

MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
"BOARD OF EDUCATION"
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2018

A regular Board Meeting of the Mora Independent School District Board of Education was held at the Administration Building Board Room located at 10 Ranger Rd., Mora, New Mexico 87732 at 3:30 p.m. on the 18th day of September 2018.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Hurtado at 3:30 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were as follows:

ROLL CALL: Board Chairman Hurtado called for roll call:

Mr. Tranquilino Hurtado, Chairman – Present
Mr. George Trujillo, Vice Chairman – Present
Mr. Dennis Romero, Secretary – Present
Mrs. Lillian Maestas, Member – Present (phone)
Mr. Michael Benjamin, Member – Present

ALSO, PRESENT: Ella Arellano, Superintendent

Dolores Romero	Miguel Martinez	Gale Cunico	John Maldonado
Tina Burton-Crunk	Maria Elena Montoya	Kelley Fahey-Alcon	Lynn Lujan
Audra Vigil	Bo Sanchez	Eugene Abeyta	Martin Duran
Patricia Rodriguez	Rachel Martinez	Amanda Webster	Leonardo Aragon
Kendra Martinez	Monica Aragon	Karla Sena	Beverly Dobbins-Montoya
Edward Aragon	Cassandra Allemand	Tracy Alcon	Francine Trujillo
Roberta Garcia	Alissa Phelps	Evelyn Sanchez	Mike Maldonado
Shantel Garcia	Debra Alcon	Debbie Conrad	Edward Aragon
Michael Aragon	Diego Aragon	Ruby Aragon	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval of agenda.

Motion made by board secretary Romero, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

A. Thank you to "Los Amigos Del Valle De Mora"- Mr. Martine Duran

Mr. Duran was presented with a certificate and a great big thank you from the board and school district for all his assistance from Los Amigos Del Valle De Mora. Mr. Duran stated that a few years ago when they started with the backpack and school supply give away they only had about 95 students and this year they were up to 200 students needing back packs and supplies. He also stated that they hand out scholarships to students.

B. RBC Capital Markets (Educational Technology Notes)

RBC capital Market's was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Bo Sanchez spoke on how important this project is for the bond and being able to get the bond to work on the educational technology need for the district students and staff. We have become a Google school and we will also be getting chrome technology.

C. Gear Up Students Presentation "GUNM Mora Film"

Mrs. Beverly Dobbins-Montoya Gear Up Coordinator and her CEO's Kendra Martinez & Leonardo Aragon presented a film of the Gear UP program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Staff** – Mrs. Audra Vigil, along with Kelly Fahey-Alcon, Tina Burton-Crunk, Maria Elena Montoya, Amanda Webster and several other teachers. Talked about the new loading and unloading of the students from the buses. Mrs. Vigil stated that the old way was not working so this was the plan that was decided upon. She asked that everyone needs to give it a chance and it will work. It is safer for the students and that is the most important thing the safety of our students. Mrs. Karla Sena stated that anytime there is a problem there is also a solution. She asked that if there are any concerns or better ideas for people to let us know.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board meeting August 21, 2018

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval for August 21, 2018 board meeting minutes.

Motion made by board secretary Romero, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo, motion passed unanimously

B. Work Session August 21, 2018

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval for August 21, 2018 board meeting minutes.

Motion made by board vice-chairman Trujillo, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo, motion passed unanimously

REPORTS

Superintendent Arellano read her report

Athletic director Mike Maldonado gave a report about the statues of the track field. He stated that the cement will be laid out and then the top coat will follow weather permitting. Board members asked about the warranty on the field. Athletic Director Maldonado stated that there is a one-year warranty.

IT manager Bo Sanchez showed presented a cost deference board report showing the difference of cost from before to now. He stated all the improvements to the district and the future improvements that will be taking place. Mr. Sanchez asked that if there are any IT problems, concerns or questions that you bring them straight to him.

BUSINESS/ROUTINE & REGULAR/CONSENT/APPROVAL

A. Approval – Financial Reports August 2018

B. BAR0014-IB 24101 Title I \$129,381

C. BAR0015-IB 24106 IDEA B \$180,812

D. BAR0017-T 11000 Operational \$130,000

E. BAR0018-T 11000 Operational \$25,393

F. BAR0019-I 24109 IDEA B Preschool \$6,973

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval on items A through F

Motion made by board member Benjamin, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo, motion passed unanimously

APPROVAL/REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Transportation Contract Increase in miles -Lori Duran Transportation Addendum**
Superintendent Arellano recommended approval of Addendum contract increase for Lori Duran transportation

Motion made by board secretary Romero, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo,
motion passed unanimously

- B. 2018-2019 Bid for Psychological services and evaluations (Patricia Rodriguez)**
Superintendent Arellano recommended approval on Psychological services bid for 2018-2019

