



MINUTES

Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 6 PM -Taos, NMI 87571

A. Call to order-The regular board meeting of the Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Sanborn at 6:09 pm.

B. Roll Call- Linda Sanchez conducted a roll call. The following members were present: President Sanborn; Vice President Flores, Secretary Goler, Member Trujillo and Member Maestas.

C. Approval of the Agenda-President Sanborn made a motion to approve the agenda moving item E. 1) to follow item C), seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes; Vice President Flores-yes; Secretary Goler-yes; Member Trujillo-yes and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Item E. 1) Opening Prayer/Invocation by Tribal Government was presented at this time by Secretary Lefthand.

D. Student Report

Natalia Flores student representative reported that the last few weeks have been calm, while adjusting to the time change as well. An assembly for the students was held the week of Halloween which was a success. Taos High Cheerleaders helped the Town of Taos complete annual goody-bags for the kids of the Taos Community on the week of Halloween. Honor Society students also helped the Town of Taos set up for Halloween this year. Taos High Honor Society Inductions will be held Thursday November 11, 2021, at Taos High School. Honor Society will be inducting 40 new members which will bring their total membership to 75 students. Honor Society is working diligently on community service hours. SAT test was held on Saturday, the test was a success for the students that participated. Leadership is working on bringing a positive poster initiative to Taos High and are hoping to bring the photography class taught by Mr. Long to be a part of this positivity.

E. 1) Opening Prayer/Invocation by Tribal Government

Secretary Lefthand presented the Opening Prayer and Invocation. This was presented after item C) approval of the agenda.

2) Opening Remarks from Tribal Government and Presentation Regarding Land Acknowledgement

Tribal Secretary started by thanking the board and Dr. Torrez and recognized tribal members and audience. He shared a PowerPoint on the Introduction to Cultural Sensitivity, and Land Acknowledgment. He explained the cultural sensitivity and read the Land Acknowledgement statement which they would like to see approved and read at the beginning of board meetings. The board thanked him for the presentation.

3) Presentations

a. Request for Land Acknowledgement Statement (approval)-*Tribal Secretary*
President Sanborn read the Land Acknowledgement Statement. President Sanborn made a motion to adopt the Request for Land Acknowledgement Statement and to include it at the beginning of our meetings before the content of the meeting on the agenda which would follow the item Approval of the Agenda, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes; Vice President Flores-yes; Secretary Goler-yes; Member Trujillo-yes and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Annual TESR Report-*Renetta Mondragon*
Ms. Mondragon shared a PowerPoint with the board on the Annual TESR Report.

c. Youth Outreach-*Naomi Concha*
Ms. Concha shared a PowerPoint on the Youth Outreach Program and Indigenous Club. The PowerPoint included highlights from the back-to-school event, graduation robing ceremony, internet, tutoring services for high school students, and the purchase of Native American literature. The presentation included the Youth Outreach/Indigenous Club's Request for Resources and Needs. The board thanked Ms. Concha for her presentation.

d. Taos Milagro Interact Club-*Alix Henry and Students*

Alix Henry did a presentation on their most recent projects and stated that the Interact Club is a Service Club. Students shared what projects they have been working on. One of their projects was to distribute boxes to the elders and their families on the pueblo.

e. Datacasting-*Ferdi Serim*

Ferdi Serim shared a PowerPoint on Datacasting Pilot Overview and explained how it will benefit our students and families. Datacasting will allow families to participate in literacy activities that range from K-12 to adult, bilingual, learning together in the home.

f. Tiwa Language Classroom-*Mary Alice Martinez and Students*

Mary Alice gave an update to the board on Tiwa Language and how it is doing in the classroom. Taos Middle School and 4th grade students did a presentation for the board on what they are working on.

g. Open Discussion Time between Tribal Government, School Board and TMS Administration
A discussion was held on items presented tonight.

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 to 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.

