



## **Dolores Huerta**

### **“A Dual Language Charter Middle School”**

1480 N. Main Street  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

### **Regular Governing Council Meeting Thursday February 6, 2014 6:00pm**

#### **1) ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Ms. Bertha Silva, President of the Governing Council called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Bertha Silva, President; Mr. John Vasquez, Vice-President; Ms. Norma Arrieta, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Saul Hernandez, Member; Total of (4) members present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Robert del Plain, Member

FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Ms. Gina Trujillo, Business Manager of LADH

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Let the record show that a quorum of Governing Council members is present, that this meeting has been called and that this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

#### **2) OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC INPUT**

No one signed up for public input at this meeting.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **3) APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- January 9th meeting minutes
- Approval of Financial Statement dated Jan. 31, 2014

Motion to approve consent agenda items was made by Mr. Vasquez and was seconded by Mr. Hernandez. Motion was approved in the unanimous.

#### **4.) CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Silva invited Ms. Trujillo to remain in closed session with governing council.

Meeting convened into Closed Session at 6:04 pm.

No action was taken during Closed Session.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 6:57 pm.

## 5) PRINCIPALS REPORT

Mr. Casillas provided a written report for the Governing Council which was read by Ms. Arrieta:

- Our Ballet Folklorico Quetzalcoatl and Mariachi Azteca students performed for the NM Senate last Thursday during Bilingual Day – it was a great success. 6 Senators spoke after the performance congratulating the students on their performance.
- Our students also performed for the general public at the Capitol Hill last week. The crowd was very impressed and gave our students a standing ovation.
- Our students also performed for the students at Christine Duncan Heritage Charter School. The school is a k-8 school. It was an amazing performance. During the last song our students and the school's students danced to "La Bamba".
- During the month of November I applied for our school to receive funds from the 3 mill levy bond that was approved by the tax payers this past Tuesday. Tentatively, we are to receive about \$140,000 sometime next year.

Ms. Trujillo noted the \$140,000 could be disbursed throughout the next 4-5 year period. She also noted it would be nice to receive it every year. Ms. Arrieta asked if the funds were restricted or had certain stipulations. Ms. Trujillo clarified Chris Thweat explained the funds can be used for building improvements --if the building is owned by the school.

- We received a grant today from Honeywell. It's not a big grant but every little helps.

Ms. Trujillo clarified this was more of a contribution as opposed to a grant. LADH received three checks from Honeywell totaling \$769.00

- We are scheduled to receive a grant from the State in support of the arts. Mr. Smith and I are up in Santa Fe at the conference in which I will be informed how much money we will receive.

Ms. Trujillo noted the amount could be up to ~ \$600 and its use is stipulated for 6<sup>th</sup> grade only.

- The negotiation for the facility continues. The lawyer has begun filling out the contract and I have sent it to the owner. The proceeds from the 3 mill levy bond can be used toward the facility either to remodel or to make payments on it. Once I have more information on this subject I will pass it on to you.

## 6) ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hernandez. Motion was seconded by Mr. Vasquez. Motion was approved in the unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

LA ACADEMIA DOLORES HUERTA  
GOVERNING COUNCIL

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Bertha Silva, President

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Attested by: Norma M. Arrieta, Secretary

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Minutes approved on

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