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**New America School-Las Cruces**  
Governing Council  
Thursday, June 8, 2023  
5:00 PM

**Board Members Present:**

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Jesus Lozoya
- Oscar Juarez
- Adam Amador, resigned effect 6/8/23
  
- **Regrets:** Julia Rivera-Tapia (Sec)

**Staff Present:**

- Ashley Wolfel
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter

**Special Guests:** Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan

**Minutes of the GC**

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
3. Public input: None.
4. Quorum was reached at 5:04 pm.
5. Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Jesus Lozoya that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Jesus Lozoya and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the minutes of May 11, 2023 be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
7. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until May 31, 2023 were approved by the finance committee. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jesus Lozoya that the financial reports for May be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the IDEA B application for a total of \$51,125.24 be approved for the salary of the Special Education teacher. Votes: unanimous

Superintendent's report was shared.

9. Moved by Jesus Lozoya and seconded by Roberta Stathis to move into executive session to discuss Superintendent's evaluation and contract. Roll Call: Susie Kimble, aye; Roberta Stathis (VP) aye; Jesus Lozoya, aye; Oscar Juarez, aye. Susie Kimble invited Kelly Callahan to join the executive session.
10. Reconvene to open session- statement made by Susie Kimble, GC President that only matters listed as the reason for closed session were discussed. Roll Call: Susie Kimble, aye; Roberta Stathis (VP) aye; Jesus Lozoya, aye; Oscar Juarez, aye.

## Superintendent's Report

### Dashboard

SAT results: (released 6/6) The results compare SAT results from 2021-22 to 2022-23. There is an increase in our scores in both English and Math testing. If you look at the state overall, NM decreased their scores from last year to this year. In the overall proficiency we increased and in "approaching" we decreased. This will be helpful in our charter renewal.

### School

- Grants that were applied for:
  - Innovation Zone: \$200,000. This money was requested for 2 coordinators and student stipends. The decision will be made by the end of this week.
  - Redistribution Grant: \$10,300: this was awarded to be used for our Academic Advisor.
- NM Vistas (report card) data has been embargoed. One change that is important note: NAS is now a TSI school. TSI-Targeted Support and Improvement School.
  - **TSI Identification:** a school shall be identified as a TSI if one or more subgroups meet the state's definition of consistently underperforming as defined by the department for each identification cycle.
- Graduation: June 29, 7pm on the Plaza.
  - Graduation: 36 graduates: December, May and June

### Professional

- Daycare Staff: Jeanne Berroteran and Jade Porter (Process described: Ads were in the Bulletin beginning on May 12. We had 5 applicants. On May 31, we had 3 interviews done. One applicant was not interview and the other did not attend. ACES director, Christy Takacs was our independent interviewer, Aubrey Takacs, Director and Raquel Noriega, NBCC parent conducted interviews. The questions were scored independently. The top two were selected as director and assistant. Both selected had the appropriate ECECD certificates.)
- June 19-21, Attending the Women Who Lead Conference

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. Next meeting: July 13, 2023.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Julia Rivera-Tapia, Secretary