

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2023

The Board of Education of the Truth or Consequences Municipal School District met December 11, 2023, at 910 N. Date Street, T or C, NM 87901.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine LaFont, President
Dr. Barbara Pearlman, Vice President
Jamie Sweeney, Secretary
Mark Hedge, Member
Julianne Stroup, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Nichole Burgin, Superintendent
Sabrina Bierner, Business Director
Shara Montoya, HR Officer
Rey Gonzalez, Principal
Shirley Muncy, Principal
Dr. Edgardo Castro, Learning Officer.
Darrell Battles, Principal
Brandy Williams, Principal
Tony Bastine, Principal
Chad Spitzer, Facility Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Fetty, Executive Administrative Assistant
Andrea Lane, Teacher, NEA Co-President
Gordon Mishler, Custodian, NEA Co-President
Dave Fry, IT Director
Barbara Chavez, Payroll
Lena Tidwell, EA
Klarene Rich, EA
Denise Gustin, Teacher

VISITORS PRESENT:

Jim Shiley
Teri Cates
Larna Selman
Serif Bastine

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Christine LaFont, present
Dr. Barbara Pearlman, present
Jamie Sweeney, present
Mark Hedge, present
Julianne Stroup, present

C. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Christine LaFont led a moment of silence.

D. SALUTE TO THE FLAGS

Christine LaFont led the Salute to The Flags

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-December 11, 2023

Christine LaFont requests a motion from the Board to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion to accept the recommendation was made by Dr. Barbara Pearlman. Julianne Stroup seconds the motion.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Action:** Approval of November 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Christine LaFont asked for a motion to approve. Dr Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Julianne Stroup seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

II. REPORTS:

A. Superintendent's Report:

- **Donations**
 - New Horizon Counseling Center LLC donated \$300 to HSHS Powerlifting for equipment and supplies.
 - Bullocks Grocery donated 2 turkeys for the winner of Bingo.
 - Truth or Consequences Fire Department donated \$250 for Honor Society Parents.
 - Kam Ralston donated the \$1000 he won from Bowl for Honor back to the Honor Society for their trip.
- ***Action: Approval of Donations.** Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve the donations. Dr. Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Julianne Stroup seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Jamie Sweeney stepped out of the meeting at 5:40 pm and returned at 5:56 pm.

III. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST:

- A. **ACTION:** Approval of the Budget Adjustment Requests as per Attachment. Christine LaFont requests a motion from the Board to approve the Budget Adjustment Requests as presented. Dr. Barbara Pearlman made a motion to approve the recommendation. Julianne Stroup seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, AND ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **ACTION:** Presentation by RBC Capital Markets on [Finance Plan Update](#).
- B. **Action:** Consideration of and approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority. Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve. Dr. Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Julianne Stroup seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C. **Action:** Consideration of and approval of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds. Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve. Dr. Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Julianne Stroup seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- D. **Action:** [Discuss and/or approve the purchase of new student laptops](#). Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve. Dr. Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Jamie Sweeney seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- E.
- F. **Action:** [Approval of New Student Activity account for TCES 3Y](#). Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve. Dr. Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Julianne Stroup seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- G.
- H. **Action:** [Approval of New Student Activity account for Academic Challenge/Quiz Bowl for HSHS](#). Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve. Dr. Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Jamie Sweeney seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- I.
- J. **Action:** [Approval of New Student Activity account for Life Skills for TCMS](#). Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve. Dr. Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Jamie Sweeney seconded. MOTION

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Discussion of Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H)(2) of the NM Open Meeting Act.

- Superintendent Evaluation.
- Discussion of Superintendent Contract.
- Investigations involving Certified and Non-Certified personnel.

Meeting moved to Executive Session at 7:13 PM with a roll call vote.

Meeting entered back into public meeting at 9:24 PM with a roll call vote.

VII. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

A. **Action:** Possible action of Superintendent Evaluation and Contract.

Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation..

Jamie Sweeney motioned to approve. Dr. Barbara Pearlman seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Christine LaFont called for a motion to approve the two year contract for Superintendent. Dr. Barbara Pearlman motioned to approve. Julianne Stroup seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Barbara Pearlman moved to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. Julianne Stroup seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Secretary

President

Date: January 8, 2024