

**MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING
SIDNEY GUTIERREZ MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Council was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art located at 409 East College Boulevard in Roswell, NM 88201. Governing Council members Bill Wolf, Kelly Smith, Shawna Perry and Michael Taylor were present in person. Yasine Armstrong was not present. Joe Andreis and Maria Hernandez were present by invitation. Alison Penn with The Roswell Daily Record was also present. President Bill Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Action Items:

1. Minutes for August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

Minutes were accepted as presented. Kelly Smith moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Shawna Perry. The motion passed unanimously. No further discussion was held on the matter.

2. BAR #004-009-1920-0003-M, Fund #11000/Function 1000

Maria Hernandez explained the BAR was to transfer monies in the 1000 function for anticipated salaries and benefits. Michael Taylor moved to approve the BAR. Kelly Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. BAR #004-009-1920-0004-M, Fund #11000/Function 2000

Maria Hernandez explained the BAR was to transfer monies in the 2000 function for anticipated other contract services, salaries and building expenditures. Michael Taylor moved to approve the BAR and the motion was seconded by Kelly Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Bar #004-009-1920-0005-I Private Direct Grants

Maria Hernandez discussed BAR #004-009-1920-0005-I in the amount of \$1,500.00, Permian Basin Landmen's Association Donation for the school expansion. The funds were budgeted under supply assets. The donation was sought out by Yasine Armstrong. Michael Taylor moved to approve BAR #004-009-1920-0005-I, motion was seconded by Kelly Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

5. School Name Change – Discussion Only, Action Tabled

There was no action taken on the matter, only discussion. Bill Wolf confirmed with everyone present when the name change would be effective, it was agreed upon when it was necessary and prudent. During the name change transition, dba will be used. Joe Andreis stated the name change will begin with PED, IRS, Tax and Revenue, then banking. The school will need to be structured legally. Patty Mathews was contacted to draft a preliminary draft of a lease for the church. She will be providing it around the 1st of October or first week of October, due to her schedule. Kelly Smith asked if the new school name would continue to have the tag line "a NM Public Charter School", Joe Andreis replied yes, the practice would continue the same. Michael Taylor expressed his opinion about the name containing Learning Academy being redundant, preferring Sidney

Gutierrez Academy, leaving out “Learning”, keeping it simple. Joe Andreis reminded the Governing Council that all known Academies have been private entities, misleading the community that Sidney Gutierrez is a private school. He commented the expansion would be a consolidation of an Elementary and Middle School into one entity. He suggested the name Sidney Gutierrez Consolidated School. The new name will be needed when contracts and expenditures begin on July 1st. Shawna Perry moved the action to be tabled until the next regular meeting in October or hold a special meeting if needed. Michael Taylor seconded the motion.

Financial Update

Maria Hernandez was not able to provide the Financial Report. Roswell ISD network and computer systems have been shut down due to “spear phishing”. She presented a general ledger report reflecting YTD expenditures in the amount of \$99,799.49. No vendor payments have been processed since August 28, 2019.

Facilities Update

Joe Andreis reported SGMS has had 1 ½ days of heat. Fulkerson plumbing was contacted to resolve the matter. The HVAC system is requiring a new control board, which is obsolete, no response from ENGIE on a proposal. The Governing Council will be sending a letter to ENGIE expressing their concerns due to the unresolved matters at SGMS.

Other Business

New Business

The Governing Council will be having their Governing Council Workshop, November 8th from 2 pm to 6 pm. Shawna Perry will be providing the agenda.

Principal’s Report

Joe Andreis reported PowerSchool is currently down due to RISD’s spear phishing. The Charter Schools Grant application for expansion was submitted on Friday, 9/6/2019, for the maximum amount of \$171,600.00 (\$1,320 per student increment). He has projected anticipated supplies, materials, equipment, and coordinator stipend expenditures. If awarded the grant, Sidney will not be using carryover monies for the mentioned expenditures including professional development. If the application is approved in phase 1, the next phase will be the behavioral interview. The interview will be rated on the responses given towards scenarios. The application will need to receive 80% of the total points to move onto phase 3 of the application process. Preliminary work has been done in regards to teacher salaries, working on budget, looking at perspectives. The form 910B-5 has been used to project funding for the Elementary and Middle Schools. Teacher salary schedules will need to be reviewed, to be comparable to other surrounding Districts.

Lease reimbursements new language might be restricting loss amount to 1.5%.

After meeting with PSFA, the perspective church building will need another ADA compliant bathroom, estimated cost being \$100,000.00. This will be reviewed with Hal Barnett.

Public Comment

Alison Penn asked what perceptions Sidney would be facing with the name change. Response was the big three were the school being a private school, hand-picking students and Charter School movement receives more funding per student than other schools. Charter school receives the same unit value as the District. The Charter Schools have lost some factors in the funding formula, such as small school size adjustment. Funding reductions are being phased out in 20% intervals over 5 years. After the 5 years, cash carryover will absorb the reductions and after time it will be expended. Once the school cannot meet payroll expenditures, the school will need to close its doors. Generalization of all charter schools being same, if one school is bad then they are all the same is another perception. SGMS has academically performed at or above what is required. In regards to operations business systems, SGMS has only had one audit finding due to a PED calculation error in their generated spreadsheet. SGMS has a great partnership with RISD, making the school a public matter.

Shawna Perry moved to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Smith made the second. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m..