

**MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARD ROOM
Minutes
Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman: Tranquilino Hurtado called meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The school board, staff, and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance

3. 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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made to amend agenda by Mrs. Ella Arellano to move Item 8 to item 5 (due to LCC intern president held up in traffic we will keep agenda as stated)
Superintendent Mrs. Ella Arellano recommended approval of agenda
Motion made by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mr. Trujillo, motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Staff – Mr. Maestas thanked the board for his previous award. He stated that his band/music/mariachi schedule is not going to work for the amount of student's he has. He is concerned about the new 6th grade placement. He is asking that the school work with him so that he can have his program back with the amount of student's needed. He asked for the placement of 6th grade to move back to middle school until next year so that the re-organization can be well planned and thought through.
- B. Staff – Mrs. Evelyn Sanchez stated that she would like for the new re-organization to take place next year with much more planning she is confused on what she is teaching. Her schedule has changed from day to day. She states it would have been nice for them to come in and work on this plan. She stated it is a domino effect that is hurting all staff. Mrs. Arellano commented that the re-organization was well planned and thought out teachers were invited but choose not to come and work with them. This plan will work better due to the imbalance. Academic achievement is key for our students at this level. Since the end of last year she offered training to staff. Mrs. Lillian Maestas would like to clarify who the trainers were and are. Mrs. Arellano stated CES had resources for them. Last year and this year.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation made by Mrs. Ella Arellano, Superintendent for the minutes for Regular Meeting on July 18, 2017 and Special Meeting on July 4, 2017 to be passed. Motion made by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mr. Georg Trujillo, Motion carried 3 to 2 with Mrs. Lillian Maestas and Mr. Michael Benjamin unopposed.

Mr. Michael Benjamin board member stated that he would like clarification on the July 18, 2017 meeting minutes for item number 8-C. He wanted to know what he specifically had voted on. He stated that he does not remember voting on a pay raise for the superintendent and administration staff, and he would like to hear the recorded minutes. Mr. Romero board secretary stated that the vote was a salary increase for all staff including administration staff and it was budgeted for. Mrs. Faith Rivera union president stated that union does not bargain for administration.

7. LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (LCC) PRESENTATION

Ricky Serna intern president and Mr. Ernie Chavez, board member talked to the board members and participants about trying to get our student's on board with all the satellite and dual credit programs offered at LCC. They would like the school district to work with them in having our students take advantage of the great programs at LCC and have the programs in our community or school.

8. BUSINESS/ROUTINE & REGULAR/CONSENT/APPROVAL/REVIEW

- A. **Financial Reports for July 2017** - Recommendation made by Mrs. Ella Arellano, Superintendent, Motion made by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mr. George Trujillo, motion carried unanimously.
- B. **Resolution DOT** – Mr. Miguel Martinez, Business Manager stated that there was a typing error on resolution sent to the board packet. On Item B paragraph 2 the allocation is \$10862. And Mora NM transportation \$3621. For a total change approval of \$14483.
Recommendation made by Mrs. Ella Arellano, Superintendent, Motion made by Mr. Michael Benjamin, 2nd by Mr. Dennis Romero, motion carried unanimously.

9. APPROVAL/REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. **Dual Credit Policy review** – Mr. Michael Benjamin had a question on the verbiage of the policy. Mr. Angelo Archuleta let him know how a dual credit counted on a transcript for a student. A college credit is a full credit for 1 semester and a regular school credit is ½ a credit per semester.
- B. **General Obligation Bond discussion (what amount and when) review** – They would like to bring in AMISA corporation to review what we need. This should be addressed in the next regular board meeting.
Bids for water sampling review/approval – only one bid was received for water sampling in Holman/Mora schools. Recommendation made to approve by Mrs. Ella Arellano, Superintendent, Motion made by Mr. George Trujillo, 2nd by Mr. Dennis Romero, motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Superintendent Evaluation Update (to include SMART goals and district questionnaire) review only** – the board will be working on this due to NMSBA recommendation and guidelines.

- D. **Approval of Superintendents evaluation process** – will be reviewed by the board at a later date.
- E. **School Based Health (SBHC) MOU review** - Mrs. Lillian Maestas just wanted to assure that the MOU was in place for this school year. She stated that she thought there might be a different one besides the one that was in their board packet with different signatures. I stated to her that the MVCHS has the same MOU as we do. I had already checked into it.

Athletic Hand book Approval – this item was tabled until they update the revisions needed for the athletic hand book. Recommendation to table made by Mrs. Ella Arellano, Superintendent, Motion made by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mrs. Lillian Maestas, motion carried unanimously.

- F. **Re-Organization of instruction** – Item will be tabled due to concerns from staff, parents, and board members. Mrs. Lillian Maestas, Mr. Michael Benjamin and Mr. George Trujillo would like for the superintendent and principals to have a plan ready for a special meeting that will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
- G. **504 Policy for approval**
 - a) **Review Policy A-025 © AC in relation to 504**
 - b) **Review Policy A-0261 © AC-R in relation to 504**
 - c) **Review Policy J-0150 © JB in relation to 504**

Recommendation made to approve by Mrs. Ella Arellano, Superintendent, Motion made by Mr. George Trujillo, 2nd by Mr. Dennis Romero, motion carried unanimously.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Attorney Client privilege discussion
- B. Pending litigation

Motion made by Mr. Tranquilino Hurtado, 2nd by Mr. Dennis Romero to go into executive session at 5:15 p.m. with roll call taken, all present

Return from Executive session at 5:15 p.m. Roll call taken all present.

No action taken on the following: Attorney Client privilege discussion, Pending litigation

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Mr. George Trujillo, 2nd by Mr. Dennis Romero

Chairman: Tranquilino Hurtado adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dolores Romero



Board Chairman



Board Secretary