



Independent School District # 2

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REGULAR MEETING

November 17th, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Meeting – See Instructions Below

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01

Members Present:

Eileen Dodds – President

Michael Bugayong – Vice President

Carm Chavez – Secretary

Tim Hendricks – Member

Member Absent:

Nacona Cline - Member

Pledge

Moment of Silence

Approval of Agenda

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

Recognition of Visitors

Crystal Madrid, Luz Vargas, Rebecca Hendricks, Windy Kerns, Tara Gomez, Marilyn Lyons, Joel Ahles

Board Approval of Minutes
For the October 20th, 2020
Regular Meeting

There was a motion by Michael and seconded by Carm to approve the minutes from the October 20th regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Audience Input

There was none at this time

Education Report
Bryston

Cindy Orthman introduced 3 seniors, Luz Vargas, Alexia Diaz-Sanchez, and

Hood. Luz started by saying that they are doing the best that they can. She said that learning is kind of difficult as it is hard to learn and succeed, some of the teachers are easier to learn from. Eileen asked about the internet and Bryston said that the internet sometimes has issues and could go out at any time of the day. His Spanish class seems to be the biggest problem with the internet and being able to learn. Eileen asked what his grade was in Spanish and he replied that he thought it was a B. Eileen asked if he has spoken to the teachers about the problem and he replied that he has and they are trying to work with him. He says that one-on-one is definitely an issue. Alexia says that she does not have Wi-Fi and they have solar power and there are big issues with connectivity. She talked about her connectivity issues and that she is doing in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Eileen asked how her grades are and she replied that they are all As. Eileen asked what Luz's grades are and she replied that she has good grades but she is having issues with learning. Carm asked all three students if they could speak with the Governor today, what would they tell her. Bryston replied that the situation is a lot harder and that he feels that his senior year has been stripped away from him. Luz replied that it is hard and they are doing the best that they can and that being a senior it is hard. Alexia replied that she heard we may need to close the school and that will definitely would affect her learning since she would not be able to complete her schooling. Eileen asked what their graduation plans are and the girls replied that they had plans to go to college and Bryston talked about going into the military. Eileen asked if they had any requests to the board and Bryston said that he didn't think the board could do anything for them, they are all just doing their best. There are always issues and some students are doing well whereas others are not. Eileen assured them that they could always go to the board with any problems or issues. The board thanked the students for their input. Marilyn Lyons addressed the board by saying that she wanted to celebrate what she was doing with art. It is difficult producing art while teaching on-line. She presented a slide-show of the artwork that has been done in her classes. Carm asked how the students are being able to do the art projects and she replied that she sends materials home to the high school kids and the elementary are in person. She is doing things more digitally with the students and the kids are doing a great job. The board thanked her. Crystal Madrid addressed the board. She teaches Kindergarten and 1st grade. She had some issues with giving letter grades to the Kindergarten and she followed a project that Mia Cauzza had started last year for grading and they are going to be using standard base scores for grades. She talked about the way Mia developed things last year. She shared the program with the board. There is a lot more communication between the teacher, kids and parents. The goal is to create standard based scores by using BT for the kids to move forward. Eileen asked how the kids are doing overall, Crystal replied that the kids are doing great and it is a learning process but working out well. Carm asked how many students there are per grade, 4 in Kindergarten and 9 in 1st grade. Tim asked if there are any students on line or in person, she has one student that comes in twice a week and the rest are in person. She talked about some of the issues she had when she did have a student via distance learning. Tim asked if there was anything the board could do to assist her, and she replied that she did not think so. She is just doing the best that she can and moving forward. The board thanked the teachers.

