Minutes of the Governing Council Special Meeting

Date: July 8, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Middle College High School

Meeting was 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—(joined at 5:06)

Dr. Matthew Mingus, Member—Present

Agenda Item I

1. Call to Order ***Dr. Sutliff called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.***
2. Roll Call declaring it an open meeting and that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Agenda Item II

1. Approval of the July 8 Agenda: ***Dr. Sutliff clarified the language of Item III.1.c.ii to state “Approval of Plan in Principle to Move Forward with Construction of New Facility under Lease to Purchase Arrangement” and asked for a motion to accept the agenda with said item clarified. Dr. Mingus moved, Ms. Bracken seconded, roll call vote with all members in favor.***
2. Approval of the June 24, 2020 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes, as presented: ***Dr. Sutliff asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Mingus moved, seconded by Ms. Bracken, roll call vote with all members in favor.***

Agenda Item III

1. Action Items-New Business
2. Appointment of New Member to GC Board: ***Mr. Olin Kieyoomia attended the meeting to introduce himself. Explained that he supports the mission of the school and that he advocated for its renewal to become a state-chartered school while serving as a Council Delegate to the 23rd Navajo Nation Council. Ms. Yazzie motioned to accept Mr. Kieyoomia’s offer to join the Governing Council, seconded by Ms. Bracken, roll call vote with all members in favor.***
3. Approval of Operating Reserves Policy Revisions: ***Dr. Sutliff and Dr. Mingus noted that the policy did not appear to contain many substantial revisions and inquired if the changes better addressed the goal of acquiring a facility. Dr. Hunter affirmed that the revisions were made to better articulate the ability of the Finance Committee to authorize the use of operating reserves for significant non-recurring projects, such as the construction of facilities. Dr. Mingus, noting that the language to replenish reserves within a reasonable amount of time is still maintained in policy, moved to approve the revisions, seconded by Ms. Yazzie, followed by a roll call vote with all members in favor.***
4. Facilities
   * 1. Approval of Annual Update to Facilities Master Plan, including; ***Mr. Johnty Cresto presented a draft plan to include updates pertinent to any new construction, and to allow him to begin a conversation with the Public Schools Facilities Authority about the anticipated project and associated assurances. Motion to approve by Ms. Yazzie, seconded by Dr. Mingus, roll call vote with all members in favor.***
     2. Approval of Plan in Principle to Move Forward with Construction of New Facility under Lease to Purchase Arrangement: ***Referring to handouts on Programming Layout and Usage of Space, Dr. Hunter entertained questions about the proposed construction of a new facility. Dr. Mingus noted the site’s ideal location and inquired about the building layout. Dr. Hunter noted that the Programming Layout shows visual representation of the amount of space needed, but is not an architectural blueprint. Ms. Yazzie inquired about the acreage included for the total project, inclusive of parking spaces. Dr. Hunter explained that the purchase would include around two acres of space to accommodate needs, noting that the developer’s previous project on adjacent land required improvement to the entire area, including utilities and curbing. Dr. Sutliff, Dr. Mingus, and Ms. Bracken inquired about the total estimated cost of the project. Mr. Cresto explained that $225 per square foot compared favorably to estimates of $285 per square foot that were common in new construction of schools built by the local district in recent years. Mr. Bryan Runyon, managing director of K12 Accounting, spoke about lease to purchase arrangements as the common method by which charter schools acquire ownership of facilities. After discussion concluded, Dr. Sutliff asked for a motion to approve moving forward with a more detailed organizational space layout and lease-to-purchase structure. Motion to approve by Ms. Bracken, seconded by Dr. Mingus, with a roll call vote of all members in favor.***

***Dr. Sutliff asked for a motion to* *adjourn, moved by Ms. Yazzie and seconded by Dr. Mingus at 6:20 pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for August 26 at 5:00 pm.***

***Dr. Betty Sutcliff, Council President***

***Recording Secretary***