Motion made by board member Benjamin, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo,
motion passed unanimously

- C. NMSBA Policy Service Advisory No. 157**

- a) GBEBB – Staff Conduct with students
- b) GBEGG-R – Staff Conduct with students (maintaining professional boundaries)
- c) GBEBB-EA – Staff conduct with Students
- d) GBEBB-EB – Staff conduct with students (reporting violations)

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval in NMSBA Policy Service Advisory No. 157
Motion made by board member Benjamin, 2nd by board member Maestas to table item until AFT union president Ms. Faith Rivera is present for approval

- D. Approval – Dual Credit Policy (addition to student handbook)**

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval on Dual Credit Policy
Motion made by board secretary Romero, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo,
to table item due to Principal Castillo absence.

- E. Discussion – School Bus loading and unloading concerns**

As presented before from the Elementary/Middle School staff they discussed concerns and changes of the bus loading and unloading concerns. It is a work in progress and will remain the same and if any other suggestions or concerns come up they will be addressed. The board asked that they keep all the bus drivers informed of any changes.

- F. Discussion – School grades update report**

Principal Maldonado stated that he was also shocked on the grade that the school received. They have already started taking steps to improve the testing and all needed areas of concern. They have also formed a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and their first meeting will be Thursday, September 27th. They also had a parent forum at which time about 13 parents were present. Board asked about PAC for the middle school and high school. Mr. Castillo was not present to answer question.

- G. Discussion – Celebratory action plan for the blue-ribbon award**

Board Chairman Hurtado asked that we not forget that at one time we were a blue-ribbon school and he would like to see more signs and reminders of this great honor and achievement.

H. Discussion – NMSBA Resolution (Mora)

This is a resolution that will be presented on behalf of the NEREC for an increase in funding to better serve the NEREC districts in much needed areas.

I. Discussion – NMSBA Policy Service Advisory 164-165

- a) **Policy No. 164 GCH-Professional Staff Orientation and Training**
- b) **Policy No. 165 (JFABD, JFABD-R, JFABD-EA, Admission of Homeless students)**

Will be up for approval at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS- APPROVAL/REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION

A motion was made by board member Romero, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo to discuss old business as listed below.

A. Discussion-Contractor Licensure for school employee's

The process is as follows:

- 1.The staff member can verify 4 years work experience can be verified by a licensed contractor in the area to be licensed whether it be a GB-98 or a Specialty License
- 2.Take a Trade exam
- 3.Take a Business and Law exam

There are costs for the applications as well as for each certification.

B. Discussion - Activity Bus update

We have submitted a proposal for an Activity bus in the Volkswagen Settlement. We will be waiting to hear if we get awarded in the next couple of months.

C. Discussion – Track Field

Track Field -Phase I: Concrete has been awarded. This work will get started on the 20th weather permitting.

D. Discussion – Elementary school grounds update on water puddles

It is a drainage issue which is not an easy fix, however we are looking into temporary solutions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education convened in closed session for reasons listed in the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 (H). The authority for the executive session and the subject to be discussed must be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion calling for the vote to go into executive session.

- A. Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, **(Limited Personnel Matters)**
- B. Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, **(Superintendent growth plan/executive coaching update)**
- C. Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, **(District survey results)**

ROLL CALL: Board Chairman called for roll call

Board Member Benjamin – present
Board Member Maestas – present (phone)
Board Secretary Romero – present
Board Vice Chairman Trujillo – present
Board Chairman Hurtado – present

Motion made by board member Benjamin, 2nd by board secretary Romero, motion carried unanimously.

Board entered executive session at 5:45 p.m.

Motion made by board vice-chairman Trujillo, 2nd by board secretary Romero, motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL: Board Chairman Hurtado called for roll call:

Board Member Benjamin – absent (left early from executive session)
Board Member Maestas – present (phone)
Board Secretary Romero – present
Board Vice Chairman Trujillo – present
Board Chairman Hurtado – present

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. Board Chairman Hurtado stated that the Board of Education took no action.

ACTION/DISCUSSION – (IF ANY) ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

But a decision was made to further analyze and gather more information on district survey results.

Discussion – District Survey

This item will be omitted due to decision made in executive session

WORK SESSION


A. Policy on Grade Change Access

Motion made by board secretary Romero, 2nd by board member Maestas, motion carried unanimously to not have a work session at this time.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn meeting by board vice-chairman Trujillo, 2nd by board secretary Romero, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman: Tranquilino Hurtado adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.



Board Chairman, Tranquilino Hurtado



Board Secretary, Dennis Romero

Minutes submitted by: Dolores Romero
Minutes Approved on: October 16, 2018