date giving the impression that we may be moving toward year-around school. Members agreed that if year-around school was ever suggested we would have to look at our mission and decide if changing would agree with our objectives.

Motion to approve school calendar as is with no changes was made by Mr. del plain and seconded by Ms. Allen. Motion was passed unanimously.

e. Reschedule all remaining 2015 governing council meetings to 2nd Thursday of each month

Ms. Arrieta explained that Ms. Mirna Rodriguez and Ms. Corinne Teller work very hard to create and provide the GC with any BARs that need approval at the beginning of the month. Since our regular meetings are generally scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month, this gives them only about one week to generate these reports. Ms. Arrieta explained that only the remaining meetings, which, includes the May, June, July, and August meetings, would be rescheduled and the next year's meetings would be discussed at a later date.

Motion to approve rescheduling the remaining meetings in May, June, July, and August to the 2nd Thursday of the month was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Ms. Montoya. Motion was approved unanimously.

f. MOU with LADH Foundation

Ms. Arrieta explained that she had met with the LADH Foundation board on Monday, April 6 to discuss the attached MOU. She explained that this document is a work in progress but would serve as a base to provide a working relationship between the LADH Governing Council and the LADH Foundation. Ms. Arrieta explained that an Arbitration Clause was added to the document after the original draft was sent to GC members. Dr. Adams stated that expects and welcomes each entity to make any necessary amendments to the MOU as needed as we continue to work on creating a good working relationship. He would like to ensure transparency between the two governing bodies.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the LADH Foundation as is with no revision was made by Ms. Montoya and seconded by Mr. del Plain. Motion was approved unanimously.

6) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. del Plain and seconded by Ms. Allen. Meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Must submit backup for all BARs, except transfers of funds for SEG or direct grants

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786

Budget Adjustment Request

Doc. ID: 560-000-1415-0035-I

Fund Type: Flowthrough

Adjustment Type: Increase

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015

Entity Name: La Academia Dolores Huerta

Adjustment Changes Intent/Scope of Program Yes or No?: No

Contact: Corinne Teller, Business Manager

Total Approved Budget (Flowthrough): 29,465

Phone: 505-503-7670

Email: businessmanager@ladh.org

FLOWTHROUGH ONLY

Budget Period: 07/01/2014

To: 06/30/2015

A. Approved Carryover:

B. Total Current Year Allocation: 26,503
D. Total Funding Available: 26,503

Revenue 24106.0000.44500

\$2,962

Fund	Function	Object	Program	Job Class	Present Budget	Adj Amt Exp	Adj Budget	ADD'L FTE
	2100 Support Services-Students	55915 Other Contract Services	2000 Special Programs	0000 No Job Class		\$2,962	\$2,962	
	***************************************				Sub Total	\$2,962		
					Indirect Cost			
					DOC. TOTAL	\$2,962		

Justification:

per PED IDEA-B Final Allocation letter, dated 3/18/15

Compliance with Sections 10-15-1 and 22-8-12, NMSA, 1978 Compilation:

A. The requested budget/changes were authorized at a scheduled Board of Education or Governance Council meeting open to the public on:

B. Justification for the transfer: Explanation such as "underbudgeted", "insufficient budget", or "needed to close out Project" ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786

Budget Adjustment Request

Doc. ID: 560-000-1415-0038-IB

Fund Type: Flowthrough

Adjustment Type: Initial Budget

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015

Entity Name: La Academia Dolores Huerta

Adjustment Changes Intent/Scope of Program Yes or No?: No

Contact: Corinne Teller, Business Manager

Total Approved Budget (Flowthrough): 35

Phone: 505-503-7670

Email: businessmanager@ladh.org

FLOWTHROUGH ONLY

Budget Period: 07/01/2014

To:

06/30/2015

A. Approved Carryover:

B. Total Current Year Allocation: 35

D. Total Funding Available: 35

Revenue 24120.0000.44500

Fund	Function	Object	Program	Job Class	Present Budget	Adj Amt Exp	Adj Budget	ADD'L FTE
24120 IDEA-B "Risk Pool"	2100 Support Services-Students	55915 Other Contract Services	2000 Special Programs	0000 No Job Class		\$35	\$35	
					Sub Total	\$35		
1)					Indirect Cost			
					DOC. TOTAL	\$35		

Justification:

Per PED/SEB IDEA-B Final Allocation letter, dated 3/18/15

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT 300 DON GASPAR SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501-2786 Telephone (505) 827-5800 www.ped.state.nm.us

HANNA SKANDERA SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

SUSANA MARTINEZ GOVERNOR

March 18, 2015

Mr. Octavio Casillas, Principal La Academia Dolores Huerta 1480 North Main St. Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dear Principal Casillas:

Under the U.S. Department of Education Appropriation Act for federal grant year 2014 (GY 14) affecting the state fiscal year 2014-2015 (FY14-15), the Public Education Department (PED), Special Education Bureau (SEB) has received its final allocation and is required to make adjustments to all subgrant awards. Below is the federal grant award information specific to the award your entity is receiving:

