**Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting**

Date: October 27, 2021 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. Matthew Mingus, President – Present

Dr. Betty Sutliff, Vice President – Present

Monica Yazzie, Secretary – Present

Lisa Bracken, Member – Present

Olin Kieyoomia, Member – Not Present

Agenda Item I

1. Call to Order-***Dr. Mingus called the regular meeting to order at 5:02 pm.***
2. Roll Call video-declared open meeting, quorum was present for the meeting.

Agenda Item II

1. Approval of the October 27, 2021 Agenda: ***Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Bracken moved to approve, Dr. Sutliff seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.***
2. Approval of the September 29, 2021 Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented: ***Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve, Dr. Sutliff moved to approve, Ms. Yazzie seconded,*** ***roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Agenda Item III

1. Public Comment: ***No public comments reported.***
2. Teacher’s Report:  ***No teacher comments reported.***
3. Counselor’s Report: ***Mr. Knowles reported that the PSAT test was successfully administered to 10 junior and sophomore students. He also reported that the parent FAFSA night was a success with about 12 senior students and their families in attendance. There were some problems accessing the FAFSA website, but UNM has offered to assist students who still need to complete the FAFSA. He will be checking on the status of students who have completed the FAFSA registration. He also reported that he will be tentatively scheduling a Zoom FAFSA informational meeting for student and parents around the first week of November, which is through the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation. Links will be sent out to all senior students. Spring scheduling information was sent out to students to set up appointments. Mr. Knowles has started meetings with Forward New Mexico, who is somewhat affiliated with RMCHCS and is trying to increase opportunities for students to get information on health careers. He hopes that students can get involved by job shadow or service learning.***
4. Principal’s Report: ***Dr. Hunter reported on behalf of Mr. Cunanan that 40th day reporting is completed*** ***and awaiting validation.***
5. GC Board Member’s Report: ***Dr. Sutliff welcomed Dr. Mingus and Ms. Yazzie to their new governing council positions. Dr. Mingus reported that UNM spring schedules are online and will go live for students to register starting on November 8.***
6. Business Manager’s Report
   1. Financial Report-Written: ***Written report presented by Ms. Katie Rarick.***
7. CEO’s Report-
   1. School Updates: ***Dr. Hunter reported that he, Mr. Knowles, and Ms. Thompson will start working with students one-on-one to draft individual schedules. Dr. Hunter also reported that MCHS has been awarded Impact Aid, but has not been given the amount of the award as of yet. Zoning approval for the new facility is on the city council agenda for November and Mr. Johnty Cresto will be providing updates.***
   2. PED Requirements and Updates: ***Dr. Hunter reported on House Bill 43-the Black Education Act, indicating that an item in the Action Items portion of today’s meeting will be to place appropriate language in the discipline policy assuring that MCHS does not discriminate based on any characteristic in the manner in which students are disciplined. Mr. Dan Hill drafted the policy. In addition, there will be specific training for school staff, and that the school’s proposed training plan was “enthusiastically approved” by the NM Public Ed Dept.***
   3. GC Training Opportunities: ***Public Charter Schools of NM will be hosting a virtual training on December 2nd and 3rd and expressed to Dr. Hunter that they would like to have Gallup as a reception site. They want to be able to bring opportunities to get governing council training hours. Dr. Hunter and Mr. Cunanan are putting together a presentation for the Charter School Division to approve, so that they will also be allowed to offer required training hours. Dr. Hunter and Mr. Cunanan would give presentations related to academic data, Ms. Rarick and Mr. Hill would offer the fiscal management and ethics hours. If all approved, governing training hours could be completed with local expertise and be completed all at once. Dr. Mingus asked the question if Hozho Academy is moving to add high school students, will that affect MCHS? Dr. Hunter answered that because MCHS is a dual credit early college high school and Hozho adheres to a classical curriculum, he anticipates that it will only have a minimal effect on MCHS enrollment. Ms. Rarick and Mr. Hill agreed with Dr. Hunter’s response, adding that much of their enrollment increase comes from existing students who matriculate to upper grade levels that are phased in each year.***

Agenda Item IV

Action Items-New Business

1. Approval of Policy on Anti-Discriminatory Discipline and Prohibition of Racialized Aggression: ***Policy presented by Dr.***

***Hunter.*** ***Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve, Ms. Yazzie moved to approve, Dr. Sutliff seconded, roll call vote with all***

***members in favor.***

2. Approval of Initial Revisions to By-Laws: ***Presented by Dr. Hunter. The wording change from grades 10-12 was corrected to***

***say grades 9-12, the language for parent representative serving on the board was changed to a parent representative of a***

***current or former student. Dr. Sutliff recommended that the term of office be changed from a governing council member***

***to hold office for a minimum of one year to a minimum of two years and that the election of term of office will now read***

***officers shall be elected by the governing council within 90 days of the school year and will hold the office for a period of***

***two years. Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve the amended By-Laws, Dr. Sutliff moved to approve, Ms. Bracken***

***seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.***

3. Approval of Renewal of Revised MOA with UNM: ***Dr. Hunter explained that the MOA needs renewal, as the current one***

***expires at the end of November. Dr. Sutliff asked if UNM Main Campus would have a problem with the***

***change of not paying tuition? Dr. Hunter, along with Dr. Mingus, responded in agreement that there should be no problem,***

***particularly as this change brings the MOA into compliance with the New Mexico Administrative Code.***

4. Business Office Action Items:

a. Approval of September Check Register, September WF Bank Rec, September Bento Bank Rec:

b. Approval of BARS:

i. Air Quality BAR 578-000-2122-0006-IB

ii. Additional BARs: ***No additional BARs to approve***.

***Dr. Mingus asked for a motion to approve both Actions, Dr. Sutliff moved to approve, Ms. Bracken seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor. Dr. Mingus confirmed all BARS and financial documents presented have been approved.***

Adjourn: ***With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Yazzie, 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 November 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm.***

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Dr. Matthew Mingus, Council President

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