

**TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS GOVERNING COUNCIL**

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**DRAFT November 13, 2013 AGENDA**

**6:00 p.m.**

This meeting will be held on November 13, 2013 at 6pm at TISA, 123 Manzanares St. Taos. Please call 758-7755 for more information.

**GC Members Present: Jennifer Hull, Secretary, Chris Pieper, Page Sullivan**

**GC Members Absent: Shelly Ratigan**

**Staff: Susan Germann, Director**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to order and establish quorum**

**Jennifer Hull called a quorum at 6:06 p.m.**

**II. Action Item – Approval of Agenda**

Chris Pieper made a motion to approve the agenda. Ernest Ortega second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper. No votes:

Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 4-0

**III. Action Item – Approval of October 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Page Sullivan made a motion to approve the October 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Chris Pieper second

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper. No votes:

Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 4-0

**IV. Action Item – Approval of October 30, 2013 Emergency Meeting Minutes**

Ernest Ortega made a motion to come out of executive session at 5:08. Chris Pieper second

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper. No votes:

Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 4-0

**V. Action Item – Approval of new Governing Council Members: Giovanna Paponetti and Dwight Thompson**

Ernest Ortega made a motion to approve Giovanna Paponetti and Dwight Thompson as new governing council members.. Chris Pieper second

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper. No votes:

Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 4-0

**VI. Action Item – Elect Vice-President**

Page Paponetti made a motion to approve Chris Pieper as the boards new Vice President. Chris Pieper second

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper, Giovanna

Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**VII. Action Item – Approve Textbook Policy**

**Susan Germann hands out the Textbook Policy to the board for review. Susan states that the teachers do not teach off of textbooks, but we do have trade books as teachers write their own curriculum, Understanding by Design.**

Ernest Ortega made a motion to approve the proposed Textbook Policy. Chris Pieper second

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper, Giovanna

Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**VIII. Financial Report – Discussion and Approval**

**a. Action Item – BARS**

**b. Audit Committee Report – Deanna**  
**The audit has not yet been released.**

**c. Finance Committee Report – Deanna**

**Ernest Ortega made a motion to table this until next meeting. Page Sullivan second.**

Ernest Ortega made a motion to approve the proposed Textbook Policy. Chris Pieper second

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper, Giovanna Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**IX. Discussion Item – Attendance Policy**

**Susan discusses that we have a problem with attendance at TISA. Susan is working on a new attendance policy to put in place where we can hold parents accountable. We currently do have a policy in place but a new one will be in place.**

**X. Discussion Item – Reflex & Learning Ally**

**Susan discusses that data was reviewed from the first MAPS test and children show a struggle with math. Jeanette Henshaw is the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who piloted the Reflex program. Jeanette will get students loaded in the system on Monday and then start working with the teachers. Jeanette showed a 60% gain in math last year after using the Reflex program. Learning Ally helps dyslexic students and can listen to books on tape. Parents are advocating for the Learning Ally program.**

**XI. Discussion Item – Administrator Evaluation**

**Susan hands out copies of the Administrator Evaluation for the boards review. The state will be making an evaluation process for the board to review. Susan states that the board will need to make a decision on what and how they want to review the administrator. Jennifer Hull translated what Susan had already typed up into a rubric so the board can easily decide and discuss. Every board member should take the evaluation home and come back to the next meeting with any ideas. A copy of the job description of the director will be emailed out to the board members.**

**XII. Public Comments – If you wish to speak, please sign the Public Attendance Sheet and limit comments to 2-4 minutes.**

**Linda Seto introduces herself to the new board members and invites them to go and view the La Posta property. Linda would like to have Ernest Ortega show up to her 5<sup>th</sup> grade class in his robe. Linda states that the current attendance policy is relaxed and would like to see a stronger policy in place to hold parents accountable. Deanna Sanders asks questions about how we can get parents to be more involved in this to make sure they are here on time.**

**XIII. Next Meeting Agenda Items**

**XIV. Executive Session – Lease**

Ernest Ortega made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:04. Dwight Thompson second

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper, Giovana Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

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Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper, Giovana Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 4-0

Chris Pieper made a motion to move forward with the next step to purchase the property at Bertha and Salazar Road to house Kindergarten-Eighth grades. The board also gives Susan Germann permission to work with the property owners to work out details.

The board voted to not sign the lease extension, but rather to execute a one-year lease with Jeff Shardell. Dwight Thompson will look at the lease. Ernest Ortega second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper, Giovana Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**XV. Adjournment**