Administrative Report

Cindy Orthman addressed the board. Cindy thanked the students that talked to the board. She talked a little bit about the bumps in the road and how they are addressing them. The seniors came into her office and asked if they could have a unique graduation since they did not have a senior year. They are making the best of a difficult situation. She thanked Marilyn for the art program and how she is teaching the kids. She thanked Crystal as well. Carm asked if Crystal had an aid to help her out and she replied that she does have Marisa Tellez helping her out and co-teaching and is a great asset. Mrs. Orthman talked about some of our technology issues and thanked Tim for getting on the problems quickly. She talked about some of the students and a need for an individualized plan to help them move forward. She did a shout out to Student Council. She talked about the

standards that they are utilizing and adding another layer to it called Edulastic. It is a digital way to keep students on track. She talked about the program and how it is beneficial.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Lackey addressed the board. Mr. Lackey talked about the standard based report card and how it directly connects to PLCs. Answering what you want the student to learn. It also ties to BT, utilizing the resources answering the first question and the second question for PLCs. He talked about the staff being able to do this during the pandemic and that we are improving what we do. He thanked Marilyn and Crystal. He talked about briefly about budget and it is continuing to evolve. He talked a bit about how things are leveling out with state revenue and how the deficits are cut in half. He talked about productive discussions happening for budgeting for next year and how it is changing with operational and transportation. Another thing being pushed is talks about emergency funding and there may be a greater need for it instead of it trending down. He talked about the possibility of filling a position or two instead of cutting. Staff changes: Mrs. McKinley has fully transitioned out but is still helping with our on-line academy and taking some of the burden off of other staff. He has met with Marcy Ferguson out of Mescalero, he talked about her background, and that he is interested in bringing her on staff to fill some vacant places. Ongoing COVID concerns: mirrors what they have done for business, 2 rapid responses and you are on a list, if you have 4 rapid responses in a 14 day period then you are shut down. Could be 2-4 cases and if you are shut down, you cannot come back until your county is in the green. If you voluntarily shut down before you hit the 4, then you can come back after you have shut down for a while. There are now 5 cases in Datil and there may be at least one in Quemado but is not a direct school related one. There is a spouse of an employee in Datil but they are not under quarantine yet. He is very concerned about the uptake in the county. He talked about different scenarios and contingency plans but there is nothing taking place at this time. He talked about people traveling over Thanksgiving and different plans he is looking at. There was some discussion on exposure and the cases that have popped up close to the school and that Tim has thoroughly cleaned Datil school twice now and will probably do it one more time this week. Tim asked about attendance versus kids being out sick. Mr. Lackey feels that attendance is pretty solid and is pretty high. Cindy said we are continually cleaning, she feels attendance is pretty high and is pleased. Eileen asked about on-line attendance and Cindy replied that it is pretty consistent as they keep on top of things through their weekly meetings. Tim asked about the staff attendance and Mr. Lackey replied that there has been very few out. Cindy said the staff has been very cautious by staying home if they are not feeling well. There hasn't been a whole lot in the way of absenteeism, not an unusual amount. Mr. Lackey said they are encouraging staff to be very cautious. Tim asked about the substitute pool and it is very shallow. Mr. Lackey sees the potential of running into a problem soon. Carm asked what is out attendance both in person and online, and he responded that it is very solid. Carm asked about enrollment, Cindy said it is around 160. Carm asked if there are any students in our district that are not enrolled one way or the other. Mr. Lackey said he does not believe so, there is a handful of students that are enrolled online but are in limbo due to connectivity. Cindy said that a few have moved but we have not received a records request on these kids yet. She knows of two but she does not know where

they are at. Carm heard that it was 12,000 state-wide. Carm asked about NMAA and plans for next semester, Mr. Lackey has nothing definitive and is sports are supposed to start January 4th, but he expects it to change. There is a strong recommendation for pods not to continue and he said that we have discontinued it until after the holiday due to the spike in cases in the area. He talked about the lack of communication from the Governor directly about the schools and that he has to watch the governors address to find out what is happening. Eileen said that at the Magdalena board meeting the staff asked to board to have the week after Thanksgiving off. Mr. Lackey has heard some districts are considering closures during the holidays and he is discussing the possibility. He wants to wait to see what happens over the next 5-6 days before making that decision. There was some discussion on the matter. Mr. Lackey is hoping to keep going but recognizes the potential for an impact. Mr. Lackey talked about the letter he sent home with report cards regarding concerns during the holidays.

