

TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
GOVERNING COUNCIL  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2010

The meeting was held at the TISA campus, 123 Manzanares Street, Taos, NM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by President Ken Bair.

Roll call:

Present: Ken Bair, Suzanne Wollter, Shelly Ratigan, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker

Absent: Colby King

Staff: David Behrstock, Director; Sandy Beery, Administrative Consultant; Deanna Gomez, Business Manager; and Connie LaValley, Office Manager, and Linda Seto, Teacher

A quorum was established.

**Action Item:** Approval of agenda

Suzanne Wollter moved to take Action Item #6 off of the agenda. Ken Bair seconded. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Ken Bair, Shelly Ratigan, Suzanne Wollter, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Suzanne Wollter moved to approve amended agenda. Kris Edwards seconded. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Ken Bair, Shelly Ratigan, Suzanne Wollter, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

**Action Item:** Approval of meeting minutes of July 20, 2010

Chris Baker moved that the minutes be approved. Suzanne Wollter seconded. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Ken Bair, Shelly Ratigan, Suzanne Wollter, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

**Action Item: Administrator's contract cancellation**

Sandy Beery informed the board that she was notified by PED that the school is in violation of state law because the current director does not hold the correct licensure for the position. PED also said that if the school did not have a NM licensed administrator as the director in place by 8-11-10, the school would not be allowed to open. As such Sandy recommended that the board cancel the current administrator contract.

Suzanne Wollter moved and Shelly Ratigan seconded approval of cancellation of current administrator's contract. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Ken Bair, Shelly Ratigan, Suzanne Wollter, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

**Action Item: Consulting Contracts**

There is a provision in Sandy Beery's current Professional Services Agreement that allows the board to terminate this agreement if she can no longer perform the services of the agreement.

Shelly Ratigan moved and Suzanne Wollter seconded to accept the termination of Sandy Beery's 2010-2011 Professional Services Agreement because she can no longer perform the services of the agreement. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Ken Bair, Shelly Ratigan, Suzanne Wollter, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

David Behrstock was hired as a curriculum consultant to provide services through 8-31-10 related to arts integration, project based strategies and thematic curriculum planning. His rate will be \$60/hr not to exceed \$9600.

**Action Item: Administrator's Contract Offer**

The Board discussed offering Sandy Beery the Director position at TISA at a salary of \$72,000 for the school year 2010-2011.

Shelly Ratigan moved and Suzanne Wollter seconded to approve this offer of contract at this salary.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Ken Bair, Shelly Ratigan, Suzanne Wollter, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

Sandy Beery accepted the offer.

**Action Item: Discussion and approval of new governing council members**

A new member letter of interest was read. There were questions regarding the diversity of the board members. Student body is 20% Hispanic. Kris Edward moved and Ken Bair seconded to table the discussion of new board members. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Ken Bair, Shelly Ratigan, Suzanne Wollter, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

**Action Item: New Business**

Suzanne Wollter motioned and Kris Edwards seconded to table new business to the next board meeting.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Ken Bair, Shelly Ratigan, Suzanne Wollter, Kris Edwards, Chris Baker. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

**LFC Meeting Report**

Legislative Finance Committee Meeting on July 23, 2010.

Request to revisit the dress code on next agenda.

Revisit EQ-Emotional Intelligence (social curriculum) question.

August 28 – 5 hours of council strategic planning. Discuss at August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Shelly Ratigan motioned and Chris Baker seconded for adjournment. The Governing Council Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.