

Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting

Date: December 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Middle College High School via videoconference

Meeting was a videoconference call with all materials available at mchsgallup.com

Governing Council Members:

Dr. Betty Sutliff, President – Present

Lisa Bracken, Vice President – Present

Monica Yazzie, Member – Not Present

Dr. Matthew Mingus, Member – Present

Olin Kieyoomia, Member – Present @ 5:07 pm

Agenda Item I

1. Call to Order: ***Dr. Sutliff called the regular meeting to order at 5:03 pm.***
2. Roll Call: video-declared open meeting, quorum was present for the meeting.

Agenda Item II

1. Approval of the December 16, 2020 Agenda: ***Dr. Sutliff asked for a motion to accept the agenda. Dr. Mingus moved to approve, Ms. Bracken seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.***
2. Approval of the November 18, 2020 Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented: ***Dr. Sutliff asked for a motion to approve minutes. Dr. Mingus moved to approve, Ms. Bracken seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Agenda Item III

1. Teacher's Report: ***No teachers present to report.***
2. Counselor's Report: ***Mr. Knowles reports he is working on the schedule matrix in PowerSchool, which is nearly complete. Also working on Senior audits and making schedule adjustments according to passing or failing grades.***
3. Principal's Report: ***Mr. Cunanan reports 80th day reporting is complete and waiting for NMPED to certify report. MCHS 80th day reporting was for full 140 students. He is also doing student grade reviews and uploading final grades to STARS. Goal is to mail out report cards to students next week. The NMPED has announced that they are working on waiving the mandatory student assessments PSAT, SAT.***
4. GC Board Member's Report: ***Dr. Mingus reports UNM courses will continue to be online for Spring semester. Also reports that UNM enrollments are about 38% down from this time last year. Ms. Bracken inquired about having a high number of high school student failures in UNM courses and wondering if the same was noted for traditional college student failures. Dr. Mingus answered that students were given the opportunity to switch to credit/no credit in Spring 2020 semester, but not sure if option was available for the Fall 2020. Many high school students were not able to receive full support from the usual tutoring mechanisms. Dr. Sutliff inquired about whether the decrease of enrollment is for online and in-person combined. Dr. Mingus confirmed that the decrease combines both.***
5. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Financial Report-Written: ***Written report presented by Ms. Anna Cress.***
6. CEO's Report
 - a. Updates from PED: ***Dr. Hunter asks about setting up Governing Council training with Dan Hill to complete required training hours. The state now has saliva based Covid-19 testing. Should schools reopen, they will be required to have 10% of staff do weekly COVID testing. As for now, there is no timeline to return to in-person schooling for middle school and high school.***
 - b. Legislative Session, Priorities: ***School districts across the state want to have their funding based on prior years of enrollment. Legislative finance committees may not be looking to do that but rather use actual enrollment numbers. This will not affect MCHS as much because we are at full enrollment with a small waiting list. MCHS graduated two students in December and have filled those spots with 9th graders off the waitlist. Budget discussions between the Legislature and PED have taken place about additional funding availability under a new Family Income Index, which would allow additional funds for schools servicing students in lowest income families, but there are no specifics or details yet. The PED is looking to get Equity Councils re-engaged.***
 - c. The Grant Plant Facilities Updates: ***Grant Plant has found several potential new funding sources for facilities. Dr. Hunter will meet with Daniels Fund on December 30 about potential funding. Also looking at potential applications for later contact. Dr. Hunter shared the layout of the new MCHS facility sent from T-2.***

Agenda Item IV

1. Action Items-New Business:

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers: *Dr. Mingus moved to approve, Mr. Kieyoomia seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.*
- b. Approval of BARs: *Dr. Sutliff inquired why there seems to be more BARs than usual, Dr. Hunter explained it is due to MCHS receiving more federal funding/awards. Dan Hill explained that this is what he has been seeing with other clients, and that it appears to be a function of the way that PED has been operating during this fiscal year. Dr. Mingus moved to approve, Ms. Bracken seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.*

Adjourn: *With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Mingus, seconded by Ms. Bracken, roll call vote with all members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for January 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm.*

Dr. Betty Sutliff, Council President

Recording Secretary