

## MINUTES

Taos Municipal School Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 4, 2018  
Ranchos Elementary School, Taos, NM 87571

- A. Call to order-**The regular meeting of the Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education was called to order by President, Sanborn at 6:15 pm.
- B. Roll Call-**Administrative Assistant, Linda Sanchez conducted a roll call. The following members were present: President, James Sanborn; Vice President, Mark Flores; Secretary, Whitney Goler, and Member, Dr. David Chavez. Absent were: Member, Jason Silva.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance-**Principal Ms. Lourdes Cordova led the board members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. 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, Member Chavez-yes. Motion carried.
- E. Student Report-**There was not a student report
- F. Presentations**
- a) Distinguished Teacher Award at RES-Kathy Serna**  
Ms. Lourdes Cordova, Principal of Ranchos Elementary School presented Ms. Kathy Serna with the Distinguished Teacher Award, and thanked her for her hard work.
- b) Student Teach To One presentations- (Jade Parish-Evan Salazar-Jaylene Suazo)-Ms. Lourdes Cordova**  
Jade Parish; Evan Salazar and Jaylene Suazo, fifth grade students from Ranchos Elementary School presented a video on Teach To One Math. They reported on what Teach to One is and why it is different from traditional math programs. They explained how they learn at his or her own level and pace; how they enjoy working with different groups of students and teachers as well as working independently. They went on to explain how they felt it is going to help them become better at math. The program also allows them to see if they are ready to move on or if they need more practice, and allows them to set a goal on what they would like to accomplish. They presented an actual portal of their own so they could explain how they are progressing and where their needs are in math. They felt it was challenging but easy at other times. The board commended the students on how well they presented and were glad to hear that they are interested and liking the program.
- c) School Grades Principal Presentations (Enos, Ranchos, Arroyos, TMS, THS)-Dr. Herrera-Gurule, Ms. Cordova, Ms. Mondragon, Mr. Cordova, & Mr. Trujillo**  
Principals gave a brief update on NMPED School Grading Report Card, and provided the board with documentation on how they will continue to address student achievement and school grades. They went through the areas of strength at each school and areas that they felt in need of improvement and how they will be addressed. The board indicated on wanting to see an effective assessment on TMS, on the matrix, how does it factor in and what is relevant to our schools. The board

commended the principals on the work they and their staff are doing and will continue to do.

**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 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*

*Siena Sanderson addressed the board with an update on the nurturing center and how they are working with our schools.*

## **G. Superintendent's Report- Dr. Lillian Torrez**

### **a) Administrator's Reports**

TMS Principal, Mr. Alfred Cordova; THS, Athletics, Nickie McCarty; Exceptional Programs, Ms. Lynn Brasher; Director of Federal Programs, Ms. CJ Grace, and Technology Department, Mr. Jeff Everett provided the board with a board report. Reports included updates on their individual schools/sites on: Student achievement; Educator Excellence; Communications; Enrollment; Safety and Wellness; Professional Excellence; Leadership; Public Relations; upcoming athletic events, and sport schedules.

### **b) District Update**

Superintendent Dr. Torrez reported to the board that they are focused on school grades; working with students and professional development with the teachers. Evaluations will be taking place soon, and observation of classrooms will be taking place. Dr. Torrez and principals will be visiting classrooms more often on a daily basis. She reported that schools have received the PARCC practice tests. Act scores for TMS are above national average. We have hired three instructional coaches who will be funded by the SRCL Grant. One coach who will do Pre-K; one for elementary and one for secondary that will be working directly with teachers and principals. Dr. Torrez indicated that we will continue to do our best and will do everything possible to improve in any and all areas needed.

## **H. Finance Office – Ms. Susie Martinez**

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

- a) 076-000-1819-0008-I 27107 - GOB LIBRARY \$ 8,905
- b) 076-000-1819-0009-IB 27103 - DUAL CREDIT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS \$ 14,268
- c) 076-000-1819-0010-I 28189 – GRADS CHILD CARE \$ 2,000
- d) 076-000-1819-0011-IB 28190 – GRADS INSTRUCTION \$ 4,000
- e) 076-000-1819-0012-I 24109 – IDEA-B PRESCHOOL \$ 23,603

Superintendent, Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of BAR's. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the BAR's, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Chavez-yes. Motion carried.

## **I. Old Business**

- a) Policy Advisory No. 157 GREBB-Staff Conduct with students Approval
- b) Policy Advisory No. 157 GREBB-R-Staff Conduct with students (Maintaining Professional Boundaries) Approval
- c) Policy Advisory No. 157 GREBB-EA-Staff Conduct with students Approval
- d) Policy Advisory No. 157 GREBB-EB-Staff Conduct with students (Reporting Violations) Approval

Superintendent, Dr. Torrez recommended the approval of Policies a) to d). Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the Policies, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Chavez-yes. Motion carried.

**J. Consent Agenda**

**1. Contracts/ MOU's**

- a) Consulting Contract (Steve Archuleta)-Dr. Torrez

**2. Minutes**

- a) Approval of Minutes of 8/21/2018

Vice President Flores made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Contracts/MOU's and Minutes, seconded by Secretary Goler. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes, Vice President Flores-yes, Secretary Goler-yes, Member Chavez-yes. Motion carried.

**K. Upcoming Meetings & Agenda Items**

- a) September 12-14/18-NMASBO 2018 Fall Conference/Buffalo Thunder Santa Fe
- b) September 18, 2018-Regular Board Meeting/Arroyos Del Norte Elementary School-6:00 pm-President Sanborn will be out of town on September 18<sup>th</sup>, he asked for the consensus of the board to change the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting from September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 25, 2018 @ Arroyos Del Norte Elementary. The consensus of the board was to re-schedule the meeting to September 25, 2018.
- c) September 20, 2018-NMSBA Region Meeting/Penasco-@5:30-8:30 pm

The Board asked to place the following as future agenda items:

- Status of Special Education
- Procurement Process
- Wellness & Ability to work with political entities

**L. Adjournment**-President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Member Chavez. Motion carried.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved 9/25/2018