



J. PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

Recapturing the Joy of Learning - Recapturar la Alegria de Aprender



Governance Council Special Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2016

402 W. Court Building 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

JPTA Conference Room

I. Opening Items

- A) The J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council met in open session meeting December 19, 2016 and was called to order at 6:06pm.
- 1.) Roll was called by Janet Acosta: Ric Hernandez, Martin Lopez (via conference call), Janet Acosta, and Sherry McDowell (via conference call) were present. A quorum was confirmed. Members Coree King and Arthur Berkson were absent. Eric Ahner, Executive Director (via conference call), Business Manager Vicki Chavez (via conference call) and Business Manager Gina Trujillo were also present.
- B) Conflict of Interest Statement read by Chairman Ric Hernandez and no conflicts were stated at this time.
- C) Janet Acosta moved to approve the agenda for December 19, 2016, Special Meeting. Sherry McDowell seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes from Ric Hernandez and Martin Lopez.

II. Public Input

- A) Public Input: There was nothing to report at this time.
- B) Staff Input: There was nothing to report at this time.

III. Finance

- A) The Program Unit Value Change memo from PED was discussed. The memo stated a reduction of \$60.61 or 1.5 percent bringing it to \$3979.63 from \$4,040.24.
- B) The adjusted 910B-5 2016-17 was discussed:
- The old unit value has been replaced with the new unit value from the Final Program Unit Value Memo received on December 14, 2016. Net difference 18,502.36. No further discussion.
- C) The Hold Harmless Letter was discussed and modified (see attachment of letter with modifications in red). Martin Lopez moved to approve the Hold Harmless letter with modifications (noted in red on attachment). Motion was seconded by Sherry McDowell. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes from Ric Hernandez, Martin Lopez, Janet Acosta and Sherry McDowell. Chairman Ric Hernandez noted that the letter would be finalized, printed, signed and sent by December 26, 2016.

IV. Closing Items

- A) Janet Acosta moved adjourn the December 19, 2016, Special Meeting at 6:26pm. Sherry Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes from Ric Hernandez and Janet Acosta.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Acosta
JPTA GC Secretary

Approved

Ric Hernandez, GC President



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Date: December 19, 2016

To: Hanna Skandera, Secretary of Education
300 Don Gaspar
Santa Fe, NM 87501-2786

From:
J. Paul Taylor Academy
402 W. Court Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Dear Ms. Skandera,
Please accept this formal request from the J. Paul Taylor Academy Board/Governance Council and the school's Executive Director to release **\$18,502 from our emergency cash reserve line item and budgeted back into school operations** to equally compensate for the school's reduction in State Equalization Guarantee (SEG). We are requesting an amount exactly equal to the amount in the SEG Reduction, **as outlined in the 2016-2017 Final Program Unit Value memo dated December 14, 2016.**

Sincerely,

Eric B. Ahner
Executive Director

Richard Hernandez
Governance Council Chair

CC: Hipolito "Paul" Aguilar, Deputy Secretary, Finance and Operations, PED
David Craig, Director, School Budget and Finance Analysis Bureau, PED
Andrea Roybal, School Budget and Finance Analysis Bureau, PED

Ric Hernandez, GC President