

**TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
GOVERNING COUNCIL AGENDA
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 14, 2013
6:00-8:00**

This meeting will be held on August 14, 2013 at 6pm at TISA, 123 Manzanares St. Taos. Please call 758-7755 for more information.

GC Members Present: Shelly Ratigan, President, Lee Backer, Vice President, Jennifer Hull, Secretary, Ernest Ortega

**GC Members Absent: Chris Pieper
Staff Members: Susan Germann, Director**

AGENDA

I. Call to order and establish quorum

II. Action Item - Approval of agenda

Lee Backer made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Hull second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer, Ernest Ortega. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 4-0.

III. Action Item: Approval of July 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

Lee Backer made a motion to approve the July 17, 2013 meeting minutes. Jennifer Hull second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer, Chris Pieper. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Action Item: Approval of July 30, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

Ernest Ortega made a motion to approve the July 30, 2013 meeting minutes. Jennifer Hull second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer, Chris Pieper. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Public Comments - Please sign the Public Attendance Sheet and limit public comments to 2 to 4 minutes.

VI. Discussion Item – Reads to Lead Grant and training

Susan Germann, Director discusses the Project Read. We did receive a grant of about \$48,000.00. that is to help pay for our reading interventionist and reading material all grades. People will actually travel from Minnesota to come down and help train teachers for this reading project. Webinars have been setup and the process is in place to use the money on training.

VII. Discussion Item – SB 9 Money – ½ of allocation: \$41,733.50

This is the Mil Levy money that can be used for capital improvement but we do not own a building. Making additions to a building we already own, improving public school grounds, transportation and computer equipment. Susan would like to start looking for land but we need to get re-chartered. The board talks about issues with the La Posta campus. The school needs to start looking for land to have a playground and lower payments per month.

VIII. Financial report - Discussion and approval

The Governing Council was provided with the monthly financial packet that also included the bank statement and Reconciliation for their review.

a. Action item: BARS

The following BARS were presented for approval.

BAR 521-000-1314-0002-IB is to account for the Reads to Leads Grant awarded in the amount of \$48,083.00 for Fund 27114.

BAR 521-000-1314-0003-I is to account for an increase in Funds for SB-9. We have received local SB-9 Funds – total award for the year will \$83,467.00 for Fund 31700.

Jennifer Hull made a motion to give approval of the BARs as presented. Lee Backer second.

b. Audit Committee Report – Deanna

The audit was finally released by the state auditor. Our portion of the audit was unqualified.

However, part of the PED audit was considered Qualified; therefore, we have been required to give Corrective Action plans to the State. The Governing Council received a copy of the schools portion of the audit and the findings.

c. Finance Committee Report – Deanna

We are currently opening the new fiscal year. The audit for FY2013 has been scheduled for the week of September 16th.

IX. Discussion Item – New Governing Council Members

Tabled

X. Action Item- Discussion and approval of Governing Council Board member roles.

Rotation policy is 3 years for board members. The board thinks it would be good to advertise. The board needs to keep looking and 7 board members would be great.

XI. Action Item – TISA Gifted Program

Susan talks about the gifted program stating that we have to test at 3rd grade. Susan talks about a group meeting for gifted children for social emotional needs. Jenn talks about a revolving door and having different clubs/programs to not isolate but gives options for a chance at enhancement. Shelly states that teacher should teach to the IEP and to that gifted child's level or to any child with an IEP. A curriculum should be designed to be measured at the level they perform.

XII. Next meeting agenda items

Privatize hot lunch program

How to increase play space at La Posta

Monday Enrichment Program/ After Care

Info on company for buildings

Discussion on RFP for Convention Center

XIII. Adjournment

Ernest Ortega made a motion to adjourn at 7:18. Jennifer Hull second.