

Special Board Meeting - AGENDA (Thursday, October 29, 2020)

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Members present

Ronald Begay, Marie Acothley, Lee Tsinigine, Saraphina Adson, Harriett Sloan

Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM (DST)

A. PRELIMINARY

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:38 p.m. (DST)

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Ronald Begay, Board President (*)-Present via Zoom

Mrs. Saraphina Adson, Board Clerk (*)-Present via Zoom (absent at Roll Call)

Mrs. Marie Acothley, Board Member (*)-Present

Ms. Harriet Sloan, Board Member (*)-Present via Zoom

Mr. Lee Tsinigine, Board Member (*)-Present (Absent at Roll Call)

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Recommendation to the Governing Board to Adopt the Agenda as presented by Administration with the request to revise date on Upcoming Board Meeting from Wednesday, November 11, 2020 to Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Motion by Marie Acothley, second by Ronald Begay.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ronald Begay, Marie Acothley, Harriett Sloan

Not Present at Vote: Lee Tsinigine, Saraphina Adson

B. ACTION ITEMS/PERSONNEL

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Establish, Reinstate and Advertise the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Position

- Questions in regards to the agenda item regarding an Assistant Superintendent and if the request was made by the Superintendent in Collaboration with the Governing Board President
- Inquiry from Governing Board regarding data being utilized to determine this item for Agenda Approval
- Discussion in regards to Beyond Textbook Coordinator duties and salary
- Discussion regarding COVID-19 and the impact that has occurred across the Nation in regards to the curriculum implementation
- Questions in regards to additional professional staff positions being added in the event of COVID-19
- Discussion regarding the Agenda Item and how it would benefit the students
- Discussion regarding the lack of Communication from Administration

Recommendation to the Governing Board to Establish, Reinstate and Advertise the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Position

Motion to approve Action Item B-1

Motion by Ronald Begay, second by Saraphina Adson.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Ronald Begay, Saraphina Adson

Nay: Marie Acothley, Lee Tsinigine, Harriett Sloan

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Direct Administration that Negotiated Salary to Assistant Superintendent Position be between \$86,000.00 to 96,000.00

Non-Issue – No Vote

C. ACTION ITEMS/GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. Discussion and Information Item will be Information/Report on Superintendent Strategies to Effectively Address Student Grades, Attendance and Educational Deficiencies (Information Only)

- Superintendent reports that she has met with Administration
- Beyond Textbooks Coordinator has had a meeting in regards to Distant Learning Plan, Implementation of Communication, Email, text to student families & daily schedule review.
- Information regarding Attendance relayed to the Governing Board
- Governing Board recommendation to develop a handbook on how the district with track attendance.
- Information shared from Board Member who visited the Jr. High School and High School
 - Areas of Concern:
 - Lack of Communication
 - Teacher Emotions during visit. Teachers feeling that they are not at the level that they should be.
 - 5 teachers (Jr. High School / the teachers are doing their best to keep afloat to meet student needs
 - Class size of 5 students online with 4 total enrolled in class
 - Teachers providing lessons only 2 times a week.
 - Packets are not being delivered in a timely manner
 - Recommendation of utilizing Transportation services to deliver if possible
 - Delay in packets being graded from weeks past
 - Concerns regarding teachers not being online at scheduled times.
 - Students are logging in but the teachers are not present via Schoology/Zoom
 - Benchmark testing is being administered through Powertest and the parents/students can't log in.
 - Concerns on utilization of last year's benchmark testing for this year.
 - Concerns on ADE calculator sheet being unavailable
 - Concerns on drop out information not being processed
 - Concerns on Attendance reporting to ADE
 - Concerns on Student absence for 20 days+ when they are supposed to be dropped at 10 days by law
 - Concerns regarding Staff working from home and parents being unable to contact them
 - Accountability concerns from the Board to Administration
 - Concerns and Recommendation regarding Professional Development for staff
 - Concerns regarding Administrator and staff who can help if provided with training and assistance (Security, Operations, BT, Principals, etc)

- Discussion in regards to training as a board member and remaining professional in a quorum as a board
- Discussion in regards to Community needs on hearing the boards opinion in regards to the District performance in an open meeting
- Concerns in regards to Schoology not working efficiently and effectively for students
- Discussion regarding Monitoring and Accountability of the Distant Learning Plan
- Questions regarding teacher input regarding schoology app and how the staff is utilizing the program
- Discussion regarding Professional Criticism

2. Discussion and Information Regarding the Proposed Organizational Chart (Information Only)

- Proposed recommendation to breaking grade levels to a more designated or defined grade in regards to policy in the following categories: PK-2nd; 3rd-5th; 6th-8th; 9th-12th
- Discussion regarding board authority through policy to advise Administration not to issue D or F grades for the school year.
- Recommendation to Administration to present the Governing Board information on how grades are determined at the district level at the next board meeting
- Discussion regarding Compensation to Counselors who are acting as teachers

D. UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

1. UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS - Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. (M.S.T) (changed at the adoption of the Agenda to Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (MST)

E. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn Special Governing Board Meeting @ 7:53 p.m. (DST)

Motion by Marie Acothley, second by Saraphina Adson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ronald Begay, Marie Acothley, Saraphina Adson, Harriett Sloan

Not Present at Vote: Lee Tsinigine