



Regular Meeting

Albuquerque Institute for Mathematics and Science Governing Council

Date: February 20, 2017

Time: 11:30 am

Location: First floor conference room, 933 Bradbury SE

Meeting Type: Regular Special Proposed Approved

Attendance:

Members:	Present	Absent
Bob Walton, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Kathryn Watkins, President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joe Fortuin, member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Alicia Aragon, member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. David Dunlap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Joe Ho	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steven Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Attendees: Katharina Sandoval-Snider, Jolene Jaramillo, Martin Esquivel

Meeting was brought to order at 11:44 am

I. **Approval of January Minutes** Walton

Action Requested: Move to accept January minutes.

Motion: Dunlap

Second: Ho

No Objection - unanimously approved

II. **Approval of Agenda** Walton

Action Requested: Approve agenda.

Motion: Dunlap

Second: Fortuin

No Correction or Objection- unanimously approved

III. **Comments from the Community:**

None

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IV. Finance Committee Report

Jaramillo and Sandoval-Snider

Smith and Dunlap: Reviewed financial documents for January.

BARS: there were three no BARs:

Presentation of Payroll and Accounts Payable payment vouchers for January. The committee asked for random samples and found them in order.

Presentation of Financial Statement Reports as of January 31, 2017.

Action Requested: Approval of payroll, vouchers and liabilities from January 2017.

Motion: Smith

Support: Walton

Ayes: 5 **Nays:** 0 motion passed

- At the end of December, the state swept all cash balance from school budgets. AIMS had about \$53,000.00 in cash balance taken by the state. It is always fiscally prudent to have a cash balance to allow for purchases school supplies and equipment, however the special session approved sweeping these balances from the school accounts.
- The school audit was released by State Auditor. AIMS had no findings.
- Reminder of upcoming training offerings. The Board supported Martin Esquivel exploration of PED approval for Board training. This would allow for identification of specific training relevant to the needs of the Board.

V. Memorandum of Understanding with UNM.

Sandoval

Third and final draft of the UNM MOU was presented for approval. Upon approval, the Chair will meet with Interim UNM President for signature.

Esquivel pointed out some typo's for correction.

Action Requested: Approval of third and final draft of MOU as amended.

Motion: Dunlap

Support: Ho

Ayes: 5 **Nays:** 0 motion passed

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VI.

School Director Report

Sandoval-Snider

1. Bellwether Educational Partners are coming to AIMS to develop a strategic plan. They will be on campus February 22, from 8-12 for a “Diagnostic Meeting”. Prior to that, there was a significant amount of “pre-work” required. After this visit, there will be two other visits, and two phone calls per month. The final strategic plan will be presented to the Board May 26th. Currently, only two schools have been identified by Bellwether and Excellent Schools NM for replication; Turquoise Trail and AIMS.
2. Overall the school has had about \$150,000.00 taken away by the state. All though other cuts are not anticipated, next year’s budget will most likely not be any better. Overall schools are struggling, both traditional and charter schools; however charters seem to be the worst hit. Schools which spent their student generated funds towards the beginning of the year, have little left to return to the State. This is resulting in RIF (Reduction In Force) and attenuated school calendars, resulting in furloughs and eventually cuts in the classroom. AIMS has been fiscally responsible, and we are not anticipating any RIF’s or changes to the school calendar resulting in furloughs.
3. State site visit went very well. The site visit team from the Charter School Division was very thorough, and examined thoroughly the budget, material terms of the charter, progress, school safety, human resources, professional development, governance council activities, minutes and agendas, employee files, student files including special education files and practices, and operations of the school. We had an excellent visit with no compliance issues. The final report should be ready by June will be shared with the Board and posted on RenWeb.

VII.

Closed session:

Action requested: Move into closed Session during the regular meeting of the Governance Council, pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) NMSA 1978 (limited personnel matters possible litigation) and RRPS v. PEC and PED.

Motion: Dunlap

Support: Chi

Ayes: 5 **Nays:**0 **motion passed**

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Action requested: Move out of closed session during the regular meeting of the Governance Council, pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) NMSA 1978 (limited personnel matters possible litigation). The purpose of the meeting is to RRPS v. PEC and PED.

Motion: Fortuin

Support: Ho

Ayes: 5 **Nays:** 0 motion passed

Hearing on RRPS v AIMS and PED is rescheduled for March 10, 9:00 am. The PEC attorney had a conflict with a sub-committee of the racing commission. Judge Thompson will be presiding.

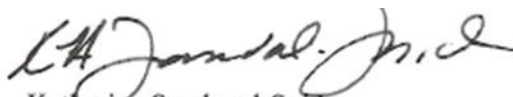
VII. Future Business

- Risk/benefits of relocating the main campus.
- Strategic plan development with possible retreat.
- Replicating AIMS on an additional site and addressing problematic legislative issues.
- Creating an action plan to resolve longer range strategic issues.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted:


Katharina Sandoval-Snyder
Director


Dr. Kathryn Watkins

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