

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, January 21, 2021

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

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

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski, Oscar Juarez

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Christina Montoya, Veronica Gonzalez, Kyle Hunt

Special Guest: Kelly Callahan

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
4. Public Input: There was none.
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be adopted. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Martha Valdez and seconded Fernando Macias that the minutes of December 17, 2020 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Kyle Hunt presented the financial reports for the school covering the period up to 12/31/20. These reports were accepted by the council unanimously. BAR #0015 was presented to the council for review and approval (after discussion that discussion and action on item C was enough for the council to be able to vote. This discussion included the broadness of item C while also having to meet the PED deadline of 1/31/20 to accept these funds in OBMS.) The BAR is for the Governor's Emergency Economic Relief (GEERs) Fund in the amount of \$3,474 which would help the school cover student connectivity costs incurred from the result of the pandemic. Moved by Fernando Macias and Seconded by Martha Valdez that BAR #0015 be accepted. Votes: unanimous.
8. Lobbyist Contract: Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the contract be accepted. Votes: Unanimous.
9. Discussion was had regarding a policy to require Covid vaccinations for all employees. The action item was tabled until February when more guidance was provided by the Governor and the attorneys.
10. Superintendent report:
 - Preliminary report for sy19-20 from CSD was presented. 12 out of 21 areas were "meets standards." NAS will submit all other requested evidence to meet standard in preparation for renewal.
 - We currently have 204 students enrolled.
 - School Safety Plan was submitted.
 - Dr. Martin Luther King Service Day was on Monday. We had students participate. We had different options for activities to choose from but all were tied to a writing assignment.
 - Daycare is moving toward completion. Right now, our urgency is to purchase and set up the room in order to call for other inspections, such as fire.
 - Capital Outlay: \$20K was requested for computers, \$20K for bathroom remodel, and \$20k for furniture
11. Board training; Kelly
12. Facility update: Daycare work continues.
13. Adjournment 6:35 pm
14. Next Meeting, February 18, 2021

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary