

**MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**"BOARD OF EDUCATION"**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

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A regular Board Meeting of the Mora Independent School District Board of Education was held at the Administration Building Board Room located at 10 Ranger Rd., Mora, New Mexico 87732 at 5:30 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Hurtado at 5:30 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were as follows:

**ROLL CALL: Board Chairman Hurtado called for roll call:**

Mr. Tranquilino Hurtado, Chairman – Present  
Mr. George Trujillo, Vice Chairman – Present (phone)  
Mr. Dennis Romero, Secretary – Present  
Mrs. Lillian Maestas, Member – Present  
Mr. Michael Benjamin, Member – Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ella Arellano, Superintendent

Miguel Martinez	Dolores Romero	Pamela Garcia	Virginia Mondragon
Irene Loy	Gerard Garcia	Wanda Martinez	Bernadette Chavez
Lorinda Manuel	Joaquin Manuel	Bernadette Chavez	Eloy Roybal
Lucia Manual	Tami Hernandez	Debra Alcon	Bo Sanchez
Eugene Abeyta			

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval of agenda.

Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Lillian Maestas, motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

- A. MESA Students** – MESA Student's Eloy Roybal & Lucia Manual presented to the board a letter stating that 4 students have been selected to attend NM MESA 2018 Senior incentive field trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. The students attending will have a \$500.00 cost for each student to attend. Board Vice Chairman Trujillo challenged to give \$50.00 of their board pay and Board member Benjamin challenged with \$100.00 that he will be donating to the MESA students. Board Chairman asked Business Manager Mr. Miguel Martinez if there was funding for this type of trips. Business Manager Martinez stated that yes there is a fund that can be looked at. The trip will be in March 2018.
- B. Mora County Health Council- Pamela Garcia & Irene Loy**- Pamela Garcia and Irene Loy presented on several programs that they assist with as the Mora County Health Council. Information was sent in board packets for review. The Health council promotes awareness of health related issues in the community, promote awareness of existing services in the community, and advocate for policies and causes they believe are important to the health of



our community. They work with the Public Health on issues of substance misuses, alcohol misuse, Diabetes, & behavioral health. They invited everyone to attend the public health day at the New Mexico Legislature on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Irene Loy presented on the "Dream Tree Project" this is a program that offers emergency youth shelter, and resources for youth in crisis throughout northern New Mexico, including Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos and Union counties.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Regular Board meeting December 19, 2017**
- B. Special Board meeting December 28, 2017**
- C. Work Session January 8, 2018**

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval of items A, B & C. Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Vice Chairman Trujillo, motion carried 3 to 2 approved by Board Secretary Romero, Board Vice Chairman Trujillo & Board Chairman Hurtado, with Board members Maestas and Benjamin none approval.

## **REPORTS**

Board Chairman Hurtado asked that a detailed report and explanation be given for all student testing, SBA, MAPS etc.

The board asked that all new staff members attend the next board meeting so that they can be introduced.

## **BUSINESS/ROUTINE & REGULAR/CONSENT/APPROVAL**

- A. Approval – Financial Reports for December 2017**
- B. BAR 0028-IB 24108 NM Autism Project**
- C. BAR 0029-M 11000 Operational**

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval of items A, B & C. Motion made by Board Member Benjamin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Maestas, motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL/REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- A. FYE 2017 Audit Report**

Business Manager Martinez along with Terry Ogle, CPA from Accounting & Financial Solutions went over the audit findings.

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval on FYE 2017 Audit Report, Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Maestas, motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approval of EHS Staff and Student Calendars**

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval on EHS Staff and Student Calendars, Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Maestas, motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion Tripod Survey**

Board Chairman Hurtado wanted to discuss the tripod survey but the information he requested did not arrive on time for this discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Education convened in closed session for reasons listed in the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 (H). The authority for the executive session and the subject to be discussed must be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion calling for the vote to go into executive session.

- A. Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, (**Update on Walsh/Gallegos Investigation**) (**Discussion relating to the Superintendent growth plan**)

ROLL CALL: Board Chairman called for roll call  
 Board Member Benjamin – present  
 Board Member Maestas – present  
 Board Secretary Romero – present  
 Board Vice Chairman Trujillo– present (phone)  
 Board Chairman Hurtado– present

Motion made by Board Member Maestas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Benjamin, motion carried unanimously. Board entered into executive session at 6:43 p.m.

Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Maestas, motion carried unanimously.


ROLL CALL: Board Chairman Hurtado called for roll call:  
 Board Member Benjamin – present  
 Board Member Maestas – present  
 Board Secretary Romero – present  
 Board Vice Chairman Trujillo– present (phone)  
 Board Chairman Hurtado– present

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Board Chairman Hurtado stated that the Board of Education implemented the superintendent growth plan with the condition that it is a live document and can be amended and modified as needed. Motion made by Board Member Benjamin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board member Maestas, motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Board Member Benjamin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Member Maestas, motion carried unanimously.  
 Board Chairman Hurtado adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dolores Romero



Board Chairman, Tranquilino Hurtado



Board Secretary, Dennis Romero