



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Southwest Preparatory Learning Center Governing Council on
Thursday, January 20, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

James Burton, Jessica Garcia, DeEtte Peterson, and Chris Ortiz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alissa Mavridis

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

Jonas Cossey, Tonya McCullough, Lisa Mora, Jennifer Vigil

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Whitney Warner, Missy Brown

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 February 17, 2021

By a vote of X yes ___ no___ absent ___ abstained

Alissa Mavridis President

Tonya McCullough Secretary

I. Call to Order

By James Burton

Thursday, January 22, 2022, at 5:05 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 Alissa Mavridis (absent), James Burton, Jessica Garcia, DeEtte Peterson, and Chris Ortiz

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by James Burton

C. Adoption of the Agenda*

Jonas said the school received additional funding through Capital Outlay not available in time to make the existing Agenda. He requested to add this BAR as an approval item in today's Agenda.

Motion by James Burton to APPROVE the Agenda with the addition of BAR 23

Seconded by DeEtte Peterson

Carried All in Favor

D. Review / Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2021, Regular Meeting*

Motion by James Burton to APPROVE the minutes from the December 16th meeting

Seconded by Jessica Garcia

Carried All in Favor

II. Financial Update

A. Finance Committee Report (Committee met January 22, 2022, at 4:30 pm)

Chris said the Finance Committee met today. He went over available year-to-date balances, deposits, and withdrawals. They looked over two Increase BARs for adjustments and the monthly Purchase Orders. James added that everything is looking good.

B. Budget Adjustment Requests*

Whitney explained the BARs to the Board.

1. SPLC_BAR_530-000-2122-0022-I: Increase BAR - Air quality award.

2. SPLC_BAR_530-000-2122-0023-I: Increase BAR – Additional funding received through Capital Outlay.

Motion by Chris Ortiz that we ACCEPT BAR 22 and BAR 23

Seconded by James Burton

Carried All in Favor

III. Ongoing Governing Body Business Matters

A. Annual Training Update

Jonas asked the Board to reflect on the hours they have completed and what they still needed to work on. Each Board member commented on their training status.

B. Board Retreat

Jonas said they had January 29th in mind. He and Alissa are looking at times and an agenda. He stated Dan Hill, our legal representative, will be there. Discussions will include mission and vision, and what is in our actual charter.

IV. SPLC Administrative Reports

A. Head Administrative Report

1. Playground Construction Project Expenditure*

Jonas showed the Board designs of the new playground quote, aerial views of the current field area, and artist renditions. He discussed the design changes that would occur and how it was age-appropriate for our older students. There are upper body conditioning opportunities with the equipment. There is an area we will concrete near the northeast back door, as it has been slippery, muddy, and hazardous. Jonas shared the quotes from various contractors that would be involved in the project. The Board members had questions and comments for Jonas. It was decided,

- Jonas has permission to move ahead with a 5% overage on the total cost.
- Jonas expressed the Board raised enough questions to hold off on the vote tonight.

The Board agreed to have a Special Session to vote after questions were answered.

Motion by James Burton that we TABLE line item 4A for the time being.

Seconded by Jessica Garcia

Carried All in Favor

Enrollment update – 156 students. We have one new applicant for 4th grade, along with another interested in 4th, and one in another grade.

Staffing – We hired Jamie Douglas as our Main Lab teacher. This has been a much-needed position. We have filled our 4th-grade position, with Danny Ottoman. He has 20 years of experience and will be a great asset. We have a letter of intent from Maggie, our new PE, Health & Nutrition Instructor. We are very excited about our new staff positions.

Clubs – We found a sponsor teacher for GSA Club and have found a sponsor for First Lego League. He is from Sandia Labs. We're working out space and time logistics.

Edgenuity Program – We have redesigned the Edgenuity program for Main Lab students with the addition of guided notes. Jamie will introduce notetaking skills for high school classes. We have seen greater engagement and advancement, and grades are up. Main lab experiences also include more PBIS: we have a pizza lunch tomorrow, and bigger rewards to raffle like wireless headphones, artist hoodies, and a drone.

Teacher Evaluation System – Per the PED, most of the Elevate NM teacher professional development plans and observations are not required this year. We will continue to utilize portions of the program to help teacher effectiveness.

Academic testing – We completed another round of short cycle testing and will share the results next month. We have had numerous absentees during testing windows. Jonas said we are looking at student growth, and not just how they compare to grade-level standards. Students are coming from very diverse backgrounds, home life, and experiences from remote learning.

Policies – Jonas said new policies will be presented to the Board, hopefully in February, including ScholarChip procedures, employees skipping the lottery and adding children, teacher retention, and benefits for teachers working less than one year.

National Guard – We have requested three building substitutes through the Governor's National Guard Substitute Teacher initiative. Jonas said he sent the Board members a link with more information.

Remote – With the possibility of moving to remote learning, Tuesday was an asynchronous day so teachers could prepare Google Classrooms and remote curriculum.

** Whitney left the meeting before giving Jonas back the right to be the host. It was realized everyone needed to leave the meeting and log back on with Jonas's hosting rights.

Motion by James Burton at 5:41 that we take five minutes to log back on.

Seconded by Jessica Garcia

Carried All in Favor

B. Roll Call at 5:45

Tonya called Alissa Mavridis (absent), James Burton, Jessica Garcia, DeEtte Peterson, and Chris Ortiz

C. Assistant Principal

Tonya introduced herself as the new Assistant Principal for Southwest Preparatory. She said she has been working closely with Lisa to learn the COVID Point of Contact responsibilities and Attendance roles. She has also been helping out around the school with student safety stand-ups, behavior management, and filling in to teach when needed.

V. Public Comment (2 minutes per individual with the right to allow more time from the Governing Council President)

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

Lisa Mora said she is very excited to be working with Mrs. McCullough again in an administrative role. She said Southwest needed a full-time Assistant Principal, as both schools do. She said it was a difficult decision, and transitioning to SSLC fully was not easy. She expressed appreciation to the Board for their support towards our teachers and our school.

A. Specific request for input on N.M. House Bill 43-Black Education Act requirements, as it relates to school policy and staff training.

No comments.

VI. New Business Matters

A. The date for the next Regular SPLC Governing Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 5:00 pm.*

Motion by James Burton to ACCEPT the next meeting date.

Seconded by Jessica Garcia

Carried All in Favor

VII. Adjournment*

Motion by James Burton to ADJOURN the meeting.

Seconded by DeEtte Peterson

Carried All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Note: * Indicates Action / Approved Item

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