

TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
GOVERNING COUNCIL

Monthly Meeting  
February 8, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 by President, Shelly Ratigan.

**Roll call:**

Present: President, Shelly Ratigan, Secretary, Chris Baker, Matthew Spriggs

Absent: Lee Backer, Jennifer Hull

Staff: Deanna Gomez, Business Manager, Sandy Beery, Director, Linda Seto  
A quorum was established.

Public Representation: Jonathan Kushner

**Action Item: Approval of agenda**

Chris Baker moved to approve agenda. Shelly Ratigan seconded.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Chris Baker, Shelly Ratigan, Matthew Spriggs. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.

**Action Item: Approval of January 11, 2012 meeting minutes**

Chris Baker moved to approve agenda. Shelly Ratigan seconded.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Chris Baker, Matthew Spriggs. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0.

**Public Comments: none**

**Financial Report- Discussion and approval**

-Deanna sent all financial reports today for review. Budget is due April 13<sup>th</sup> with a review of April 27<sup>th</sup>. Discuss budget April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss for the open meeting. W-2's and 1099's reports have been completed, PED has issued final budget. Due to not meeting enrollment, we had to pay 11K. Money from energy had been set aside because we knew we would not make the enrollment. We got the letter of approval from the state for our award letter. WE got enough money to hire a Social Worker. Some money will be used for manipulative Special Ed.

**Action Items: BARS**

**Approval of 4 BARS**

Chris Baker moved to approve the 4 BARS. Shelly Ratigan seconded. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Chris Baker, Matthew Spriggs. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0

**Action Item: Discussion and approval of new governing council members  
none**

**Action Item: Remove Ken Bair as a signer on the checking account at Peoples Bank**

Chris Baker moved to approve the 4 BARS. Shelly Ratigan seconded. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Chris Baker, Matthew Spriggs. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0

**Action Item: Approve a new interim Vice President**

Chris Baker moved to approve Matthew Spriggs as Vice President. Shelly Ratigan seconded. Roll call vote: Aye votes: Shelly Ratigan, Chris Baker, Matthew Spriggs. No votes: 0. Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-0

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrator report**

Attended the legislative session for charter schools, looks like charter schools will be fine through this session and cutting funding got tabled 5 to 6. If it hadn't got tabled smaller charter school will be endangered at least 60% of charter schools in NM. All of this was taking place in the house bill, PED, LEC, LFC had no idea this was coming. Had a membership meeting for the coalition but those bills were dropped, charter schools had good support but the bill was very close. Will keep us posted on the interim, might need people to testify during the meetings on behalf of the charter schools. State testing will happen March 20<sup>th</sup> for SBA testing. Parent/teacher conference 2/13-2/14. PTA fundraising is going good, Sweetheart Pancake breakfast happening on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am. Silhouettes will take place February 21, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup> for all grades and 60-65% of proceeds come to the school. Spring Festival, April 14<sup>th</sup> with a possible fundraiser for PTA. March meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> for a regular board meeting. Informal dance performance will happen on Friday, 2/24 at the Guadalupe gym for all grades. Bridge contest will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Taos Charter with Jeremy Jones being the host. Budget is also being worked on. Civil Air Patrol for teachers, 3 teachers will fly down on 2/25 to do a simulator.

**Future facility report**

Jonathan, Matthew, Doug, Lesley, and Sandy met last week to discuss about the Kushner's possibly buying the property at La Posta. Doug is willing to get the work done to get a third class for 7<sup>th</sup> grade this coming year. Lease will only go up \$500.00 to get the work done and to rent the third class room. The La Posta building has fallen into foreclosure with a private bank out of Houston. Jonathan made an offer and he turned it down, an appraisal done in the building in 2009 and he is stuck on the number back then. Since he is a private corporation it's up to what the bank wants to do. Jonathan has not given up and is still trying to purchase the building. Jonathan brought up that buying land and building from bottom up could be another option. Shelly feels like if we are planning on staying at our current location we have enough time to think of investing like buying property and building from ground up. We need to re-negotiate the lease in March and Shelly thinks that we need to do this with the whole board and anyone else from the public that wants to be here. Shelly will head the re-negotiation and will review the lease and asked Sandy to outline the main concerns throughout the lease. We are short \$450 for the filling fee for the

**Audit Committee report**

**Finance Committee report**

Matthew Spriggs, Lee Backer will meet with Deanna Gomez at 5:30 to discuss finance committee.

**Personnel Committee report**


**Next meeting agenda items:**

Re-negotiating the lease, (Manzanares).

**Adjournment:**

Chris Baker moved to adjourn. Shelly Ratigan seconded. The Governing Council meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Approved:

  
Chris Baker, Acting Secretary

4-11-12  
Date