

MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
"BOARD OF EDUCATION"
Emergency Board Meeting
Thursday May 03, 2018

A emergency 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 12:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of May 2018.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Hurtado at 12:02 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
Shantel Garcia	Jacob Romero	Delilah Medina	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Arellano recommended approval of agenda.
Motion made by Board Secretary Romero, 2nd by Board vice chairman Trujillo, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Discussion – Relating to social media threat

The statement below is what was sent out on the website and Facebook page along with a black board message stating to review the website or Facebook for more information.

Dear Parents and Community Members,

On Wednesday May 2, 2018, the New Mexico State Police in conjunction with FBI agents arrived on campus to investigate a nationwide threat that was made against all "Mora" Schools. It was determined that this threat was not a specific threat towards the New Mexico Mora school site. However, the FBI investigation is continuing, and we assure you that all safety precautions are being taken to ensure the protection of our children and staff.

On Thursday May 3, 2018, a second incident occurred in the form of a threat made on social media. This threat originated from two Mora Independent School students and occurred off campus. As per School District safety procedures, a lock down was put in effect at 9:30AM today. The Mora County Sheriff's Office and New Mexico State Police were immediately notified and have concluded that the threat is not on campus and is being investigated by law enforcement. At this time the lockdown has been lifted and classes will resume as normal. In this type of situation, the safeguarding of our

students and staff is of utmost importance, and we will continue to prioritize safety until the issue is resolved. For the time being the Sheriff's Department has assigned a deputy to campus. We will continue to inform the community as we monitor the situation and hear from law enforcement. Please contact the Superintendent's office if you have any further questions. Mrs. Ella Arellano can be reached at earellano@mora.k12.nm.us or by calling 575-387-3001.

Board Chairman,

Tranquilino Hurtado

There were other discussions concerning the safety of our school district. This would be to include hiring secretary guards and a counselor. They will also be considering updating the policy and finding a better and more efficient way to contact parents and staff. Notification to parents will be depending on the severity of the situation once it is assessed. The board would like to see a general message sent out and then followed by a message stating what the situation was or is.

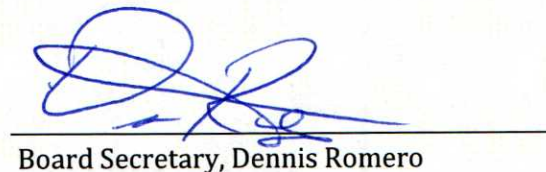
ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn meeting by board vice chairman Trujillo, 2nd by board secretary Romero, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman: Tranquilino Hurtado adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dolores Romero


Board Chairman, Tranquilino Hurtado


Board Secretary, Dennis Romero

Approved: May 15, 2018