



J. PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

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J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council Special Meeting – Annual Retreat Day 1 of 2 Friday, June 23, 2017 at The Sunset Grill 1274 Golf Club Rd, Las Cruces, NM

I. Opening Item:

- A. Meeting called to order 5:47 pm.
- B. Roll call by Janet Acosta: Ric Hernandez, Janet Acosta, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Dolores Connor, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales were present. Arthur Berkson (arrived at 5:55 pm), Sherry McDowell (arrived at 6:02 pm), and Martin Lopez (arrived at 6:16 pm). Eric Ahner, Executive Director. A quorum was confirmed.
- C. Chairman Ric Hernandez called for any conflict of interest. None stated.
- D. Chairman Ric Hernandez read the mission statement: J. Paul Taylor Academy, in alliance with families at the school and community, will offer a rigorous, well rounded Spanish acquisition, project based instructional program in a smaller school to promote excellence for the diverse students of the Las Cruces area.
- E. Stephanie Haan-Amato made a motion to approve the agenda for June 23, 2017, Special Meeting. Yvette Turrieta seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez.
- F. Janet Acosta made a motion to approve the minutes for May 10, 2017, Special Meeting. Stephanie Haan-Amato seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez.
- G. Janet Acosta made a motion to approve the minutes for May 24, 2017, Special Meeting. Stephanie Haan-Amato seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez.
- H. Janet Acosta made a motion to approve the minutes for May 30, 2017, Special Meeting. Yvette Turrieta seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez.

II. A. Public Input



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1. Chairman Ric Hernandez called for any public input. Mr. Bill Stowe, an interested (potential) board member gave a brief introduction of his background.
2. Chairman Ric Hernandez called for any staff input. No staff input was stated at this time.

(Board Member Arthur Berkson arrived 5:55 pm)

III. Governance

A. Approval of New Members:

1. Janet Acosta made a motion to approval to accept Carrie Hamblen to the Governance Council board as position 8, effective July 1, 2017. Stephanie Haan-Amato seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez, and Arthur Berson.
2. Janet Acosta made a motion to approval to add Dolores Connor to the Governance Council board as position 9, effective July 1, 2017. Arthur Berkson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez, and Arthur Berkson.

(Board Member Sherry McDowell arrived 6:02)

3. Janet Acosta made a motion to approval to add Suzan Martinez de Gonzales to the Governance Council board as position 10, effective July 1, 2017. Stephanie Haan-Amato seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez, Arthur Berkson and Sherry McDowell.

- B. Ric Hernandez discussed with the board that a set number for board members must be set forth and maintain for the 2017-18 calendar school year.

(Board Member Martin arrived 6:16)

IV. Executive Director Support and Evaluation

- A. Janet Acosta made a motion to TABLE the Executive Director Contract until June 29, 2017. Sherry McDowell seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez, Arthur Berkson, Sherry McDowell and Martin Lopez.

V. Finance

- A. Approval of Salary Schedules



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1. Janet Acosta made a motion to accept school Administrator 2017-18 salary schedule. Stephanie Haan-Amato seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez, Arthur Berkson, Sherry McDowell and Martin Lopez.

3. Arthur Berkson made a motion to accept the corrected 2017-18 Teacher Salary Schedule, 2017-18 Food Services Director, School Secretary, Educational Assistant and Kitchen Support. Stephanie Haan-Amato seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez, Arthur Berkson, Sherry McDowell and Martin Lopez.

Arthur Berkson made a motion to TABLE Lead Custodian salary schedule until further clarification could be given on the structure. Stephanie Haan-Amato seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez, Arthur Berkson, Sherry McDowell and Martin Lopez

VI. School Goals 2017-18

- A. Mr. Ahner give a general recap of the 2016-17 school year.
- B. Mr. Ahner discussed with board a general view of goals and strategic planning. One major area focusing on Spanish Acquisitions.

VII. Closing Items:

Arthur Berkson made a motion to adjourn meeting Sherry McDowell seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes: Stephanie Haan-Amato, Yvette Turrieta, Janet Acosta, Ric Hernandez, Arthur Berkson, Sherry McDowell and Martin Lopez

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Acosta
JPTA GC Secretary

Ric Hernandez, GC President