SOUTHWEST PREPARATORY LEARNING CENTER

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Southwest Preparatory Learning Center Governing Council on

Thursday, February 18, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Aaron Redd, Alissa Mavridis, Marvin Larsen, DeEtte Peterson, James Burton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

Jonas Cossey, Maria Foster, Lisa Mora

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Jennifer Vigil, Dylan Wilson, Amalia (Molly) Moran

Note – Due to COVID-19 and social distancing regulations, this meeting was held using Zoom Video Conferencing.
Note - Governing Board members visually raised their hand when saying, "All in Favor" when voting and during roll calls.

These minutes were approved on _____

By a vote of ___ yes ___ no___ absent ___ abstained

_____ President

_____ Secretary

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I. Call to Order

By Aaron Redd

Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 5:01 PM

Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for Southwest Preparatory Learning Centers

Meeting held via Zoom and hosted by Jonas Cossey

A. Roll Call

Tonya called Aaron Redd, Alissa Mavridis, Marvin Larsen, DeEtte Peterson, and James Burton

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Aaron Redd

C. Adoption of the Agenda*

Motion by Aaron Redd that we ADOPT the Agenda

Seconded by James Burton

Carried All in Favor

D. Review / Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2021, Regular Meeting*

Marvin & James currently on the Finance Committee

The Board had a few minor errors in the minutes, which were confirmed and corrected by Tonya during the meeting.

Motion by Aaron Redd to APPROVE the January minutes with the changes we discussed.

Seconded by Marvin Larsen

Carried All in Favor

II. Financial Update

A. Finance Committee Report (Committee met February 18, 2021, at 4:30 pm)

The finance committee met and went over all the reports and expenditures, which looked good. Marvin said they went over the financial summary, check register, and purchase requestions. He said cash deposits exceeded withdrawals and all budget functions are positive.

B. Budget Adjustment Requests*

Jennifer explained the following BARS to the Board.

1. **SPLC_BAR_530-000-2021-0016-I:** This BAR is to budget for revenue received. The Function was Support Services-School Administration for Mr. Cossey's professional development.
2. **SPLC_BAR_530-000-2021-0017-I:** This BAR is to budget for revenue received. The Function was Support Services-Students.

Motion by Marvin Larsen to APPROVE BARs 16-I and 17-I as presented.

Seconded by DeEtte Peterson

Carried All in Favor

C. Business Office Report

Maria told the Board they are working very tightly with the Vigil group to ensure they are meeting all PED requirements. They have gotten good information from conferences. The roof in the Spanish portable is repaired. Teacher stipends are done and moving forward. They are working with vendors for the next fiscal year. Their calendar

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year ends in December so they have been bombarded with inquiries, but will not be ready to make decisions until April.

III. Public Comment

(5 minutes per individual with the right to allow more time from Governing Council President)

Molly Moran, SPLC Student Council President – Molly introduced herself. The Council said they are excited to be working with them and the school this year.

IV. Ongoing Governing Body Business Matters

A. Board Training Status

Aaron said everyone is working on their training. He reminded the Board members to ensure they stick with PED requirements. There is an on-demand option for new members, and courses throughout PED that are at no cost.

B. Board Member Recruitment

Aaron stated he is planning on stepping down at the end of the school year. He asked the members to reach out to see if they knew anyone that might be interested. He asked Jonas to send a notice out to the school community network and teachers to see if they knew of anyone interested and qualified. James inquired as to the level of experience required. Aaron said they just need the time and commitment. New members would need to interview to become President. James knows someone that may be interested and will reach out. Anyone interested would need to fill out the form on our website.

C. Ad Hoc Committee to Review Sub-Lease Agreement with Southwest Secondary

Aaron informed the Board they need to establish a new committee. Alissa expressed she could join. They will be meeting to discuss the Sub-Lease Agreement, which could include lawyers. Aaron will contact Jonas and Alissa to set up meetings.

V. SPLC Administrative Reports

A. Head Administrator Report and Summary

1. Academic Data

Jonas shared the iMSSA results for the Beginning and Middle of Year data points for this year using the PEDs pilot Cognia testing platform. He went over Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics scores for each grade level. Most grade levels showed significant gains from the Beginning to Middle of the year. Board members commented and asked questions regarding the validity and accuracy of the tests. Jonas said it is difficult to gauge due to students taking the tests from home. The structure of the test has been lost and there is the possibility of students getting help answering questions.

2. Enrollment Count

Jonas said we are currently at 175 students, which has remained consistent this year. He gives credit to the teachers for delivering bell-to-bell instructions and maintaining social-emotional supports with our students.

3. NMPED Site Visit Update

Jonas reminded the Board they reviewed the Site Visit report at last month's Board meeting. All our responses were sent in before the due date. We have not received a response from them. We do not know the date for the upcoming site visit and are still waiting to hear if they will come on-site or visit virtually.

4. 2021-2022 Calendar Update

Jonas said we would typically be reviewing calendar proposals for next year at this time. They are still waiting to hear more from the legislature on the extended learning time program, which may become mandatory for next year. We will hold the calendar until we hear if it will be a part of our program.

5. Return to In-Person Learning Parent Survey

Jonas shared the survey with the Board. They received 116 responses, which represents a majority of our families. Parents were told we would maintain a fully remote option so they knew their preference to vote was already assumed. Grade level responses correlated with our numbers in each grade level. Results showed 66.4% preferred to remain in a remote setting and 33.6% in-person. Staff preferred to remain remote with 86%, but 71% said they were willing to teach in-person. Knowing this, we would have to honor staff requesting remote assignments and could not reasonably cover classrooms and comply with safety regulations. Our model will be to remain in a remote learning environment for the duration of the year.

6. IT Report

Jonas read the IT report from Tim: We had to refile our eRate application as we didn't receive enough bids. The IT department continues to work with the Fast Track team with Microsoft on the Lenovo machines. We are meeting with another company to address issues they haven't been able to resolve. They are working with the NM Attorney General office to schedule an internet safety presentation for the students.

VI. New Business Matters

A. The date for the next Regular SPLC Governing Council Meeting – scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

VII. Adjournment*

Motion by Aaron Redd to ADJOURN
Seconded by James Burton
Carried All in Favor
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Note: * Indicates Action / Approved Item

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