Business Report

Anna addressed the board by saying that she is still at her mom's place in Arizona while she recuperates from being in the hospital. She feels for the students and teachers that are having to do things via the internet. She is having difficulty with her own connectivity as her mom's firewall has blocked webinars and now the zoom meeting tonight. She had to do her Fall Conference webinars over her phone last week. It wasn't fun. She talked about the BARs, specifically the one for fund 24305 which is specifically for student connectivity with distance learning. This will help the district provide internet capabilities for students without or having issues.

Board Approval of Common Agenda

Check Listing

Transfers

There were none at this time

Increases

There was an increase to fund 24305 for \$10,397 and fund 24106 for \$2477.

There is also a transfer BAR for fund 24101. Anna explained about this.

Decreases

There was none at this time.

There was some questions on the check listing and Anna answered them. There was a motion by Tim and seconded by Carm to approve the common agenda. Motion carried 4-0

Board Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation Survey Questions

The board went over the current questions, there was some discussion. The board felt the questions would remain the same. There was a motion by Michael and seconded by Carm to approve the Superintendent's evaluation survey questions. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Approval of Feeder where Route Applications

Eileen asked about mileage for the Bennett's. There was some discussion on they live. It was cleared up. There was clarification on the Steven's application as well. There was a motion by Tim and seconded by Michael to approve the feeder route applications. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Approval Directing The Superintendent to

Mr. Lackey said he did not have a lot of information on this, just that things have changed since the COVID numbers have gone up. It is back on the agenda only

Explore Joining the Complaint Filed by Gallup McKinley Schools Against The Secretary of Education And the Public Education Department, Excluding the Use of District Funds, as Presented

because it was tabled last month. Mr. Lackey advised no joining the suit at this time. Michael commented on an email that Mr. Lackey sent out regarding the results of the suit would affect the school regardless. There was a motion by Michael and seconded by Tim to table this action item. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion Items

Board Objectives and Goals Eileen thanked Tim for doing his write up on the goals and objectives. There was some discussion on it. The board has the copy to go over. Tim says this is just a first draft for the board. Eileen suggested taking out “all students” and just leaving at “some”. She made some other wording suggestions. Michael said he appreciated the time Tim put into it and he would like some time to go over all of the objectives and goals to merge them together. Eileen made some comments about some of our students being on strictly solar power and they she had no idea there were any in our district. Michael said that there quite a few.

Ten Year Expected Revenues and Facility Needs Mr. Lackey sent this to the board to go over. He went over his spreadsheet with the members. He talked about our SB9 election and the schedule going out for Bonds. We would like to avoid a special election for the SB9 and would be going to vote in 2021. If it doesn't pass we would go out the following year for a special election and the school would be responsible for the cost of that. There was some discussion on the money coming in and if we get all of the projected amount and Mr. Lackey said that we would get the amount we go out for. He went over the list of projects that he would like to get done and the schedule for doing them. Tim asked about the windfarm money and if we are going to save any. Mr. Lackey showed him where we would be saving down the line. Mr. Lackey thinks this is a realistic projection moving forward. Eileen asked how many voters actually vote in these elections and Mr. Lackey said he did not really know. Given that the election is now with the general election, he is unsure of voter turn-out. His plan is to let the current election die down a little bit and then in January/February going out and talking about the SB9 election and include the School Based Health Center as incentive and build a positive momentum. Eileen asked if it was the board's responsibility as well and the answer is yes. Carm wants to be sure that each school in the district getting something out of the SB9 election, she is concerned with the elderly people and not having their participation. Mr. Lackey says this is a very valid point. He talked about projects in Datil that should be addressed first to help encourage voters. He wants to be sure voters know that this does not cause the taxes to go up, they will remain the same. This needs to be made clear to voters.

Items For Next Month – Superintendent Evaluations – executive session, law suit as action item, board goals and objectives as an action item, report from the NMSBA conference.

Adjournment

There was a motion by Carm and seconded by Tim to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12.

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