



J. PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

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**J. Paul Taylor Academy Charter School
Governance Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2018 6:48 PM (MST)
402 W. Court Building 2 Las Cruces New Mexico 88005
JPTA Media Room**

I. Opening items

- A. The J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council met in open session on May 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. to conduct a Special Meeting.
1. Roll was called by Suzan Martinez de Gonzales: Governance Council members Ric Hernandez, Janet Acosta, Arthur Berkson, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Sherry Booth, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Martin Lopez, Robyn Rehbein, and Carrie Hamblen were present. A quorum was confirmed. Eric Ahner, Executive Director, Kristi Curnutt, Mary Helen Ratje, Jaime Alvarez, and Mattie Kannard JTPA Staff Members and Jennifer Roger PAC representative were in attendance.
- B. Chairman Ric Hernandez called for any conflict of interest. None was stated by those in attendance.
- C. 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.*
- D. Janet Acosta moved to approve the agenda for May 10, 2018 Special Meeting. Carrie Hamblen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes from Ric Hernandez, Janet Acosta, Arthur Berkson, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Sherry Booth, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Carrie Hamblen, Martin Lopez and Robyn Rehbein.
- E. Robyn Rehbein moved to approve the minutes for April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting with no amendments. Stephanie Haan-Amato seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously with affirmative votes Ric Hernandez, Janet Acosta, Arthur Berkson, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Sherry Booth, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Martin Lopez, Robyn Rehbein, and Carrie Hamblen.

II. Public Input

- A. Chairman Ric Hernandez called for any public input. There was no public input at this time.
- B. Chairman Ric Hernandez called for any staff input. Members of Staff present enthusiastically thanked GC and PAC for Teachers Appreciation activities.

III. Governance

- A. Ric Hernandez reported that the Employee Handbook is 99.9% complete unfortunately the .1% needed to be revised and the Handbook should be completed soon.

- B. Eric Ahner gave an update on the Spanish Acquisition Charter Amendment. Mr. Ahner stated that the request had been resubmitted, verbatim to the first request, to the Public Education Commission. The Charter School Division had previously recommended rejection of the Amendment, but has since decided not to oppose the request as they finally understood that we could not appease all of the entities. The CSD was willing to say that if the PEC wants to forgo having this measure for now that they would support that as well. Great for us it would mean less data tracking.

IV. Closed Session

Robyn Rehbein moved at 7:00 p.m. to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-14.1 H(2), NMSA 1978 with an invitation to Eric Ahner, Executive Director, Kristi Curnutt, Mary Helen Ratje, Jaime Alvarez, and Mattie Kannard JTPA Staff Members and Jennifer Roger PAC representatives of staff and parent forums to discuss:

- A. Executive Director Search Committee (after discussion invitees were dismissed)
- B. Limited Personnel Issues

Martin Lopez seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote Ric Hernandez, Janet Acosta, Arthur Berkson, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Sherry Booth, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Martin Lopez, Robyn Rehbein, and Carrie Hamblen.

The meeting moved from Closed Session to Open Session at 7:43 p.m. Chairman Ric Hernandez stated that nothing other than Executive Director Search Committee and Limited Personnel Issues (pursuant to Section 10-151-H(5). NMSA 1978) was discussed during the Closed Session.

- V. Due to pending reference checks for the Executive Director GC will not move forward into contract negotiations however process will move into 2nd phase. Janet Acosta moved to Table the Authorization to Enter into Executive Director Contract Negotiations, Carrie Hamblen seconded the Motion, motion was passed unanimously by Ric Hernandez, Janet Acosta, Arthur Berkson, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Sherry Booth, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Martin Lopez, Robyn Rehbein, and Carrie Hamblen voting in favor.

VI. Other Business

- A. Facilities update given by Arthur Berkson as discussed in previous meetings we have selected Water Smart Landscaping a local company owned by Alex Petermeier was selected Arthur presented the contract for signature.
- B. Ric Hernandez announced the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

C. Ric Hernandez discussed importance of finalizing next years Budget by May 22, 2018.

VII. Adjourn

A. Sherry Booth moved to adjourn the May 10, 2018 Special meeting. Carrie Hamblen seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously with affirmative votes by roll call from Ric Hernandez, Janet Acosta, Arthur Berkson, Stephanie Haan-Amato, Sherry Booth, Suzan Martinez de Gonzales, Robyn Rehbein, Carrie Hamblen and Martin Lopez.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53