

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

DULCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

October 19, 2021

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A. Board Vice President, Phillip Salazar called the meeting to order at 3:12 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. Vigil-Board Member; Levi Pesata-Board Secretary; Phillip Salazar-Vice President

MEMBERS ABSENT: Diana F. Vigil-Board President; LaVonna James-Board Member

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

Dr. Juanita Becenti-Superintendent, Vicky Abreu-High School Principal; George Waybenais-Middle School Principal/Athletic Director; Carole Gomez-Business Manager; Ina Montoya-Elementary Principal; Clifford Martell-Security Supervisor; Yvette Mares-Recorder

TEACHERS PRESENT:

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Adrian Notsinneh

OTHERS PRESENT: Roz Carroll, Lorene Willis, Lindsey Castleberry

III. APPROVE AGENDA (A)

Dr. Becenti, Superintendent stated remove under # VII - OLD BUSINESS # 2 MOU Between Jicarilla Apache Behavioral Health & DISD because this document is under legal review, and # 3 Safety/Security Update will be included with the Superintendent report and change the wording on #1. Workshop to work session. Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the Agenda as recommended; seconded by Levi Pesata. Motion carried.

IV. LIMITED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUM (I)

None at this time

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS (I)

1. Superintendent Report

Dr. Becenti presented the Superintendent Report to the Board. Dr. Becenti's report included updates on staff compliance with COVID Protocols, laptops distribution, JANPA wi-fi installation, update on maintenance work requests, concessions will be sold at Friday's homecoming game and upcoming virtual conferences and webinars.

Dr. Becenti also updated the Board on the security assessment conducted by Safety/Security Supervisor, Clifford Martell. Leon Reval asked what's the cost/strategy and timeline to address the issues in the Safety/Security Report. Bart Owen replied the District is currently installing a new camera system at a cost of \$1,200.00 each for 171 cameras. Leon Reval stated we really need to put a plan together and we can adopt all these enforcements but if there is no enforcement or penalty then we are setting people up to become immune to certain rules. How can we incorporate a long term plan with input from the Principals. At this time Clifford Martell explained his background in security and stated he can meet a 30 to 60 day timeline to address most of the issues on his report if he can get more officers hired to help. Levi Pesata asked for a timeline report at the next board meeting showing when and how these issues will be resolved. Dr. Becenti agreed and stated a timeline needs to be created to show when these deficiencies will be fixed and to include a plan of action.

2. Principal's Update

Vicky Abreu-HS Principal

High School Principal, Vicky Abreu presented her report to the Board. Ms. Abreu's report included updates on attendance, enrollment, Parent Teacher Conference, Home Coming Festivities, events scheduled to honor veterans on Nov. 10th 2021, and information regarding two new programs

- Project Towards No Drug/Alcohol Abuse: Project TND
- Project DBT Skills in School

George Waybenais-Middle School Principal/Athletic Director

Middle School Principal/Athletic Director George Waybenais presented his update on athletics. His report included information/updates on HS Football, Volley-ball and the upcoming basketball season for both Middle School and High School.

Mr. Waybenais, Middle School Principal also presented his report to the Board. Mr. Waybenais stated he has had to deal with several behavioral incidents to include, bullying, fighting, drugs and vandalism. Update on the issues with the middle school doors, letters have been sent to out parents with students who have over 5% attendance issues. Mr. Waybenais also reported the Middle School has conducted fire drills and lock down drills and in the process of correcting issues and working Mr. Martell to assist with training staff and students.

Ina Montoya-Elementary Principal

Elementary Principal, Ina Montoya presented her report to the Board. Mrs. Montoya's report included updates on attendance, scheduling, staffing, enrollment (265 currently enrolled), testing data and updates on laptops. Mrs. Montoya's report also included upcoming staff training's and events.

3. Donna Aguilar-Exceptional Programs

Dr. Becenti presented the Exceptional Programs report for Ms. Aguilar. Dr. Becenti stated, Ms. Aguilar has been very busy on finding solutions for students, like outdoor projects and also very busy with IEP's.

4. Bart Owen-Operations Manager

Operations Manager Bart Owen presented a quick update on DISD Operations and presented a power point presentation. Mr. Owen explained his role as Operations Manager and what departments report to him to include, Food Service, Facilities/Maintenance, Custodial, Transportation, Data and Communications and IT.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (A)

September 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the September 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the September 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as recommended; seconded by Levi Pesata. Motion carried.

September 27, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the September 27, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the September 27, 2021 Special Board Meeting as recommended; seconded by Levi Pesata. Motion carried.

VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE (I/A)

1. Consolidated Board Report (I)

Business Manger, Ms. Gomez presented the Consolidated Board Report for information purposes. Ms. Gomez stated she has no areas of concern, we have healthy cash balances. Carole did want to clarify for Board information, the principals do have access to all of their budget reports through IVisions and they can keep track of their budgets on a daily basis.

