



Independent School District # 2

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REGULAR MEETING

February 16th, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting – See Instructions Below

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03.

Members Present:

Carm Chavez – Secretary

Eileen Dodds – President

Nacona Cline – Member

Tim Hendricks - Member

Member Absent:

Michael Bugayong

Pledge

Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

There was a motion by Carm and seconded by Nacona to approve the agenda.
Motion carried 4-0

Recognition of Visitors

Dawn Armstrong, Irwin Skeet, Layla Veith, Mia Cauzza, Windy Kerns, Rebecca Hendricks, Tawana Lilly

Board Approval of Minutes For the January 19th, 2021 Regular Meeting

There was a motion by Carm and seconded by Nacona to approve the minutes from the January 19th regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Audience Input

There was none at this time.

Education Report

Mrs. Orthman said that she had Irwin Skeet addressing the board as a parent and employee. Irwin introduced himself and addressed the board. He talked about his sisters from a parent prospective. He was very pleased to be able to have his sisters in school due to him being an employee and that it is a benefit for his younger sister. Especially since she does better with in-person learning, he feels that she is doing well. He feels the year is going pretty well for his family. He is appreciative that the school is safe for his family. He talked about some of the difficulties when the school did have to go to distance learning. He feels the school is doing a pretty good job with the Covid guidelines. He feels that the administration is very approachable, if he were to need to address them. Rosie Martinez talked to the board, she is Irwin's sister as well. She is a senior and is speaking on behalf of her fellow students. She talked about the time management difficulties and internet issues. Virtual school makes the students become more

independent and it can be sometimes very hard with teachers sometimes overloading assignments and 7 hours of screen time. It was very difficult to do. She is very happy to be back to in-person learning. The board thanked Rosie and Irwin. Cindy asked Dawn and Mia to talk a little about how things are going from their perspective. Dawn addressed the board as a 5th grade teacher. She talked about their weekly meetings with Mrs. Orthman, their formative assessments, reading comprehension and other areas. She talked about the substitute covering the REACH and some of the things they do while in there. She talked about the other interventions that she does. Mia addressed the board and talked about some of the things that she is doing. She talked about using some of the data and how they break the kids into different groups to address the skills that the students need help with. Mostly she and Dawn utilizing games to hold the student's interest and make the lessons more interactive. With these games they could see the improvement. Mia talked a little about Edulastic and the formative assessments and how the program will track the data. The board thanked Mia and Dawn.

Administrative Report

Mrs. Orthman talked about the return to school and the adjustments that have had to be made with the schedule to keep to the Covid guidelines. She said it is wonderful to see our secondary students back in school. The elementary team is using their formative assessments every week to help create plans for individuals and their specific needs and the secondary teachers are doing the same now. She talked about REACH and the ZAP program that takes place for the last 30 minutes of every day. Students get to return to sports on the 22nd and the kids are excited. Ag has been doing some virtual competitions and some students are qualified to go to state. Mrs. Hutton has some kids qualified for some other competitions. Mrs. Garner is working on scholarships for graduation. Mrs. Hutton is working with the seniors and they should be on the agenda for next month to present their graduation plan. Attendance has been very good, parents have been good at keeping student's home if they are not feeling well. She has been able to go to Datil and working with Sharon Hjorth, she plans on going over again on Thursday. She thinks Ann may return next week. Carm talked about a scholarship that was in the newspaper for seniors and asked that she share that with Shayla. Mrs. Orthman said she may have Shayla join on the agenda next month. Eileen asked about the money the seniors had earned last year and Cindy explained what they spent their funds for as well as what the current seniors may use their funds for this year.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Lackey address the board on the discussion last month about the 6th grade moving to Quemado and that he may have not communicated that very well. He went over his intend: the proximity of secondary teachers being available to the 6th graders, providing the same opportunities for Datil as Quemado. He talked about being able to provide the best opportunities for all of our students. He just wanted to revisit that briefly. The intent is not to move students, just to provide the same opportunities. Legislature update: there is a bill for mandatory student days that seems to be gathering steam. There is funding attached to it and it would be for 8 additional days and funding to pay the teachers for these extra days. HB4 (New Mexico Civil Rights Act) – removes qualified immunity; he explained a little bit about this. It would remove this from schools and create more liability for

districts. Superintendent's Association is working to remove school districts from that. There is talk about implementing a 15/hour minimum wage HB2, this would affect some of our staff. There is still talk of a 1.5% increase for education purposes. Staffing: we hired a custodian, Don Presgraves. He thinks Tim will have some good help with the staff we have. He is looking at plans for preventative maintenance on our vehicles for the future, he went over how many vehicles we have. He is looking at different options. Bond and SB9 election next year: he talked a little about that and have the same game plan as last time. He talked about the election schedule and that we will be going out for SB9 early as a result. As of right now, it looks like we won't have to apply for emergency funding next year. He talked about increasing wages in areas to bring some salaries in line with others. We have an open elementary position right now, and we will hire if the right person comes along. He talked about Dawn Kalberg, her background and that she is on board for next year. He talked about the REACH program, addressing potential learning loss from the pandemic. We are going to have a hard look at things moving forward with athletics coming back and how late our kids will be leaving campus after practice. He talked about the normal athletic schedule and how we will need to balance things out moving forward. It will be an ongoing discussion. He talked about our many schedule revisions as we address mandates coming to us and how the staff has been flexible and inputting things. NMAA: practice starts Feb. 22, and competitions will start March 1st, which will affect VB and XC. Each season is about 5-6 weeks. He is very happy that our kids are back. Carm asked how practice will affect sports transitioning from sport to sport. How will it impact the programs? Mr. Lackey said it is a challenge that we will have to face but the impact will be minimal as we work together. The students will be able to participate. There will be much less emphasis on the end trophy and more focus on what is best for the students. There will be ongoing discussions with the NMAA on whether we really need championships or not. We will have to work our way through. BB and track will not be much of an issue. Carm asked if he had the schedules out yet, she talked about what she would like to see it as. Mr. Lackey said he has revisions and is thinking on taking the last 6 weeks of the normal season and work it that way. The only thing that is the same is the district games. He will get a schedule published within a week or so. Eileen asked when practice could start and Mr. Lackey responded Feb. 22. Eileen asked about the students that are there every day and he said those are the Pod groups they have been allowed to do. Those days have been split up except for this past week, where the focus has changed to VB but not an official practice.

Business Report

Anna talked about the Financial Analysis and that fact that as of right now, we do not have to ask for Emergency Funding. This is the first year in about 30 years that we have not had to ask for it. The decrease BAR is for the SEG adjustment from 40 day count.

Board Approval of Common Agenda

Check Listing

Transfers

The following transfers were presented:

FROM	110001000511001010003129141400000000	SALARIES	13,110
TO	110001000513001010003000141100000000	ADD COMP	150

