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MEETING MINUTES GOVERNING BOARD MEETING June 9, 2011, 6:00PM

1a. & b. Call to Order at 6:10 pm. and roll call. Quorum not established. Mr. del Plain and Mrs. Flores-Olivas present. Quorum established at 6:25 p.m. when Mrs. Simental attended via Mr. Del Plain's mobile speaker phone.

1c. Approval of proposed agenda: Mr. Gutierrez requested agenda item 2 – Public Input be moved to end of agenda before adjourning so that all items we discussed and public had opportunity to hear all items on agenda, especially discussion of the item regarding bussing. Also, item 4 – Bussing be moved as item 2 prior to public input and the item of Principals Report; Item 5 – Resignation of Mr. Carlos Arzabal moved as Item 5; and Discussion of Committees moved as Item 7.

Motion made by Mrs. Simental to approve amended agenda as mentioned above.

Seconded by Mrs. Flores-Olivas.

Mr. del Plain approved amended agenda.

2. Bussing survey reviewed and results read.

Mrs. Semintal asked how many WOULD NOT ATTEND LADH. Mr. Gutierrez stated since the survey does not include all students, he would follow up with parents and guardians to find out who the students are and make accommodations.

Mr. del Plain suggests that an 8am start time for LADH to begin school would be best because of parents work schedule

Mr. Gutierrez asked and needed to know if he is going to have to get approval from LADH Governing Council. If he does, then he will have to change the school calendar, get with his staff, then get LCPS to approve, and finally get approval from the state.

Mr. del Plain spoke to Mr. Ortiz, at the Dept. of Transportation for the public schools and confirmed the formula for calculating the bus charge LADH is billed. Mr. del Plain also stated that as long as our charter doesn't state we provide transportation LADH is covered. Mr. del Plain checked the charter and it DOES NOT state we provide transportation.

Various inquiries/questions & comments regarding the survey from public were discussed.

Mr. del Plain suggested that the Governing Council put forth 2 separate motions; 1) Motion for LADH to do away with bussing, and 2) Motion to proceed at the start time.

Motion made by Mrs. Flores-Olivas to do away with bussing

Seconded by Mrs. Simental.

Mr. del Plain held a vote that LADH does away with bussing.

Approved in the unanimous

Mr. del Plain suggests starting school at 8am

Motion made by Mrs. Semintal that LADH begins at 8am.

Seconded by Mrs. Flores-Olivas

Discussion was held before the vote.

Mr. Gutierrez stated that there may be an issue in getting breakfast in time before school starts. LADH may need to begin instruction, then break for breakfast, then go back to instruction. Mr. Gutierrez has sent a letter to LCPS to request services for breakfast and they will inform Mr. Gutierrez of delivery time. The pros and cons, per Mr. Gutierrez is that more students will receive breakfast since more students will be in instruction; the con is that there is mess in the classrooms.

Mr. Gutierrez stated that he will begin school when Governing Council dictates when to start. Mr. del Plain asked what time would students be able to show up in school started at 8am. Mr. Gutierrez said drop off would be from 7:45 to 8am.

Back to second motion: Mr. del Plain amended motion to start at 8:30am and school end at 3:30pm

Motion made by Mrs. Flores-Olivas to start at 8:30am and school end at 3:30pm.

Seconded by Mrs. Simental.

Approved in the unanimous.

4a. Mr. del Plain entertained a motion to approve the transfers that Gina presented her e-mail to Governing Council on June 8, 2011 at approximately 9am. Seconded by Mrs. Simental. Gina asked if she could e-mail to the Governing Council the additional transfers. Mrs. Flores-Olivas motioned to allow Gina to e-mail transfers to Governing Council and seconded by Mrs. Simental. Approved in the unanimous.

5. Mr. del Plain motioned to approve the resignation of Mr. Arzabal and seconded by Mrs. Simental. Approved in the unanimous.

Mrs. Simental removed herself from attendance via Mr. del Plain's speaker phone at 7:10pm.

6. Mr. Gutierrez requested to change personal sessions as an open session. Motion made by Mrs. Flores-Olivas and Mrs. Simental seconded. Approval in the unanimous.

Mr. Gutierrez contract expires on June 30, 2012. He plans to retire next year. LADH Governing Council needs to approve to keep Mr. Gutierrez or hire full time principal.

Mr. Gutierrez states he feels we can continue with him part-time and he will stay part-time.

Motion made by Mr. del Plain to have Mr. Gutierrez continue part-time for the following school year of 2011-2012 and seconded by Mrs. Flores-Olivas. Approved in the unanimous.

7a. Mrs. Flores-Olivas has nothing to report because the facility committee is still waiting on the NM Charter Coalition to report if they will be able to assist with financing.

Per Gina no report yet regarding the building insurance. It may be possibly 1-2 weeks to get report.

Signs stating that the 2nd floor cannot be accessed and locks have been placed also.

7a iii. NM Charter Coalition has not contacted Mr. del Plain regarding funding. Mr. del Plain suggests on holding a special meeting on ideas on purchasing building with out NM Charter Coalition.

7b. Finance Committee now has an outside auditor. Christine Carathan from First Community Bank has volunteered to audit the committee's finances.

8. Adjournment. Motion was made by Mr. del Plain to adjourn and seconded by Mrs. Flores-Olvias. Could not approve in the unanimous since Mrs. Simental removed herself from attendance via Mr. del Plain's speaker phone at 7:10pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.