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Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 07/01/2013

Meeting Location: LADH

# Call to Order at 6:45pm

# Roll call and established quorum

Members Present: Robert del Plain, Bertha Silva, Norma Martinez Arrieta, Eva Telles, Saul Hernandez,

And John Vasquez

Public Present: Octavio Casillas

# Agenda

* **Motion to approve proposed agenda by Bertha Silva**
  + Motion seconded by John Vasquez
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Discussion on: Vote on who to use as LADH authorizer (State of NM or LCPS)**
  + Robert del Plain posed the following questions for governing council: 1.) Who provides most support? 2% of our budget goes to the authorizer; 2.) Terms of Contract? State of NM authorizes 40 different schools= more generality=greater freedom; LCPS only authorizes 2 schools= more stringent specifications.
  + Octavio Casillas stated he does not want to be involved with LCPS anymore even though the paperwork will be more for LADH without their assistance as an authorizer. Mr. Casillas would like LADH to be authorized by the State of NM rather than by LCPS.
  + Eva Telles asked if the state will take over paperwork? What support will the state provide?
    - Octavio Casillas clarified that the state will not provide any support in regards to paperwork. He explained LADH will have to take over the paperwork process. Mr. Casillas is confident in his capacity to take over the reporting/paperwork process. An assistant will have to be hired for Gina to help in gathering data for the reporting process.
  + Norma Martinez Arrieta asked how long the authorization will last?
    - Robert del Plain clarified LADH will reauthorize every 5 years along with the re-chartering process. Mr del Plain explained it would be difficult to go back to LCPS if we change.
  + Octavio Casillas discussed the numerous things LADH cannot do under the authorization of LCPS.

# Motion to vote on State of NM to be authorizer of LADH by Bertha Silva

* Seconded by Robert del Plain
* Approved in the unanimous
* **Discussion of Re-evaluating how GC meetings are working for members**
* Saul Hernandez asked if it was possible to have re-charter meetings and GC meetings together when possible?
* Octavio Casillas mentioned that the NM Coalition for Charter Schools Conference has been scheduled for October 25 & 26th. Mr. Casillas encouraged all GC members to attend this conference to meet 5 hours of continuing education hours required for GC members.
* John Vasquez stated that he has another group meeting on Thursday evenings. Mr. Vasquez suggested the possibility of moving the meetings to other days besides Thursdays.

* **Principal’s Report**
  + Octavio Casillas provided a written report to the governing council. He discussed that the Church on the Rock property is being finalized at 2.5M which includes renovation of HVAC and gym/activity center.
* **Financial Report**
  + Gina Trujillo provided a written financial report to the governing council.
* **Discussion of Committees**
* Policies/Legislation/State Statutes
  + Robert del Plain: Explained the different policies under revision currently for LADH.
* Evaluation Committee
  + Robert del Plain: reported all is going well
* Facilities Committee:
  + John Vasquez: asked to see the contract between LADH and property owner of Solano Dr. site as soon as available.
* Community Relations Committee:
  + Norma Martinez Arrieta: nothing to report
* Finance/Audit Committees:
  + Robert del Plain: nothing to report

# Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm