TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
GOVERNING COUNCIL AMENDED AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday March 11, 2013
6:00 pm

This meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6 pm at TISA, 123 Manzanares St. Taos. Please call 758-7755 for more information.

GC Members Present:

GC Members Absent:

AGENDA

I. Call to order and establish quorum

II. Action Item - Approval of today’s agenda

III. Action Item – Approval of February 27, 2013 minutes

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

V. Action Item - Discussion and action on new governing council members

VI. Action Item – Discussion and Approval of BARS

VII. Action Item – Discussion and approval of March 21, 2013 at 5:30 pm as the date and time of the TISA public budget meeting

VIII. Action Item - Discussion and Approval of directions to negotiator, Patty Matthews regarding the negotiation of reduced lease payments at La Posta and Manzanares

IX. Action Item – Discussion and Approval regarding RFP to the town. A board member needs to be responsible for ensuring the proposal is written and turned in to the town.

X. Facilities Committee Report – Linda Seto

XI. Action Item – Discussion and approval of next steps for facility

XII. Action Item – Discussion and approval to the process for hiring a new director. This process must be made public to the school community and should include: the criteria by which applicants are evaluated for interview or not, the process by which interview committee members are chosen and the interview process itself that includes if and how input from students, staff and parents will be included in the board’s decision making process.

XIII. Action Item – Executive Session: The Governing Council may, if necessary, enter into executive session limited to discussions regarding matters related to facility needs or personnel matters. No action will be taken in executive session.

XIV. Future agenda items

XV. Adjournment
This meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6 pm 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

GC Members Absent: Chris Pieper

AGENDA

I. Call to order and establish quorum

II. Action Item - Approval of today’s agenda
Lee Backer made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Hull second.
Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.

III. Action Item – Approval of February 27, 2013 minutes
Lee Backer made a motion to approve the February 27, 2013 agenda. Jennifer Hull second.
Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. Public Comments - Please sign the Public Attendance Sheet and limit public comments to 2 to 4 minutes.
Molly McMullen addresses some concerns with the 5th graders being with the middle school. Many members share concern and would like to revisit the idea with maybe putting a mobile home on the property at La Posta. Shelly would like to see that the 5th graders not with the higher grades. Linda states that the public schools changed that the 5th graders still are a part of the elementary and not middle school. Jennifer asks how many children we could fit on the Manzanares campus, which currently are only 90 students. They would like to look into an expansion on the property to have 120 students. La Posta would be a good property to give time and revisit the idea of the expansion.

V. Action Item - Discussion and action on new governing council members
Shelly states that we have 2-3 months to get up to 5 board members. This is coming from the GC training that took place on March 2 in Santa Fe. Linda states that Ernie is willing to commit to a one year term.

VI. Action Item – Discussion and Approval of BARS
BAR 521-000-1213-0018-1 is in the amount of $8,820 for Professional Development.
Jennifer Hull made a motion to approve the 521-000-1213-0018-1 BAR. Lee Backer seconds the motion.
Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.

VII. Action Item – Discussion and approval of March 21, 2013 at 5:30 pm as the date and time of the TISA public Budget meeting
Lee Backer made a motion to approve the TISA public Budget meeting. Jennifer Hull second.
Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.
VIII. Action Item - Discussion and Approval of directions to negotiator, Patty Matthews regarding the negotiation of reduced lease payments at La Posta and Manzanares.

Jennifer Hull said she has made the motion to approve Patty Matthews as the negotiator of the reduced leases. Lee Backer second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.

IX. Action Item – Discussion and Approval regarding RFP to the town. A board member needs to be responsible for ensuring the proposal is written and turned in to the town.

Lee Backer is going to talk with Oscar to see if we actually need to do an RFP off a template. Linda states that we can use the facility plan that is currently in the charter. Jennifer Hull will take responsibility with the building committee on ensuring the proposal is written with help from Lee. Shelly states that the letter should be written before the next town meeting. Shelly will get us on the agenda with the town meeting and Shelly will speak on behalf of the board. Linda states that it would behoove us to ask children to go and speak why they like or attend TISA.

Jennifer Hull made the motion to take on the responsibility with the help of Lee Backer and the building committee to write down the RFP. Lee Backer seconds.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.

X. Facilities Committee Report – Linda Seto

Chris Pieper said that Cindy Spray is behind us the whole way. Cindy has mentioned that the main person to talk with is Darren Cordova and if we can get him behind us then we would be in good shape. Shelly said she can make that happen on her own time. Cindy is a consultant to write for the town for cultural purposes. Matthew Spriggs is and will always be a consultant and advocate for TISA stresses. Linda will have Chris set up the meeting with Daren and Lee will try to attend based on the day. Shelly states that she will call him tomorrow. Linda states that the old UNM building is moving to the South side of town and the building will be available to rent. Lee thinks that the old UNM building could be a better option and it has more parking and Linda thinks that it should already have an E-Occupancy since they held class in that building. Lee will include this in his email to Oscar about the old UNM building. Molly states that Country Day might only be there for another year based on financial purposes. Molly would like to try to get in contact with the Director to see if she could get more information. Molly said the full rent is right around $9K a month. The Steiner Foundation owns the property and they might be interested in trying to help us. Lee will ask Matthew Spriggs on how we would go about expanding the Manzanares campus from 90 students to 120.

XI. Action Item – Discussion and approval of next steps for facility

Shelly will have a discussion with Darren Cordova and the board will get on the agenda for the next towns meeting and Patty Matthews will review the RFP and negotiate the leases for the 2013/2014 school year.

Lee Backer made a motion to approve the next steps for the facility options. Jennifer Hull second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.

XII. Action Item – Discussion and approval to the process for hiring a new director. This process must be made public to the school community and should include: the criteria by which applicants are evaluated for interview or not, the process by which interview committee members are chosen and the interview process itself that includes if and how input from students, staff and parents will be included in the board’s decision making process.

Jennifer states that we have a total of 5 applicants. Jennifer sent out an email to the applicants that we will follow up with them and interviews will be set for the end of March. Shelly states that their goal is to have the Director hired by April 16th to help interview for the hiring on next year. Jennifer Young, Deanna Sanders, Lesley Kushner, Naomi Hannah, and Linda Seto would like to be on the hiring committee for the new Director. Linda thinks it would be great to have the local applicants. The budget has to approve at our April meeting the 10th or the 16th. The budget has to be turned in on April 19th and turned in. Shelly would like to hire the new Director before the budget has to be turned in. Lee would like to be a part of the interview process and the board is thinking about.

Lee Backer made a motion to approve the process for hiring the new director. Jennifer Hull second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.
XIII. Action Item – Executive Session: The Governing Council may, if necessary, enter into executive session limited to discussions regarding matters related to facility needs or personnel matters. No action will be taken in executive session.

XIV. Future agenda items
Administrative/Teachers Evaluations/Re-chartering

XV. Adjournment
Lee Backer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm. Jennifer Hull second.

[Signature]
Approved, Jennifer Hull, Secretary

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