

# **New America School-New Mexico**

## **Governing Council Minutes**

April 14, 2021  
4:30 P.M.  
1734 Isleta Blvd.  
Albuquerque, NM 87105

**Board Members Present:** Paul Rael (President), Antoni Baca (President-Elect), Charlotte Archuleta (Treasurer), Margarita Maestas (Secretary), Lalaine Stone, Dominic Griego

**Regrets:** Fred Silva

**Staff/Others:** LaTricia Mathis (Principal), Susan Fox (Attorney), Ashley Wolfel (Vigil Group)

1. Paul Rael called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.
2. The mission statement was read by Paul Rael.

### **Action Items**

1. Approval of agenda. Motion to approve agenda as presented by Margarita Maestas, Seconded by Antoni Baca. No discussion, approval by all by roll call vote. Unanimous approval.
2. Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2021. LaTricia reviewed the minutes, which were short. Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Antoni Baca, seconded by Paul Rael. No discussion, all in favor based on roll call vote. Unanimous approval.
3. Discussion and Action regarding financial reports and BARs. Ashley reviewed the finances which were reported in Finance. A few deposits came in, the budget for the coming year was reviewed. An increase BAR to increase the Food Service budget to bring the line positive, an increase of \$13,676. Motion to approve BAR and financial reports as presented by Charlotte Archuleta, seconded by Lalaine Stone. No discussion, approved by roll call vote. Unanimous approval.
4. Discussion and Approval of Williams Scotsman Lease Extension. This is done every year, to notify Wiliams-Scotsman of NAS-NM's intent to continue with our lease arrangement. The letter is sent both electronically and hand-delivered. Motion to approve the Williams-Scotsman Lease Extension by Margarita Maestas. Seconded by Antoni Baca. No discussion, approved by roll call vote. Unanimous approval
5. Discussion and Action on PSFA Lease Payment Assistance. This document is our application to the PSFA requesting lease assistance monies for the coming year. It was completed by Ashley Wolfel of the Vigil Group, on the school's behalf. The application consists of several pieces, including a questionnaire, the lease arrangements, and the Conflicts of Interest which needs GC signatures. This does not cover our full lease amounts, just a portion. Motion to approve the Williams-Scotsman Lease Extension by

Margarita Maestas. Seconded by Paul Rael. No discussion, unanimous approval by roll call vote.

6. Discussion and Action on School Budget and Calendar. LaTricia noted that this includes the new staff salary schedule as well. This is the prepared school budget based on the current financial information we have. LaTricia anticipated more of a carryover than is noted, it is thought that the SEG will increase as well, so this is a conservative budget. Extended Learning Time will also be included. LaTricia reviewed the budget by line-item changes, giving details on changes. Ashley presented the increase in benefits and the salary increase mandated by the Governor. The calendar was also presented, with a total of 150 teaching days and 16 PD days, created with the feedback from the Leadership Team working with school administration. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 School Budget, Salary schedule, and calendar as presented by Margarita Maestas. Seconded by Paul Rael. No discussion, unanimous vote by roll call vote.
7. Discussion and Action on Part-Time Resolution. This is required each year to allow NAS-NM to provide insurance benefits to staff members who work less than 20 hours per week. No questions. Motion to approve the Part-Time Resolution as presented by Margarita Maestas, seconded by Lalaine Stone. No discussion, unanimous vote by roll call vote

### **Information items**

#### 1. Principal report

- a. Legislative update-the legislative session has ended, although the governor is still signing/line-item vetoing things. The At-Risk funding increase did pass, which should bring extra monies into the budget, also signed was HB4, increasing the liability of school entities which might result in an increase in liability insurance and potentially lawsuits. The requirement for a full-time nurse has not passed, and neither did the action on adult students. There was a Hold Harmless passed on student enrollment, which should be helpful. As the governor signs or adjusts bills going to her desk, things might change a little. Susan Fox stated that her firm is working on a bill synopsis that they will send out to their clients.
- b. Graduation Update-NAS-NM is having difficulty finding a venue due to Covid restrictions. At this time, it is anticipated we will hold graduation in our own NG. It is a small graduating class this year, making this possible. There are 16 students from last year who are interested in walking the stage. The school is also purchasing graduate specific face masks for the ceremony. A reminder that the ceremony is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Margarita asked why so few students from last year wanted to participate in ceremonies. Most of the students have moved on, quite a few of them have literally moved. The school will continue to reach out to those students.
- c. LaTricia reminded GC members to complete their board training that had been sent to them and which is due on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Margie got information on another GC training, and LaTricia noted that APS also has upcoming trainings that are available. Information on both will be sent out tomorrow.

1. Public Input-None
2. Adjournment at 5:40 pm

Next Meeting: May 12, 2021

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Secretary, GC