

**MORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM
Minutes
Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chairman: Mr. George Trujillo called meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The school board, staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Tranquilino Hurtado, Chairman – Absent (present for meeting at 3:54)

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

Superintendent Mrs. Ella Arellano, asked that we remove item 6-II it is covered under 6-I

Superintendent Mrs. Ella Arellano recommended the approval of the agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mrs. Lillian Maestas, motion carried unanimously

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

I. STUDENTS – no student participation

II. STAFF – Mr. Hank Laumbach presented his concerns about teaching and the impact it will take on the students and how important it is to keep thing consistent.

Mr. Joaquin Maestas is also still worried about his classes and the re organization. And schedule changes.

Ms. Alissa Wells, stated that the teachers were never given the opportunity at the end of last year and were not informed in a timely manner. With these changes they did not take into consideration the band & Mesa programs and other programs. She stated staff, parent and students are very stressed. She said she would make the best of the situation and do her best to teach her students to the best of her ability.

Mrs. Lorinda Manuel stated she was presenting as both a parent and staff member. She is concerned about her son not being able to take band because of the schedule. And several other students are having the same problem. She stated it is poor planning of the re-organization. It must be a collaborative effort for all staff, parents, students. She asked why have students been able to change scheduled to other classes except for band. She has 2 grade levels at one time which makes a classroom the 40 to 50 students. She stated please take into consideration these issues and address them as soon as possible.

Mrs. Audra Vigil, talked about the reasoning on the scheduling, she stated that by NM PED middle school students need to take core classes before they can take any other classes and that is why there is a problem with the band scheduling. She also talked about duel credit courses and stated that high school students would rather take other electives then band and that this left to the student's choice. On the re-organization she stated that at the end of the year Mr. Archuleta had asked every teacher to come in during the summer and help them work out the middle school changes. She did state that it has been difficult to work on the schedule due to the changes.

III. PARENTS – Sarah Adkins asked that she would like for the 6th grade to go back to what is was last year and have them plan it out differently and she as a parent was never notified about the changes.

Mrs. Ella Arellano asked her if she had addressed this with Mr. John Maldonado and Mr. George Trujillo asked her to please wait until after the re-organization to ask questions. We also had a few other parents with concerns about the change and their students not being able to take classes needed such as band.

IV. COMMUNITY - No participation at this time

6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/ACTION

A. BAR-003-IB Breakfast after the bell

Superintendent Mrs. Ella Arellano recommended approval, Motion made by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mr. Michael Benjamin, motion carried unanimously

B. BAR - 002-127107 Go Bond

Superintendent Mrs. Ella Arellano recommended approval, Motion made by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mr. George Trujillo, motion carried unanimously

7. APPROVAL/REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION

I. Re-Organization of instruction plan and review/discussion/approval – a presentation was given by

Mr. John Maldonado about the rezoning on the change. He gave a power point presentation. Mr. Maldonado stated that research has shown positive growth with the re-organization. He recommended to the board a trial basis for at least one year. Many questions were asked both by the board and audience. Mrs. Arellano stated that we are going off test scores and grading scores. We have become compliant due to our Gear Up and AVID programs. We also have to remember that we have had a transition from JMAC to Power School and that has made things difficult.

Mrs. Beverly Montoya presented on behalf of Gear Up and Avid and stated that due to becoming an AVID school that all grades will benefit from the program. She is very happy and excited to get the students the much needed assistant that Gear Up and AVID offer.

Mr. Tranquilino Hurtado board chairman stated that good discussion come from good data, he knows that the changes are hard but he asked that everyone please place trust and hope in the administration. He stated that we all need to paddle in the right direction to get where we are going.

Mrs. Lillian Maestas would like to see scores and class room sizes. Also Mr. Michael Benjamin asked for class sizes. Mrs. Audra Vigil gave them a run down on all class sizes for the high school and middle school.

Mr. Michael Benjamin said we all need to take a step back and remember why we are here and that is for the students and we have to make sure they get what they need so they can become successful like us or better than us.

Superintendent Mrs. Ella Arellano recommended approval for re-organization, Motion made by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mr. George Trujillo, motion carried with 3 votes yes and 2 votes no that being Mrs. Lillian Maestas and Mr. Michael Benjamin.

II. Athletic Handbook – Superintendent Mrs. Ella Arellano and board members asked for this item to be tabled because they have not had time to review the changes that needed to be made.

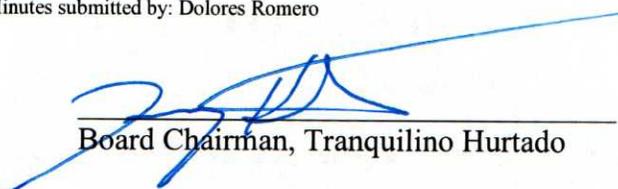
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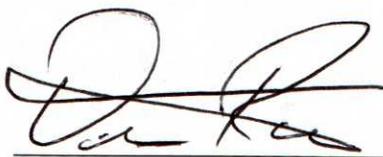
8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Mr. Dennis Romero, 2nd by Mr. Michael Benjamin, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman: Tranquilino Hurtado adjourned meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Dolores Romero


Board Chairman, Tranquilino Hurtado


Board Secretary, Dennis Romero