

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

DULCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

August 17, 2021

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A. Board President, Leon Reval called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room at the District Administration Building, Dulce, New Mexico.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the State Flag of New Mexico was recited.

II. ASCERTAIN QUORUM (I)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present at roll call were: Leon K. Reval- Board President; Diana F. Vigil-Board Member; LaVonna James-Board Secretary; Levi Pesata-Vice President; Phillip Salazar-Board Member arrived at 3:52 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Present including ZOOM platform and phone conference were:

Dr. Juanita Becenti-Superintendent, Vicky Abreu-High School Principal/Interim Middle School Principal/Athletic Director, Michael Carroll-Newly Hired Middle School Principal; Carole Gomez-Business Manager; Ina Montoya-Elementary Principal; Donna Aguilar-SPED Director; Katie Cachucha-SPED; Yvette Mares-Recorder

TEACHERS PRESENT:

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Kiana Vicenti-Attendance Clerk; Clifford Martell-Security Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

III. APPROVE AGENDA (A)

Dr. Becenti, Superintendent made the recommendation to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the Agenda as presented; seconded by Diana Vigil. Motion carried.

IV. LIMITED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM (I)

None at this time

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS (I)

Superintendent Report

Dr. Becenti introduced all newly hired employees. Dr. Becenti's report included updates on school reopening plan, student orientation, staffing, technology, athletics, handbooks will be presented at the next board meeting for approval. Leon Reval inquired about laptops and wi-fi hot spots. Dr. Becenti stated we will issue out hot spots to families until the Nation has completed the community wide wi-fi installation. LaVonna James inquired if the COVID leave policy has been updated to include in-person learning and if handbooks were given out to students during the orientations. Dr. Becenti stated we are still working on the handbooks, Ms. Abreu stated the students were not given handbooks at the MS and the HS because we are still working on them and we should have them ready to present on the next Board agenda for approval and will be available to answer questions from parents.

Principal's Report

Vicky Abreu-HS Principal

High Principal Vicky Abreu presented her report to the Board. Ms. Abreu's report included updates on enrollment, (183 high school students of which 24 are online) and update on orientation,

Interim Middle School Principal, Vicky Abreu presented her report to the Board, Ms. Abreu's report included updates on enrollment (110 enrolled, 35 are virtual) and update on the MS Orientation, laptop/hotspot distribution.

Ms. Abreu also provided the Board with an update on Athletics, game schedules are awaiting approval from NMAA and will forward to parents and students once they are approved. Volleyball and football practices have begun and an update on Covid 19 rules regarding masks for student athletes.

Ina Montoya-Elementary Principal

Elementary Principal, Ina Montoya presented her report to the Board. Student enrollment is currently 330 students. LaVonna James inquired if the younger students are receiving emotional support for the students who are having a hard time transitioning to in class learning and if we are providing tutoring for student who need extra help.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

July 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the July 20,2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. After discussion on Ms. James request to clarify statement made by Phillip Salazar on page # 4. Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the July 20th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion made by Phillip Salazar to approve the July 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as recommended; seconded by Leon Reval. Levi Pesata abstained, LaVonna James and Diana Vigil voted no. Motion did not carry.

July 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Becenti made the recommendation to approve the July 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion made by Phillip Salazar to approve the July 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes as recommended; seconded by Leon Reval. Levi Pesata and Diana Vigil voted in the affirmative. LaVonna James abstained. Motion carried by majority vote.

July 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Becenti made the recommendation to approve the July 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion made by Phillip Salazar to approve the July 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes as recommended; seconded by Leon Reval. Levi Pesata and Diana Vigil voted in the affirmative. LaVonna James abstained. Motion carried by majority vote.

VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE (I/A)

1. Consolidated Board Report (I)

Ms. Gomez presented the Consolidated Board Report for information purposes. No areas of concern to report.

2. July 2021 Disbursement Report (A)

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the July 2021 Disbursement Report for Board approval. Carole Gomez informed the Board, we did make a big payment on July 06th for two point eight million dollars for the yearly bond payment. Our next interest payment will be due in January. Dr. Becenti made the recommendation to approve the July 2021 Disbursement report as presented. Motion made by Phillip Salazar to approve the July 2021 Disbursement Report as presented; seconded by LaVonna James. Motion carried.

