

Agenda/x Minutes of Hózhó Academy Governing Council

Date: August 28, 2018

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: 104 E. Aztec Ave., Gallup, NM 87301

Meeting Type: Regular Special Proposed Approved

I. Meeting was brought to order at 8:20 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance led by King

III. Roll Call

[SECRETARY]

Members:	Present	Absent
Jeremy Boucher	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erin Montano	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Tanner	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brinn King	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric James	<input type="checkbox"/>	x <input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Boucher	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Attendees: [Patrick T. Mason, Juliane Hillock]

IV. Approval of Agenda:

[CHAIRPERSON]

Action Requested: Approve agenda

Motion: Motion to approve agenda as it stands by Tanner

Second: Second by King

Amendments: [BLANK]

x Unanimous or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

[CHAIRPERSON]

Action Requested: [Approval of minutes from 7/31 meeting]

Motion: Motion to approve minutes from 7/31 by King

Second: by R. Boucher

No correction or objection:

x Unanimous or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

[CHAIRPERSON]

Action Requested: [Approval of minutes from 8/21 meeting]

Motion: Motion to approve minutes with correction by Tanner

Second: by R. Boucher

No correction or objection: Correction needed for item VII to have added R. Boucher made motion for the board ratification of lawsuit.

x **Unanimous** or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

VII. Comments from the community:

a. **No community members present**

VIII. Open Action Items

b. **Law Suit**

Action Requested: [Authorize Mr. Mason to proceed with appeal of Judge DiPauli decision]

Motion: Motion to authorize Mr. Mason to proceed with appeal based on order received by Judge DiPauli by Montano

Second: by King

Discussion:

Made ruling on injunction not on merits so at this point we will need to see what the order states when we receive it from Judge DiPauli with only 10 days to appeal it after receiving the order. Having authorization approved tonight will allow legal council to appeal if order is worded favorably for such an act. Worst case scenario would be court of appeals upholding Judge DiPauli's ruling. Excellent Schools of New Mexico would be a potential organization to help with Santa Fe in the future if needed.

x **Unanimous** or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

IX. New Action Items

c. **New Travel Policy**

Action Requested: [Review & Approve the Board Travel Policy]

Motion: motion to approve board travel policy to be paid for or reimbursed by Aequitas Education by King

Second: by R. Boucher

Discussion: Katie Rarick discussed the antiquated regulations set by the state of New Mexico on charter school board travel policies being funded by the school.

She has recommended that we change the travel funding/reimbursement to come from the Non-profit side instead.

Unanimous or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

d. Calendar update

Action Requested: [Review & Approve on new school calendar]

Motion: Motion to approve updated calendar by King

Second: by Tanner

Discussion:

x **Unanimous** or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

e. Section 125 Agreement

Action Requested: [Review & Approve school opting into Section 125 Agreement]

Motion: motion to authorize the board resolution as written to opt into Section 125 by Tanner

Second: by King

Discussion: Section 125 agreement is a withholding insurance plan for a salary reduction taken out before taxes which would save the teachers some money as well as offering 403B which is a retirement plan that would be taxed at a later time.

x **Unanimous** or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

f. Transportation of Students

Action Requested: [Authorize Principle to Enter into negotiations with Gallup Express for transportation]

Motion: motion to authorize J. Hillock to enter into negotiations with Gallup Express for other entities for transportation by Montano

Second: by King

Discussion: Gallup Express is willing to take our students but a permanent solution is still needed to be worked out through Gallup Express' government regulations like buying bus fares at a reduced cost for the Hozho students needing transportation. At this time we are not paying them for their services. If the school doesn't follow the regulations set by the government for transportation then they will not reimburse the school for the transportation provided.

x **Unanimous** or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

g. Building Lease

Action Requested: [Approval of lease of the building from Aequitas Education]

Motion: motion to approve the standard commercial lease of the building for \$15,000 per month for 5 years with Aequitas Education by Tanner.

Second: by King

Discussion: The non-profit that will own the future building and would lease it to the school. At this time our non-profit has one loan and awaiting another to pay the site renovations for the current building which was about \$500,000. The lease states that the school will pay \$15,000 to the non-profit Aequitas Education for 5 years to begin paying off loans and for other site improvements. Come December we have the opportunity to buy or lease the used building from the charter school in Moriarty. CSP grant funds would possibly allow for site improvements, technology, and installment of second building next year. First payment would be September 1st, 2019.

x Unanimous or Ayes: Nays:

X. Finance Committee Report

h. [Financial Presentation] [EdTec]

Based off of our enrollment today of 115 students, we will be short-falled by around \$250,000 for the year due to early projections being higher than what transpired. If we can get enrollment up, potential IEPs, and fundraise by the end of our first 40 days, our numbers could potentially improve. Cash flow is not affected till January. Goal is still to get to 175 students. CSP grant would allow for transportation coverage for this year.

XI. School Principal Report

[Juliane Hillock, Principal]

- i.** 126 originally enrolled, 17 students have not shown up that were enrolled, 3 students added today making our new number at 115. Need to approve payment for long term sub (\$17 per hour as time spent as long term sub ~\$26,000 per year full time), food provider fee with Rehoboth \$4 for lunch and \$2 for breakfast starting September 17th if we approve contract (will call a special meeting to approve contract as well as other fees discussed tonight), and pay for stipend (\$500 per teacher) to a teacher who provides mentorship to another teacher per the state of New Mexico.
- j.** Kindergarten is at 26 students- a good area to grow. We are in the process of interviewing potential new Kindergarten teachers.
- k.** Curriculum night- an opportunity for parents to come in and see the class plans and to show them fluency games to play at home with their children. 5:30 pm Sept. 6th. Will also be open to key members of the community and prospective parents to see the school.

XII. Other Reports

- I. **Governance** – [Blank]
- m. **Audit** – [Blank]
- n. **Other Committees** – [Blank]

XIII. Other Business and Announcements

- a. **Special meeting to approve contracts per Principal Report Sept. 6th at 12 pm top level of Cultural Center.**

XIV. Training (Time Permitting)

- o. [Blank]

XV. Adjourn

Motion: Motion to adjourn meeting by King

Second: by Tanner

Discussion: [Blank]

x **Unanimous** or **Ayes:** **Nays:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm