

D o lo r e s H u e r t a

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

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**REGULAR GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of the Thursday, April 14, 2016 meeting**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Spencer Herrera, Chair; Jennifer Allen, Treasurer

Norma Arrieta; Elena Hinderlich; Clara Lopez; Patty Montoya; Steve Pereira

**Absent:** Patty Montoya, Secretary  
 Myrna Lopez, LADH Administrative Assistant

**Guest:** Octavio Casillas, LADH Principal  
 Myrna Rodriguez

**Ex-Officio:**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Herrera at 6:05 p.m.

1. **Roll call and establish quorum**7 members present; 1 absent. Quorum met.
2. **Approval of Agenda**Move to approve made and seconded. Committee votes unanimously in favor of agenda as submitted.
3. **Approval of Minutes**Move to approve made and seconded. Committee votes unanimously in favor of minutes as submitted.
4. **Open forum-Public Input\***

* A fundraiser will be held at La Posta. 10% of monies raised will be donated.

**NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

1. **Principal’s Report**

* LADH is qualified for a loan through the Charter School Development Corporation
* PSFA is on the docket to be heard in June
* PED needs a plan from LADH addressing their findings and plans LADH has for prevention of repeat offenses.
* Principal Casillas visted KRWG to speak about NM Grad nation program; link to program on Facebook: <http://krwg.org/post/issues-and-answers-graduation-rate>

1. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Finance Committee Audit Report**

* No reports.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Review and Approval of Octavillo Casillas contract**

* Contract ends June 3, 2016
* Discussing 3-year contract renewal
* Principal Casillas is currently at end of his 4th year.
* Financials will be discussed in closed session

Move to table approval of contract to next regular meeting.

Motion made and seconded. Committee votes unanimously in favor of tabling discussion.

1. **SY 16-17 Calendar**

* Principal Casillas will prepare a survey for parents to get input regarding breaks during the school year, as well as their views on the early start date for the semester. Feedback will be provided to the school and Governing Council.

Move to table approval of calendar.  
Motion made and seconded. Committee votes unanimously in favor of tabling discussion until next Governing Council meeting.

1. **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**No consent agenda items.
2. **Business Manager’s Report**

* Transportation budget will decrease $51k due to monies granted and then reduced with instructions to repay difference.
* Title 2 monies are being used for professional development.
* $8k will be moved to “Supply Assets” from Public School Capital Improvements.

Move to approve made and seconded. Committee votes unanimously in favor; BARS approved.

1. **Closed Session:** To discuss personnel matters relating to any individual employee, including hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, resignation, or investigation of complaints or charges against an employee. [10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978]

* Move made and seconded to invite LADH Principal Octavio Casillas into Closed Session. Committee votes unanimously in favor.

1. **Adjourn**

* Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
* Committee moves to Closed Session

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