



# La Academia Dolores Huerta

"A Dual Language Charter Middle School"

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Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes July 12th 2012 6:00 PM

- 1) Introduction
  - a) Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.
  - b) Roll Call: Mr. del Plain, Ms. Olivas, Ms. Simental
  - c) Approval of proposed agenda: **The agenda was motioned and approved in the unanimous.**
- 2) **Vote on meeting minutes approval**
  - a) **Approval of Minutes from June 7th 2012 Regular Governing Council Meeting. The Minutes were motioned for approval and approved in the unanimous.**
- 3) Public Input\*: There was no public input
- 4) Principals Report
  - a) Financial Report: Mr. Casillas updated the Council regarding work he was doing in finding investors to build a new school building as well as plans he has for the upcoming school year.
    - i) **Vote upon financial BARs, transfers and loan repayment. There was a motion voted upon and agreed to in the unanimous giving Ms. Trujillo permission to make inter budgetary code transfers and loan repayments.**
- 5) Discussion of Committees
  - a) Evaluation Committee – Ms. Kiernan: Mr. del Plain updated those in attendance that the committee was preparing to meet with Mr. Casillas to fill out his PDP and to present him with a defined set of goals the board has designed for him to reach.
  - b) Facilities – Ms. Olivas
  - c) Finance
    - i) Two committees Finance and Audit: Mr. del Plain reported that meetings were being held and all was proceeding with the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee.
      - (1) Update on Finance Committee – Mr. del Plain
      - (2) Update on Audit Committee – Mr. del Plain
- 6) Discussion of revision of LADH mission and vision statements to remove negative comments about outperforming public schools. – Mr. Octavio Casillas: Mr. Casillas wants to remove negative statements from the mission statement to make a more positive school. It was commented that we need to make sure we make changes in the proper way so Mr. Casillas was going to look into the proper way to make changes to the Mission Statement.
- 7) Three open Governing Council positions open. – Mr. del Plain: was announced that there are three openings to the Governing Council if the Council votes to make a seven member council in September.
- 8) **Vote to sign legal services agreement with Charter Law firm. – Mr. del Plain. Motion to sign the legal services was voted upon and passed in the unanimous.**
- 9) Mr. Casillas to time to review an issue that was going to be mentioned during the Principal's Report. He reported on an issue where the Las Cruces City Aquatic Center was going to ban LADH from any future usage of the center because of an incident of the Basketball team that uses LADH facilities for practice and many LADH students participate on the team that had occurred at the center. Because the Aquatic Center was going to ban the school, Mr. Casillas went to the pool administrator and convinced her to give the school a second chance. That since he was new to the school he would like a chance to make things right. The Aquatic Center agreed to give LADH another chance. There was some heated discussion of the issue between Mr. Casillas and Ms. Simenta.
- 10) Adjourn