No public comments

F. District Update

a. Administrator Reports

b. Superintendent Report

Dr. Torrez stated that we continue working on keeping our students and staff safe. She gave an update on covid positive cases among students and staff. She reported that Honor Society will be having their ceremony on Thursday, November 11th with 40 more new students joining Honor Society, and stated how proud she is of all of them. We have applied for every grant possible and now have received 44 grants and we are waiting on 2 more. We are now able to provide every single student with a new laptop and we continue to work with Kit Carson making sure every student has access to internet. We are providing hotspots for those who cannot get internet. She gave an update on the K-12 Online Academy. She also gave an update on how closely our Family Engagement Coordinator is working with families along with Instructional Coaches and SEL Coordinator. We continue to work with 30 of our non-profit organizations who help us with many programs. We are providing professional development for all teachers.

G. Finance Office -*Brenda Halder*

1. BAR's-Budget Adjustment Requests

a) 076-000-2122-0034-I	USDE Air Quality ESSER II	Increase	\$8,783.00
b) 076-000-2122-0035-IB	Family Income Index	Initial Budget	\$20,000.00
c) 076-000-2122-0036-M	Indian Education Act	Maintenance	\$16,875.00
d) 076-000-2122-0037-IB	NM Schools Covid Testing Program (Dept. of Health)	Initial Budget	\$143,290.00

Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the BAR's item G. 1. a-d) at this time. Member Maestas made a motion to approve the BAR's item G. 1. a-d) as recommended, seconded by Member Trujillo. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes; Vice President Flores-yes; Secretary Goler-yes; Member Trujillo-yes and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Old Business

- a)NMSBA Policy Advisory No. 206.....AC-Nondiscrimination/, Equal Opportunity (Approval)-*Dr. Torrez*
- b) NMSBA Policy Advisory No. 207.....ACA-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex (Approval)-*Dr. Torrez*

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.....ACA-E-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex
Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the NMSBA Policy Advisory No. 206 & No. 207 at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the NMSBA Policy Advisory No. 206 & No. 207 as recommended, seconded by Vice President Flores. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes; Vice President Flores-yes; Secretary Goler-yes; Member Trujillo-yes and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

I. New Business

- a) MOU between TMS and Taos Pueblo for Transportation (approval)-*Renetta Mondragon*

Dr. Torrez recommended approval of the MOU between TMS and Taos Pueblo for Transportation at this time. President Sanborn made a motion to approve the MOU between TMS and Taos Pueblo for Transportation as recommended, seconded by Member Trujillo. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes; Vice President Flores-yes; Secretary Goler-yes; Member Trujillo-yes, and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Consent Agenda

1) Contracts/MOU's

- a) Contracted Services Clara Clark (Nov 2021-June 2022)-*Renetta Mondragon*
b) Contracted Services Cruz Associates Consulting Inc. (Nov 2021-April 2022)-*Valerie Trujillo*
c) Contracted Services Debi Taylor-*Valerie Trujillo*
d) Contracted Services Rebecca Caron-*Valerie Trujillo*

2) Minutes

- a) Approval of minutes for October 27, 2021, Regular School Board Meeting

President Sanborn made a motion to approve the consent agenda items J. 1 & 2, seconded by Member Trujillo. Roll call: President Sanborn-yes; Vice President Flores-yes; Secretary Goler-yes; Member Trujillo-yes and Member Maestas-yes. Motion carried 5-0

K. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (4) NMSA 1978

1) Superintendent's Contract

President Sanborn made a motion to go into executive session at 9:25pm, seconded by Secretary Goler. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion to exit executive session was made by President Sanborn at 9:58 pm, seconded by Vice President Flores. Motion carried 5-0.

Matters discussed in executive session were the Superintendent's Contract. Vice President Flores motioned to offer Superintendent, Dr. Lillian Torrez a 1-year contract extension, to include any PED increases and a 2nd year extension with negotiated salary and benefits, seconded by Secretary Goler. Unanimous voted Motion in favor.

L. Upcoming meetings & Agenda Items

1) Future Topics

- a) Board Retreat-November 12, 2021
b) NMSBA 2021 Annual Convention December 2-4, 2021
c) Regular Board Meeting December 8, 2021- 6:00 pm

M. Adjournment-President Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 pm, seconded by Member Trujillo. Motion carried 5-0.

Signature:  Date: 12/8/21
Attest:  Date: 12/8/2021
Approved 12.8.2021