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA B)								
Program Title	Special Education Grants to States	Special Education Preschool Grants						
CFDA#	84.027A	84.173A						
	H027A120078	H173A120078						
Award #	H027A130078	H173A130078						
100000	H027A140078	H173A140078						

Federal Funding Agency: United States Department of Education Compliance Requirements: EDGAR 34 CFR Parts (74 - 99)

OMB A-133 and OMB A-87 or OMB A-21 (Cost Principles for Educational Institutions)
(For awards before December 26, 2014)

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default

2 C.F.R. 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

(For awards after December 26, 2014)

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200 main 02.tpl

Based on the available funding and the application submitted by La Academia Dolores Huerta, FY14-15 final and FY13-14 carryover awards are listed below. Please review the current budget for La Academia

Dolores Huerta in the Operating Budget Management System (OBMS) and submit an electronic Budget Adjustment Request (BAR), including a copy of this letter, utilizing OBMS to make the necessary adjustments to reflect the total FY14-15 Approved Budget amount as listed below:

	UCOA		FY14-15	TOTAL	FY14-15	
GRANT	FUND	FY13-14	FINAL	District	Approved	Total Amount
NAME	CODE	Carryover	Allocation	Award	Budget	to BAR
IDEA B						
Entitlement	24106	\$-	\$29,465.00	\$29,465.00	\$26,503.00	\$2,962.00
IDEA B						<u> </u>
Preschool	24109	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$- l	\$-
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(CEIS)	24112	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
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Share	24115	\$-	\$-	\$-	<u> </u>	\$-
Risk Pool	24120	\$-	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$-	\$35.00

When submitting a BAR, please keep in mind that the amount budgeted for CEIS (Fund 24112) and Private School Proportionate Share (Fund 24115) are <u>not</u> in addition to the Final Allocation amount for IDEA B Funds 24106 and 24109. The cumulative budget for Funds 24106, 24109, 24112 and 24115 shall not exceed the *FY14-15 FINAL Allocation* amount identified for Funds 24106 and 24109. For reference, the BAR process is located on the PED website and can be accessed at: http://ped.state.nm.us/div/fin/school.budget/OBMS.html.

Funding under this award must be used in compliance with the applicable provisions of IDEA B, as follows:

- only to pay the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities;
- to supplement state, local and other federal funds and not to supplant such funds; and
- not to reduce a Local Educational Agency's (LEA) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the education of children with disabilities below the preceding year's level except as allowed by 34 CFR §§ 300.204 and 205 [20 U.S.C. 1413(a)(2)(A), 34 CFR § 300.202].

If you have questions regarding allowable costs, please see the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_default.

Once the sub-grant for La Academia Dolores Huerta is considered substantially approvable, funds cannot be transferred from one fund code to another or between function codes without submitting an amended IDEA B Application and a BAR, to include the required signatures and this award letter.

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The IDEA B Application for La Academia Dolores Huerta must be amended to reflect the FY14-15 Final Allocation amount. A template titled Attachment A has been created specifically for amending the IDEA B Application's Objectives 1 through 4. Attachment A can be accessed from the SEB website under the funding tab at: http://ped.state.nm.us/SEB/fiscal/index.html.

Funds can never be transferred out of the Private School's Proportionate Share (Fund 24115) or Mandatory CEIS (Fund 24112). Fund 24115 will carry over to the next year under the same fund code. Funds set aside for Mandatory CEIS (Fund 24112) must remain within this fund until all requirements are met in regards to significant disproportionality.

When submitting an electronic BAR to bring the budget authority for La Academia Dolores Huerta in alignment with the FY14-15 Approved Budget amount identified in this award letter, please use the applicable fund codes identified above and revenue code 44500. Please adhere to the following timelines required for obligation, liquidation and Requests for Reimbursement (RfR):

- Submit your BAR, a copy of this letter, and Attachment A through OBMS by April 17, 2015.
- The FY13-14 carryover amounts indicated above must be obligated by June 30, 2015 and expended by September 30, 2015.
- The last day to submit RfRs for FY14-15 is July 7, 2015.

For questions, please contact:

Ms. Patricia Hawkins, Fiscal Manager Special Education Bureau 120 South Federal Place, Room 206 Santa Fe, NM 87501 (505) 827-3599 patricia.hawkins@state.nm.us

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this process.