2. September 2021 Disbursement Report (A)

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the September Disbursement Report for Board approval. Carole reminded the Board, we are currently in the process of merging the payroll account with the general account to one account. Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the September Disbursement Report as presented. Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the September 2021 Disbursement Report as recommended; seconded by Levi Pesata. 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 asked for a recommendation to approve the Monthly Maintenance Budget Transfers as presented. Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the Monthly Maintenance Budget Transfers as recommended; seconded by Phillip Salazar. Motion carried.

b. Family Income Index-Initial Budget

Business Manger, Carole Gomez presented the Family Income Index, Initial Budget in the amount of \$61,889.00 for Board approval. Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the Family Income Index, Initial Budget in the amount of \$61,889.00 as presented. Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the Family Income Index-Initial Budget as recommended; seconded by Levi Pesata. Motion carried.

c. USDE CRRSA ESSER II (Air Quality) Initial Budget

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the USDE CRRSA ESSER II Initial Budget for Air Filters in the amount of \$9482.00 for Board approval. Dr. Becenti asked for a recommendation to approve the USDE CRRSA ESSER II Initial Budget for Air Quality in the amount of \$9,482.00 as presented. At this time Levi Pesata for an update on the air quality of the school buildings. Bart Owen explained, the District got clarification from the State on the MERV 13 requirements and we were told to go to the maximum air filter allowed by our system and supplement with additional air filters and all of our filters have to been changed to the maximum allowed, which are MERV ratings of MERV 7 or 8. Leon Reval asked for Dr. Becenti to present an update on the HVAC systems to include all the buildings and what will that entail regarding cost and time.

Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the USDE CRRSA ESSER II Air Quality Initial Budget as recommended; seconded by Levi Pesata. Motion carried.

d. ESSER III-Initial Budget

Business Manager, Carole Gomez stated this BAR is ready to present to the BAR and may be presented at the next board meeting.

e. Last Minute BAR

None at this time

4. Request to Transfer ESSER II Funds to Technology Network Equipment

Business Manager, Carole Gomez presented the Request to Transfer ESSER II Funds to Technology/Network Equipment in the amount of \$400,000.00 for Board approval. Carole Gomez stated we are transferring from line items we are not utilizing. Bart Owen explained this will be utilized for switches and routers, we have 42 switches and routers in the District over 11 years old and they can't handle our wi-fi load. We need to beef up the core of our network. Leon Reval asked what kind of a time frame are we looking at to complete this process and do we have the internal IT enough to take care of this maze of technology information or do we need to go out of house? Bart Owen responded because of the problems with the shipments we are looking at a 3 to 4 month time frame to just get the equipment here and regarding our staff, they can manage the network but we will need to probably buy the services of engineering and configuration just to make sure we have the redundancy and back up necessary.

Dr. Becenti asked for the recommendation to approve the request to Transfer ESSER II Funds to Technology Network Equipment in the amount of \$400,000.00 as presented. Motion made by Leon Reval to approve the request to Transfer ESSER II Funds to Technology Network Equipment

as recommended; seconded by Levi Pesata. Motion carried. At this time Leon Reval asked Dr. Becenti to give periodic updates on these matters.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (I/A)

1. Consider Work Session for:
 - a. Activities Fund Policies
 - b. Athletic Policy Handbook
 - c. Staff & Student Policy Handbook

Leon Reval asked to get input from the principals and administrators when updating the handbooks. Phillip Salazar asked Superintendent Becenti to present dates for Board Work session at the next board meeting.

2. MOU- Between Jicarilla Apache Behavioral Health & DISD
This item removed from the Agenda
3. Security/Safety Update
Safety/Security Report presented during Superintendent Report

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) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act; specifically to discuss:

No Executive Session at this time

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

None at this time

XI. NEW BUSINESS (I/A)

1. Lorene Willis-Learning an Indigenous Language

Lorene Willis, with the Jicarilla Culture Committee presented information on a project called "Learning an Indigenous Language". Ms. Willis explained the need to preserve and look for ways to design ways to simplify language learning of the Jicarilla Apache Language through this project and the importance of having the school district work with the Team

2. Consider New Legal Law Firm Retainer
 - a. Cuddy McCarthy Law Firm
 - b. Dina Holcomb Law Firm

Levi Pesata made the recommendation to table this item till the new Board members come on.

Leon Reval and Phillip Salazar were also in agreement to table till the next meeting to allow for more information and expiration dates on current law firms.

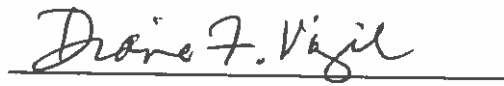
XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Superintendent Announcements
 - Update on the School Board Election

Yvette Mares updated the Board on the November 02, 2021 School Board Election.

XIII ADJOURNMENT (A)

Dr. Becenti made the recommendation to adjourn the Board Meeting at 5:26 p.m. Motion made by Leon Reval to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:26 pm; seconded by Levi Pesata. Motion carried.



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Diana F. Vigil, Board President



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Levi Pesata Board Secretary