

The Academy for Technology and the Classics

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ATC Governing Council Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 16, 2015 5:30 p.m. Regular Session ATC Phoenix Center

I. Opening Activities

a. Call to Order

President Tannis Fox called the Governing Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

b. Roll call of Council members

Members present: President Tannis Fox, Vice President Marilyn Fitzgerald, Secretary Leslie Fagre, Larry Mirabal, Caleb Raymer, Courtney White and Karen Velarde-Lashley.

c. Approval of agenda

Ms. Fagre moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Raymer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of minutes from March 19, 2015 meeting

Mr. Mirabal moved to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Presentation/Reports

a. Positive Solar presentation

A representative from Positive Solar gave a presentation on what their company can do to upgrade ATC's solar array by stalling additional solar panels and to save on electrical bills. Discussion followed about different options; it was suggested to continue the discussion next meeting after getting more information from the Department of Energy and Minerals regarding options for obtaining funding through public funds.

b. Student and PTSC Representative Report

No representatives from Student Council or PTSC were able to attend. Ms. Lumley gave an update. Several activities are being planned by Student Council and PTSC. The annual Tiki Tango dance, campus clean up, movie night and prom are being planned.

c. Teacher Representative Report

Mr. Devin Ayers, English teacher, gave a report. There will be summer school offered for students who are in need of credit recovery.

d. ATC Foundation Report

President of the ATC Foundation, Cliff Reese, informed the Council he will be serving on the Citizens Review Committee for the Santa Fe School Board.

III. Public Comment

Several students made statements regarding their continued dissatisfaction with PARCC exams.

IV. Action Items

a. Policy for ATC Regarding PARCC

Discussion about State and Federal laws regarding standardized testing. President Fox, Ms. Lumley and Mr. Morgan have done research on the recent questions about PARCC and opting out of testing. The New Mexico Public Education Department's policy is: students opting out of testing will remain in the testing classroom and read a book. President Fox was unable to find any case law regarding violation of constitutional rights by being required to take standardized testing. The Council concluded that that it did not have the legal authority to not require testing.

b. Approval check and warrant for March 2015

Mr. Mirabel made a motion to approve the check and warrant for March 2015. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of BAR 071-024-1415-0015-I

Motion made by Mr. Mirabal to approve BAR 071-024-1415-0015-I. Ms. Fagre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of BAR 071-024-1415-0016-I

Motion made by Mr. Mirabal to approve BAR 071-024-1415-0016 I. Mr. Raymer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Approval of BAR 071-024-1415-0017-I

Motion made by Mr. Mirabal to approve BAR 071-024-1415-0017-I Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Approval BAR 071-024-1415-0019-I

Mr. Mirabel made the motion to approve BAR 017-024-1415-019-I. Mr. Raymer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Approval of BAR 071-024-1415-0020-T

Mr. Mirabel made the motion to approve BAR 017-024-1415-020-T. Mr. Raymer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Approval of BAR 071-024-1415-0021-M

Mr. Mirabel made the motion to approve BAR 017-024-1415-021-M. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

i. Approval of BAR 071-024-1415-0022-I

Mr. Mirabel made the motion to approve BAR 017-024-1415-022-I. Mr. Raymer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

j. Lease Approval for agreement of computer purchase

After discussion about the language of the lease agreement, President Fox stated that the purchase agreements must not include an indemnification from ATC and must include a "lack of appropriations" clause. Mr. Mirabal moved to approve a contract with such conditions. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Principal's Announcements

a. Budget planning

Ms. Lumley stated that the school budget moving forward with technology updates.

VI. Council Discussion

a. Policy on grievance procedures

Discussion about what levels of complaints and grievances should go in front of the Council. It was decided to use Santa Fe Public Schools grievance policy as a starting point, and to review a policy at the June meeting.

b. Swim team continuation

Coach Tim Host addressed the Council about possibly of discontinuing the ATC swim team due to lack of participation and high costs.

c. Start of JV basketball teams

Coach Host also addressed the Council about starting a JV basketball team.

VII. Advance Planning

a. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

a. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Tannis Fox President O-4 Date

Leslie Fagre Secretary

6-4-15 Date