3. Monthly Budget Changes Report (A)

a. Monthly Maintenance Budget Transfers

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the Monthly Maintenance Budget Transfer Report for Board approval. Dr. Becenti made the recommendation to approve the Monthly Maintenance Budget Transfer Report as presented. Motion made by Phillip Salazar to approve the Monthly Maintenance Budget Transfer Report as presented; seconded by LaVonna James. Motion carried.

b. Initial Budget Request-Indian Education

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the Initial Budget Request in the amount of \$90,000.00 for Board approval. LaVonna James asked Dr. Becenti to summarize the report. Dr. Becenti asked for the recommendation to approve the Initial Budget Request for Indian Education in the amount of \$90,000.00 as presented. Motion made by Phillip Salazar to approve the Initial Budget Request for Indian Education as recommended; seconded by LaVonna James. Motion carried.

c. Budget Increase Request-Operational Extended Learning

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the Budget Increase Request for Operational Extended Learning in the amount of \$314,866.20 for Board approval. LaVonna James asked Carole to clarify what happened last week when Administrative Leave was granted for the entire district. Carole Gomez stated she has no answer right now Dr. Becenti stated she is handling this and will get back to the Board. Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the Budget Increase Request for Operational Extended Learning in the amount of \$314,866.20 as presented. Motion made by Phillip Salazar to approve the Budget Increase Request for Extended Learning as recommended; seconded by LaVonna James. Motion carried.

d. Approval of Deletions for Capital Assets 2021/2022

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the Approval of Deletions for Capital Assets 2020/2021 in the amount of \$155,273.22 for Board Approval. Dr. Becenti asked for the recommendation to approve the request of Deletions for Capital Assets 2020/2021 in the amount of \$155,273.22 as presented. Motion made by Phillip Salazar to approve the Deletions for Capital Assets 2020/2021 as presented; seconded by LaVonna James. Motion carried.

e. Budget Increase Request-Transportation

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the Budget Increase Request for Transportation in the amount \$14,500.00. Carole informed the Board this is payment for the sale of one our route buses that sold in May and we just received payment now in July. Dr. Becenti asked for the recommendation to approve the Budget Increase Request for Transportation in the amount of \$14,500.00 as presented. Phillip Salazar made the motion to approve the Budget Increase Request for Transportation as presented; seconded by LaVonna James. Motion carried.

f. Last Minute BAR

None at this time

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (I/A)

No Old Business at this time

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (I)

The Board may elect to go into Executive Session for reasons permitted in the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

A. Limited Personnel Matter as permitted under Section 10-15-1 (H))2) pf the New Mexico Open Meetings Act; specifically to:

None at this time

X. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS (A)

XI. NEW BUSINESS (I/A)

1. Board Organization Meeting B-0900 BDA

Leon Reval stated, under New Business a request was made to add discussion on Board reorganization and the two rules are discussion leave as is, or reorganize in January after the November election. Phillip Salazar stated because of the November 2021 being so close it would be wise to keep the officers as is, until the election is over. LaVonna James stated, yes we can elect new officer now and these new officers will hold office till the re-organization in January after the election. At this time Leon Reval asked each Board Member for comment. Diana Vigil stated she would like to re-organize, Levi Pesata stated if the Board wants to have elections, he's willing to go with it. Leon Reval stated it doesn't matter where he sits, he's a

stickler for the rules. After further discussion, Leon Reval opened the floor up for nominations. Mr. Reval nominated Phillip Salazar for Board President, Phillip Salazar declined the nomination. LaVonna James nominated Diana Vigil for Board President, Phillip Salazar nominated Leon Reval for Board President. Leon Reval asked for a vote for Diana Vigil as Board President. Leon Reval, Levi Pesata, Phillip Salazar and LaVonna James voted yes. Leon Reval nominated Phillip Salazar for Board Vice-President, Levi Pesata nominated Leon Reval for Vice-President. Leon Reval, Diana Vigil, LaVonna James and Levi Pesata all voted yes for Phillip Salazar for the Vice-President position. Leon Reval asked for nominations for Board Secretary, Phillip Salazar and Levi Pesata nominated Leon Reval, LaVonna James nominated Levi Pesata. Leon Reval, LaVonna James and Diana Vigil voted yes for Levi Pesata for Board Secretary. New officers of the DISD Board are Diana Vigil-Board President, Phillip Salazar-Board Vice President, Levi Pesata-Board Secretary.

2. Approval to Amend the LSG Contract Renewal to Include OT and Compensatory Services

Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the Amended LSG Contract Renewal to include OT and Compensatory Services as presented. Director of Special Education, Donna Aguilar presented the amendment. LaVonna James made the recommendation to approve the Amendment to the LSG Contract Renewal to Include OT and Compensatory Services as presented; seconded by Levi Pesata. Motion carried.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Superintendent Announcements

Levi Pesata asked Dr. Becenti if it would be possible for young tribal member men and women who work for the school district to be released half a day on the 14th and all day on the 15th to participate in the Go-Jii-ya celebration. Dr. Becenti replied she will look into this.

Yvette, Board Recorder informed the Board August 24th is the deadline for individuals to file for candidacy for the upcoming school board election. Phillip Salazar asked if the Board has approved the election proclamation. Dr. Becenti stated we will check into this and let the Board know.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT (A)

Diana Vigil asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Levi Pesata to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Phillip Salazar. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



Diana F. Vigil, Board President



Levi Pesata Board Secretary