

**MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
SIDNEY GUTIERREZ MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Council was held virtually on the Zoom platform, on Monday, May 10, 2021. Governing Council members Bill Wolf, Michael Taylor and Shawna Perry were present. Yasmine Armstrong and Kelly Smith were not present. Joe Andreis and Maria Hernandez were present by invitation. Governing Council President Bill Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m..

Action Items:

1. Minutes for April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. Michael Taylor moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Bill Wolf. No further discussion was held on the matter.

2. BARs

Maria Hernandez presented the following BARs;

BAR #004-009-2021-0039-M - Fund 11000, 1000 Function Maintenance

Maintenance BAR in the 1000 function for budget maintenance and anticipated expenditures.

BAR #004-009-2021-0040-M - Fund 11000, 2000 Function Maintenance

Maintenance BAR in the 2000 function for budget maintenance and anticipated expenditures.

BAR #004-009-2021-0041-T - Fund 11000, 4000 Function Transfer

Transferring unencumbered funds from 2000 function line-items to 4000 function line-item for anticipated land improvement expenditures for the Elementary playground.

Shawna Perry moved to approve the BARs as presented. Michael Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Inter-Fund Temporary Cash Transfers

Maria Hernandez presented the inter-fund temporary cash transfer for Fund 24146 from Fund 11000 Operational, in the amount of \$5,974.45. This transfer is needed while Fund 24146 pends reimbursement payment from PED. Shawna Perry moved to approve the inter-fund temporary cash transfer. Michael Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. BAR and Temporary Cash Transfer/Authorization for year-end balancing.

Shawna Perry moved to approve the BAR and Temporary Cash Transfer/Authorization for year-end balancing, the motion was seconded by Michael Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Audit FY 2019-20 – Discussion Only

Maria Hernandez reported the release of FY 2019-20 Audit. Sidney Gutierrez had no audit findings for the fiscal year.

6. SGMS 2021-2022 Lease Assistance Applications

Maria Hernandez discussed the submitted 2021-2022 Lease Assistance Applications. Two applications were submitted, Roswell Industrial Air Center and Mobilease. Upon submission it was brought to attention that there is statutory language in regards to building maintenance needing to be included in leases. The Elementary school lease complies with the required, due to it being with a private entity. The Middle school lease does not contain the language, due to it being a public entity. Mike Taylor moved approved the lease assistance applications, the motion was seconded by Shawna Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

7. FY 2021-22 Salary Schedules

Maria Hernandez presented 3 draft salary schedules, reflecting 1.5%, 2.5% and 3.0% increases with an additional \$1,000.00 based on RISD current salary schedules. SGMS strives in being competitive in salaries with the surrounding areas, keeping and attracting exemplary teachers. Joe Andreis discussed the required 1.5% increase would only cover anticipated health coverage increases for some staff members. Current cash balance was reviewed, which supports the additional percentage increases. After discussion, Michael Taylor moved to approve the 3.0% increase with the additional \$1,000.00 for FY 2021-22. Shawna Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. 2021-22 School Calendar – First Reading – Discussion Only

The Governing Council was presented with RISD's approved 2021-22 School Calendar. Joe Andreis discussed the extension of the school year from 184 days to 190 days. He recommended SGMS starting August 9, 2021 instead of August 4, 2021. He has contacted the attorney in regards to required observed Holidays. Some changes are being considered, diverting from RISD's school calendar. As the school has expanded to K-8, allowing Sidney to have its own school calendar.

Financial Update

Maria Hernandez provided the monthly Financial Report with the expenditures broken down by line items per Elementary and Middle school. Year to date total expenditures are \$1,797,843.95. Funds 14000 and 24146 will be expended this fiscal year.

Facilities Update

Joe Andreis reported on the Elementary playground project, which will be designated play areas and outdoor classroom space. Bids are pending from two companies, phasing the project. Currently grass and turf costs are being reviewed, choosing the best cost effective. Guidance from RISD Construction Manager and Procurement Officer has been sought in helping with the process and reviewing proposals.

Mr. Andreis has met with Councilman Foster in regards to the Middle school's HVAC system.

Other Business

New Business

(1) Financial Committee Report

No report was presented.

(2) Principal's Report

Joe Andreis reported the school is full with an extensive wait list. Teachers continue to work hard, despite the circumstances. Student attendance rate is 90 percent. Last week was teacher appreciation week. Families out did themselves in showing appreciation towards SGMS teachers.

A student surveillance program will be implemented. This is a voluntary program, testing 1% of the staff and student population on a weekly basis.

Testing for end of year results will begin next week, a shortened version of standardized testing. Grades 3 thru 8 will be assessed to see the effectiveness of the remote learning plan. Some learning loss is anticipated.

(3) Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Shawna Perry moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael Taylor made the second. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m..