

MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
"BOARD OF EDUCATION"
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 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 20th day of February, 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 (Phone)
Mr. Dennis Romero, Secretary – Present
Mrs. Lillian Maestas, Member – Present
Mr. Michael Benjamin, Member – Present

ALSO PRESENT: Ella Arellano, Superintendent

Miguel Martinez	Dolores Romero	Lefonso Castillo	John Maldonado
Renee Moody	Shantel Garcia	Roland Salas	Gerard Garcia
Wanda Martinez	Carlos Arellano	Beverly Montoya	Samantha Martin – Langmaid
Faith Rivera	Peter Martinez	Rita Sanchez	Eugene Abeyta
Zachary Rael	Rachel Martinez	Union Rep.	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval of agenda with the following added by Board Chairman Hurtado 10 – G Discussion- moving board meeting's to Wednesday's and 10-H Discussion – District Safety.

Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2nd by Board member Maestas, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

A. Introduction of new staff members – Board was pleased to meet new staff members.

B. Boys' Basketball Coach Carlos Arellano – Coach Arellano presented on the success of the boys' basketball program. He stated that the overall team had a 3.66 GPA. They have a 19-7 overall record and he received the coach of the year district 5-2 A award in Pojoaque. They moved 5 - 8th graders up to the JV team. He will be sending an article to the Las Vegas Optic on the team's success. Board member Maestas asked about ticket pre-sales. It was stated that no pre-sales for district games but yes for state games.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- I. Students – None**
- II. Staff – None**
- III. Parents – None**
- IV. Community –** Communication Project for Mora & Holman School's by Peter Martinez & Zachery Rael. It was discussed that an upgrade on the antenna and Feeder will take place so that the school district has a base station to connect directly to the proper areas such as sheriff's office, state police and fire dept.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board meeting January 16, 2018

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval of January 16, 2018 minutes

Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2nd by Board member Maestas, Motion carried 4 to 1.

REPORTS – All reports were presented in the Board Packets

Board member Benjamin asked if the bathrooms at the baseball field could be repaired. The fence at the baseball field was seen by the insurance adjuster and the district will have to pay the deductible to proceed.

Data on testing was presented to the board.

K-3 Plus might be added to include 4th & 5th graders.

BUSINESS/ROUTINE & REGULAR/CONSENT/APPROVAL

A. Approval – Financial Reports January 2018

B. BAR 0030 – IB 24160 Rural & Low Income

C. BAR 0031 – I 11000 Operational

D. BAR 0032 – T 25205 Gear Up

E. BAR 0033 – M 25205 Gear Up

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval on items A, B, C, D, & E.

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

APPROVAL/REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Approval – Sick Leave Bank

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval on Sick leave bank, Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2nd by board member Maestas, Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval – 2017 Annual Report Head Start

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval in 2017 annual report for Head Start, Motion made by Secretary Romero, 2nd by Board member Benjamin. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discussion – Relating to cost of fuel for bus route contractors

Board member Benjamin asked about the status of the increase for bus route contractors due to fuel cost increase. Board member Benjamin stated that we need to keep a look out for fuel triggers for the future.

D. Discussion – Future use of swimming pool building. Setting up parental/community advisory committee to look at possible uses.

Board member Benjamin would like for the swimming pool building utilized for something and he would like a committee set up to include parent and community involvement. Board vice-chairman volunteered to be part of the committee.

E. Discussion – 90-day plan overview – Was not reviewed at this time.

F. Approval- Assurance for Title 1 direct student services (DSS) and comprehensive support & improvement schools (CSI)

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval on this DSS/CSI grant application. Motion made by board secretary Romero, 2nd by board vice-chairman Trujillo.

G. Discussion – moving regular monthly meetings to Wednesday's

Board Chairman Hurtado would like to temporally move the meetings to Wednesday, he will look into regulations for this change. Members were in agreement if all open meeting act rules are followed.

H. Discussion District Safety

The board asked for an update on safety for our district due to the recent school shootings. Superintendent Arellano stated that we have had trainings for active shooter and are still working on plans to keep our students and staff safe. Board asked about a school resource officer and the role of the truant officer we have on district. Principal Castillo stated that the job descriptions are different for a truant office and a school resource officer. They would also like to see more counselors or social workers on campus to assist students. Board asked to please include them in the next safety committee meeting.

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, **(Discussion pertaining to Board Member/Basketball Coach miscommunication)**
- B. Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, **(Presentation by Walsh/Gallegos regarding district operation audit)**
- C. Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, **(Definition of official communication between staff and board members as detailed in board policy number B-3050)**
- D. Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, **(Explanation of board policy number B-1250, relating to attorney opinions and the dissemination of information to board members)**

ROLL CALL: Board Chairman called for roll call
Board Member Benjamin – present
Board Member Maestas – present
Board Secretary Romero – present
Board Vice Chairman Trujillo – present (phone)
Board Chairman Hurtado – present

Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2nd by Board member Maestas, motion carried unanimously.

Board entered into executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Motion made by Board member Maestas, 2nd by Board Secretary Romero, motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL: Board Chairman Hurtado called for roll call:
Board Member Benjamin – present
Board Member Maestas – present
Board Secretary Romero – present
Board Vice Chairman Trujillo – present (phone)
Board Chairman Hurtado – present

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. Board Chairman Hurtado stated that the Board of Education took no action.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion made to adjourn meeting by board member Benjamin, 2nd by board member Maestas, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman: Tranquilino Hurtado adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dolores Romero



Board Chairman, Tranquilino Hurtado



Board Secretary, Dennis Romero