Governing Council Regular Meeting

Held virtually on Google Meet

35 La Lama Rd, Questa, NM 87556

**5 pm, August 17, 2021**

The RWCS Governing Council may take any agenda item out of order to better facilitate the business at hand.

1. Opening Business
   1. Call to Order at 5:08 pm
   2. Roll Call-

Aline Robertson- GC Member-present

Erica Lannon- GC Member-present

Robin Mayo- GC Member-present  
 Jerrod Rowlison- Elliot- GC Member-present

We have a quorum

Others attending:

Jon Orris-School Director

Sarah Pina- School Business Manager

Veronica Garcia- School Administrative Assistant

* 1. Motion for Approval of Agenda made by Erica Lannon and second by Jerrod Rowlison-Elliott. Erica Lannon, Robin Mayo, Jerrod Rowlison-Elliot, and Aline Robertson vote in the affirmative. Motion Carries.
  2. Motion for Approval of Minutes as amended made by Erica Lannon and second by Robin Mayo. Erica Lannon, Robin Mayo, Jerrod Rowlison-Elliott and Aline Robertson vote in the affirmative. Motion Carries
  3. Mission Moment- Back to school potluck was well attended. It was nice to feel back to normalcy with having families gather as a community and sharing a meal together. We made it 2 days before PED changes the guidelines

1. Public Comment- Scotney Blackburn introduced herself.
2. Action Items
   1. Legislative Required School Policies/Policy Revisions (action needed). Motion to approve the following school policies:
      1. Background Check and Employment History Policy.
      2. Suggested amendment to employee termination hearing procedure
      3. Amendment to Lottery/Enrollment Policy
      4. Employee Sick Leave Policy (per HB2)
      5. Employee Sick Leave Policy (per Healthy Workplaces Act, currently optional)
      6. Ethical Misconduct Investigation and Reporting Policy
      7. No School Discrimination for Hair policy
      8. Policy Prohibiting Racialized Aggression
      9. Professional Leave (Grow Your Own Teachers Act) amendment
      10. Student Dental Exam Verification Policy
      11. Staff Training Policy

By Erica Lannon and second by Jerrod Rowlison-Elliott. Erica Lannon, Robin Mayo, Jerrod Rowlison-Elliot and Aline Robertson vote in the affirmative. Motion Carries.

* 1. Student-Parent Handbook. Motion to approve the Student-Parent Handbook made by Erica Lannon and second by Jerrod Rowlison-Elliott. Erica, Robin, Jerrod and Aline vote in the affirmative. Motion Carries.
  2. ~~Budget Adjustment Requests~~

1. Informational/Discussion Items
   1. Directors Report- Discussed the Governor’s guidelines update around noon. We are already following it. Discussed surveillance testing among the staff. We received our Small Rural Grant. When we have trips, Jon is on call during an emergency. Jon would like a substitute person, perhaps a board member, if Jon is not available. Board agreed to have a phone tree starting with the President, so someone will always be available.
   2. Finance Committee Report- Went over payroll vouchers and accounts payable. We will have all of the GRT funds encumbered with the architect, surveyor and engineer.
   3. Facility Report (Jon-update on the modular project)- It is moving along. The surveyor and engineer need to do what is needed for the Special Use Permits. Jon saw the buildings, they look like they are in good shape, especially in the interior. Our application with the PSFA will be voted on in September. The ESSER grant deadline has been moved to October 1st.
   4. Student success- Board would like to help with students emotionally and socially with the effects of the pandemic. Staff had training before school started. Youth Heartline will be meeting with students during lunch to help with social/emotional aspects. Next week the school will be conducting testing to see where the students are academically so the students can be helped with learning loss.
2. Board Development- We will have an action item on next meeting’s agenda to add Scotney Blackburn to the Board.
   1. Retreat- The retreat was scheduled last meeting for Saturday, August 28th midday for a team building day. Retreat is being rescheduled for Sunday, August 29th from 10-3.
3. Closing Business
   1. Next Meeting will take place on September 21st at 5pm
   2. :Adjournment at 7:07pm