

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, May 20, 2021

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

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

Regrets: Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski, Martha Valdez

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Veronica Gonzalez, Kyle Hunt, Tommy Esparza

Special Guest: Kelly Callahan

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
Students of the month were Josue Melendez, Jesus Morones, Taily Ramirez, Lelanie Ramos, Juan Sanchez, Briana Vallejos
4. Public Input: Coach Tommy Esparza gave input on the leadership and staff at NAS-LC.
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the agenda be adopted. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Kyle Hunt presented the financial reports for the school covering the finances to 4/30/2021. BARs #0024-a decrease to CARES act, #0025-maintenance to Title II, #0026-an increase to activity revenues, and #0027-an increase to Title IV were all presented to the Governing Council. A motion for Final BAR approval was also approved by the governing council. "Approval for the Superintendent and the Business Manager to enter and submit any final Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs) on behalf of the school to maintain budgetary compliance for audit and other regulatory purposes. This is done knowing that the BARs will not impact actual cash but only address budgets. In addition, any BARs submitted as allowed under this approval will be brought before the GC at the next meeting with review and detailed explanation." Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Martha Valdez that the financial reports and BARs be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
7. The FY22 Operational Budget and FY22 instructional Salary Schedule were presented to the Governing Council with the previously discussed 3% increase for all employees instead of the state mandated 1.5%. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the amounts on the salary schedule be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Titles I, II, III, IV were all presented to the board. Each title was present with a description on how each Title was to be used. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded Oscar Juarez that all of the amounts regarding each Title be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
9. PSA were presented for Fox/Mathews, Craig Cook, LLC and Vigil Group. This motion included services by Kelly Callahan. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded Oscar Juarez that all PSA be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Board Training: Kelly will follow up with the hours. GC currently has 11.5 hours. She reviewed the process for the evaluation process to be completed in June.
11. Renewal; Superintendent reviewed the Annual Performance Report released from CSD.
12. Superintendent report:
 - Graduation: July 1 to be held at the Plaza. The venue will only be for 150 attendants. If the public health order allows, more guests will be permitted. 33 graduates.
 - We have volunteers to do this. We have set aside money from CARES money.
 - The remote option has been removed from schools. We will only focus on in-person learning.
 - Water fountains: we have replaced with bottle fillers

- Collaboration with Dona Ana county and Judge Macias for summer job placement for our students. Will serve as the point person for PED.

13. Adjournment 6:20 pm

14. Next Meeting, June 17, 2021

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary