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REGULAR GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 13th, 2015 6:00 pm

1) **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Ms. Norma Martinez Arrieta, Chair, at 6:04pm.

2) **Roll call and establish quorum:**

GC Members: N. Martinez Arrieta (present); J. Allen (present); E. Hinderlich (present); C. Lopez (present); S. Herrera (present); P. Montoya (absent). Total: (5) present; (1) absent

LADH Staff: O. Casillas (Chancellor); M. Rodriguez (Business Specialist); J. Sanchez (Business Manager); D. Diaz (Administrator); A. Duran (Teacher)

Public: Jose Rios, Bonnie Rios, Mercedes Rios, Matthew Rios, Lily Ruiz, Cindy Hernandez, Jesus Ortiz, Perla Ortiz, Daniel Herrera, Yadira I. Ramirez, Diana L. Hernandez, Yolanda Herrera, Maria Vallejo, Maria Ceballos, Gloria Ceballos, Frances Marquez, Tiffany Romero, Magdalena Campos, Caridad Burgeois, Minelia Dominguez, Brenda Almaraz, Irene Casillas, Magdalena Islava, Alejandra Tablon.

3) **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made by Dr. Herrera and seconded by Ms. Allen to approve agenda with the following revisions: move action item #7 to #5, delete action item #7 (approval of minutes), and move closed session to #9 (after committee reports). Motion was passed unanimously.

4) **Open forum-Public Input***

Public comments and observations regarding education policy and governance issues, as well as the strategic planning, are heard at this time. Time limit per presenter may be imposed by Chair.

Maria Vallejo, Frances Marquez, and Magdalena Campos spoke individually asking governing council members to consider approval of the contract for student transportation.

ACTION ITEMS

5) **Approval of Contract for Student Transportation**

Ms. Martinez Arrieta asked for Mr. Casillas to give a brief overview on the rationale behind seeking transportation for students. Mr. Casillas provided the governing council with brief information regarding the school's initial goal of obtaining transportation for students, and resources to be used for financing (2) buses for ~\$140,000/year. Mr. Casillas also provided information regarding the bus routes, pick up/drop off times, and explained there will be no transportation provided for students participating in the after school program. Information regarding these specific items would be sent out to parents on Monday, if approved by the governing council

Dr. Herrera motioned to approve the contract for student transportation, as presented by Mr. Casillas, and Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

6) Business Manager's Report & Approval of Business Items:

Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Rodriguez provided an overview to governing council regarding the monthly financial reports and the BARs up for approval.

a) Approval of 4th Quarter Reports & Cash Transfers

Ms. Jennifer Allen motioned to approve the 4th Quarter Reports and cash transfers, as presented by Ms. Sanchez, and Dr. Herrera seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

b) NM Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Fund BAR

Dr. Herrera motioned to approve the NM Fresh Fruits & Vegetables BAR, as presented by Ms. Sanchez, and was seconded by Ms. Hinderlich. Motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

7) Principal's Report: Attached

8) Committee Reports

- Finance Committee: Ms. Allen discussed the need to set up meeting dates for 2015-2016 year. Ms. Arrieta will send out a doodle poll.
- Policy Committee: Ms. Allen and Ms. Lopez discussed the need for student discipline plan that is in carbon copy so that parents, teachers, and staff are all aware and on the same page. Ms. Lopez offered to provide a draft.
- Community Relations: Bonnie Rios (parent) discussed how the GC could get more parent involvement during regular GC meetings: send text messages, monthly newsletter, direct invitation by GC members via email. Ms. Rios also recommended revising the order of agenda so that the Discussion items such as Principals' report and Committee reports can be given at the beginning of each meeting so that busy parents who may be unable to stay for entire meeting can at least get information on the school's current and planned progress.

9) Closed Session: To discuss personnel matters relating to any individual employee, including hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, resignation, or investigation of complaints or charges against an employee. [10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978]

Motion to convene into closed session was made by Dr. Herrera and seconded by Ms. Allen. Motion was passed unanimously. Governing council convened into closed session at 7:26 p.m.

No action was taken during closed session.

Motion to reconvene from closed session was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Dr. Herrera. Motion was passed unanimously. Governing council reconvened from closed session at 8:21 p.m.

10) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Dr. Herrera. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

*Any individual attending a board meeting may sign in to participate in the Public Input section of the Agenda, if any. Such persons may speak on any item after the individual is recognized by the President of the Board and introduces himself/herself at the podium. The Governing Council of La Academia Dolores Huerta will not take action on any item presented under Public Input, until an opportunity to do so is afforded. La Academia Dolores Huerta will provide an interpreter for the Hearing Impaired and simultaneous Spanish translation upon request. Requests should be submitted to the chancellor's office three days prior to the meeting.