

## **New America School-Las Cruces**

Governing Council

Thursday, April 16, 2020

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

**Board Members Present:** Susie Kimble (President), Martha Valdez (Secretary/Treasurer), Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski, Fernando Macias (Vice-President)

**Regrets:** Oscar Juarez,

**Staff Present:** Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Kyle Hunt, Dom DiFelice, Christine Montoya

**Special Guest:** Kelly Callahan

### **Minutes of the GC**

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
4. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that the agenda be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
5. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that the minutes of February 20, 2020 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Margarita outlined the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar. Highlights
  - 150 instructional days
  - August 6 start and May 27<sup>th</sup> last day of classes
  - Grad day May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Calendar aligned closely with LCPS
  - 16 days of PD
  - Need for some flexibility to have some of the PD days prior to school start
  - School has applied for funding for 10 extra days for extended learning

Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that the school calendar be approved subject to revenue neutrality for the 10 extra days of extended learning. Votes: Unanimous.

7. Kyle Hunt presented the draft 2020-2021 school budget. Included in the draft
  - 4% salary increase and a step increase for all staff
  - Moving 1 Sp. Ed. teacher to operations
  - Few minor increases to line items
  - Estimated carryover \$238K
  - 10% increase in salary to IT staff member
  - Unit value increased by 3.93%
  - Medical increase 8.7%
  - Budget based on no growth
  - At-risk units still need to be approved so changes in line items may occur
  - Benefits held at 75% level for staff
  - Caution that much of these items may change based on state funding changes

Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski that the draft budget be approved as presented subject to possible program adjustments and that the GC authorize Kyle Hunt to make appropriate changes with Margarita Porter's approval. Votes: Unanimous.

8. The Finance Committee met prior to the GC meeting. Kyle summarized the financial reports. No issues presented. BAR- 016 for \$1963 was presented for instructional materials. Moved by Jennifer

Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial report and BAR be approved as presented.

9. Kelly Callahan will submit next month a summary of the GC needs assessment survey.
10. Margarita presented the Dashboard, it included
  - A summary report from the PED
  - Enrollment and demographics
  - Academic performance
  - Growth in Reading, Math and Science
  - Graduation rate and attendance
  - The school had a score of 46/100
  - It will likely place the school in Tier 3 under the new framework
11. The principal report was presented. Highlights are available in the written report attached.
12. Susie Kimble indicated that there will be a need for members to take on additional responsibilities with the departure of Dominic.
13. Kelly Callahan indicated that based on her observations during the year, hours have been credited to board members. She indicated the GC is a strong board. She also reiterated that members will need to assume agenda setting, minute taking etc. in the new school year. She will present a more detailed report in May.
14. Facility update. SSDD.
15. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the board move into Executive session. Votes: Unanimous.
16. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that the board move back to public session. Votes: Unanimous.
17. Moved by Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski and seconded by Martha Valdez that only matters related to the administrator's evaluation was discussed. Votes: Unanimous.
18. Public Input: None
19. Adjournment 7:05 pm
20. Next Meeting May 14, 2020

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha Valdez, Secretary