Best regards,

Hipolito "Paul" Aguilar

Deputy Secretary, Finance and Operations

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cc: Corinne Teller, Business Manager, La Academia Dolores Huerta

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PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786

Budget Adjustment Request

Doc. ID: 560-000-1415-0034-I

Fund Type: General Fund / Capital

Outlay / Debt Service

Adjustment Type: Increase

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015

Entity Name: La Academia Dolores Huerta

Adjustment Changes Intent/Scope of Program Yes or No?: No

Contact: Corinne Teller, Business Manager

Total Approved Budget (Flowthrough):

Phone: 505-503-7670 Email: businessmanager@ladh.org

FLOWTHROUGH ONLY

Budget Period: Jul 1 2014 12:00AM

To:

Jun 30 2015 12:00AM

A. Approved Carryover: **B. Total Current Year Allocation:**

D. Total Funding Available:

Revenue 31700.0000.43202

\$9,086

Fund	Function	Object	Program	Job Class	Present Budget	Adj Amt Exp	Adj Budget	ADD'L FTE
31700 Capital Improvem ents SB-9	,		0000 No Program	0000 No Job Class		\$9,086	\$9,086	
					Sub Total	\$9,086		
1					Indirect Cost			
					DOC. TOTAL	\$9,086		

Justification:

per 2015 Final SB-9 State Match letter, dated 3/13/15

Compliance with Sections 10-15-1 and 22-8-12, NMSA, 1978 Compilation:

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Under these provisions approved by their respective governing bodies, La Academia Dolores Huerta Foundation(FOUNDATION) agrees to act as a funding/financing entity for La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter School(School) to underwrite initiation and sustaining of education all related functions, processes, programs and activities that cannot be funded through the regular school budget and which will lead students to achieve excellence in personal growth, strong multicultural identities and academic success.

Each party agrees to protect the other from liabilities due to agreement infractions, contract violations, or detrimental acts of the Directors or employees. Additionally, both parties agree to establish and sustain accountability and transparency in their transactions and relations.

To these ends, both parties, by formal approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as a Memorandum or MOU) by their respective governing bodies, agree to conduct their business under terms set forth in this document.

- 1. The Foundation shall act as a funding agent exclusively on behalf of the school. However, the School retains its prerogative to seek and utilize other funding sources.
- 2. The School holds the right to formally request assistance from the Foundation for its capital or programmatic needs as reflected in its strategic plan and approved by its Governing Council; and the Foundation holds the right to consider, accept or reject such requests. In turn, the Foundation may independently seek and secure funds and subsequently offer them to the School for a specific activity and which the School may consider, accept or reject.
- All transactions entered into by and between both parties shall be approved by action of their respective governing boards, and such action shall be noted in the minutes of said governing boards.
- 4. All transactions entered into by and between both parties shall be documented either as contracts, transfers of title, or other forms as appropriate to each transaction.
- 5. Both parties agree to provide necessary documents addressing and supporting the authorizations and limitations that do, or may impact on the legal transactions entered into by both parties.
- 6. Where the financial assistance is for a specific purpose(s), both parties agree to establish avenues of oversight, monitoring and assessment to assure compliance of the transactional agreement, including but not necessarily being limited to monthly financial reports, progress reports and audits.
- 7. Both parties agree to implement accounting and reporting systems that assure accountability and transparency of fund management, and protect each entity against undue liability and potential legal action(s).
- 8. In those instances where third party funding maybe involved, both parties shall comply with whatever requirements set forth by said third party as condition(s) for the release of funds.
- 9. Each party shall not act in any manner that will cause the other to lose its legal status as non-profit or public education entity by violation of governing statues or laws, local, state or federal.

- 10. Each party hereby agrees to work in good faith and in concert with one another and to seek resolution of any conflicts through reasonable and collective communications by and between each entity's governing body.
- 11. This Memorandum of Understanding, made this 5th day of April, 2015, by and between the board of La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter School and La Academia Dolores Huerta Foundation.(an Internal Revenue Code §501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation), is intended to set forth policies and procedures that will contribute to the coordination of their mutual activities. To ensure effective achievement of the items of the agreement, the university and foundations officers and board representatives shall hold periodic meetings to foster and maintain productive relationships and to ensure open and continuing communications and alignment of priorities.
- 12. Either party may, upon 90 days prior written notice to the other, terminate this agreement. Notwithstanding the forgoing, either party may terminate this MOU in the event the other party defaults in the performance of its obligations and fails to cure the default within a reasonable time after receiving written show cause notice. Should the school choose to terminate this agreement the foundation may require the school to pay, within 180 days of written notice, all debt incurred by the foundation on the school's behalf including but not limited to, lease payments, advanced funds, and funds borrowed for specific initiatives. Should the Foundation choose to terminate this agreement the school may require the Foundation to pay debt it holds on behalf of the Foundation in like manner. Consistent with provisions appearing in the Foundation's bylaws and its articles of incorporation, should the Foundation cease to exist or cease to be and Internal Revenue Code §501 (c)(3) organization, the Foundation will transfer its assets and property to the institution, to the school to a reincorporated successor foundation, or to the state or federal government for public purposes in accordance with the law and donor
- 13. Arbitration clause: Should any dispute arise, La Academia Foundation and the La Academia School Governing Council, both agree to submit their dispute to arbitration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the day and date first above written.

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Governing Council of La Academia Dolores Huerta

Chair

La Academia Dolores Huerta Foundation

Date