

MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
"BOARD OF EDUCATION"
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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 3:30 p.m. on the 18st day of April 2018.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Hurtado at 3:30 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
Mr. Dennis Romero, Secretary – Present
Mrs. Lillian Maestas, Member – Present
Mr. Michael Benjamin, Member – Present

ALSO, PRESENT: Ella Arellano, Superintendent

Dolores Romero	Miguel Martinez	Lefonso Castillo	John Maldonado
Gerard Garcia	Bo Sanchez	Wanda Martinez	Marco Sanchez
Rita Sanchez	Shantel Garcia	Mark Montoya	Carlos Arellano
Gary Martinez	Faith Rivera	Debra Alcon	Rick Bustos
Maxine Sanchez	Antoinette Sanchez		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval of agenda. Board Vice Chairman Trujillo asked to move item 9-A to item 11-A after executive session under Item 11-A.

Motion made by Board member Benjamin, 2nd by Board Secretary Romero, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Staff** – Mr. Marco Sanchez spoke on nepotism laws, & not treating others equally and doing illegal and unethical practices. Mr. Sanchez is going to make it his goal to set up a positive environment for all staff. Mr. Marco Sanchez would like to state for the record that no retaliation will be taken or held against him or his job.
- B. Staff** – Bilingual Director, Karla Sena and Rita Sanchez presented on the importance of the bilingual program and the importance of our students using the Spanish language in our schools and community. Mrs. Sena stated that she has started working on the Bilingual application. They also talked about plans for Día De La Cultura. And a community cultural Event that will be held at the MISD High School on May 5, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board meeting March 21, 2018

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval of the March 21, 2018 board meeting minutes. Board member Maestas asked for a change to the draft agenda to remove the name of said employee for the waiver and change the time on adjourned meeting. Motion made by Board member Maestas, 2nd by board secretary Romero, motion carried unanimously

REPORTS

Board member Benjamin asked if there was a plan on the parking situation from the safety committee. Superintendent Arellano stated that it is a work in progress.

Board member Benjamin also asked about the increase for the bus drivers due to higher gas prices. As discussed in the February 20, 2018 board meeting.

Board Chairman Hurtado asked about the CAASM program. Principal Maldonado stated that it was a success and will have more improvements for next school year.

Board Chairman Hurtado also asked about the welding class and how many students completed their testing. Principal Castillo stated that 4 students passed their tests 1 sophomore, 2 juniors and 1 senior.

BUSINESS/ROUTINE & REGULAR/CONSENT/APPROVAL

A. Approval – Financial Reports March 2018

B. Approval – BAR 0035-D 25127 Head Start

C. Approval - Permanent Cash Transfer

Superintendent Arellano asked for approval on items A, B & C

Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2nd by Board Vice Chairman Trujillo, motion passed unanimously

APPROVAL/REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Review/Discussion/Action/Approval – Waive Nepotism Rule for Superintendent pursuant to 22-5-6

Moved to item 11-A

D. Discussion – Update on 5-year master plan & Bond

Chairman Hurtado asked superintendent Arellano where they were on the master plan. Superintendent Arellano stated she had the whole binder ready with what was needed and they are looking at getting this done by October. They would also like to have a committee set up and have an open forum for public input. All board members asked superintendent Arellano for a copy of the master plan binder.

E. Discussion/Review – Bullying Policy

Chairman Hurtado asked the principals about the policy they enforce or use in their school sites. They follow the policy's the district has. Elementary does a 3 or 4 tier program. Middle school and high school also follow the policy. And they are considering getting the bullying curriculum for next school year.

Board member Maestas stated she would like to see a safe place set up for students that are bullied.

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, **(Pending Litigation)**

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
Board Chairman Hurtado – present

Motion made by Board Vice Chairman Trujillo, 2nd by Board Secretary Romero, motion carried unanimously.

Board entered executive session at 4:37 p.m.

Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2nd by Board Vice Chairman Trujillo, 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
Board Chairman Hurtado – present

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 5:17 p.m. Board Chairman Hurtado stated that the Board of Education took no action.

Item 9-A Review/Discussion/Action/Approval – Waive Nepotism Rule for Superintendent pursuant to 22-5-6


Board Chairman Hurtado asked for this item to be tabled for the next regular board meeting. Motion made by Board secretary Romero, 2nd by board member Maestas, motion carried 4 to 1.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion made to adjourn meeting by board member Benjamin, 2nd by board member Maestas, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hurtado adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dolores Romero



Board Chairman, Tranquilino Hurtado



Board Secretary, Dennis Romero

Approved on: May 15, 2018