



FIRST MESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Special Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
FMES Library

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:17am by Lucille Sidney.

II. Roll Call

Present: Rachel Maho, Pricilla Pavatea, Lucille Sidney.

Absent: Judy Talawyma, Angeline Joseph, Carmen Honyouti.

For the record: Judy Talawyma arrives at 7:24am

Quorum Present

Staff Member: LaRae Humeystewa-Administrative Assistant, Alma Siquah-Chief School Administrator, Marilyn Lomahaftewa-Business Manager, Bernita Duwahoyeoma-Hopi Language Teacher.

Guests: none

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Pricilla Pavatea motioned to approve the agenda as is.

Rachel Maho seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

Motion carries.

IV. New Business

A. Discussion on Funding for Education Assessment:

The Resolution and the outline of the discussion was received from Mr. Tucker and reviewed by the Governing Board. The Boards agreed to meet and approve funds to use for the education assessment if the Tribal Education Department Grant (TED) does not get passed by Tribal Council. Ms. Siquah reviewed the 1st year narrative of the grant application which indicates the Project Director salary of 25% with a total amount of \$20,761.86 and \$5,190.47 for benefits. It also includes two consultants for a total amount of \$58,706.835. Alma Siquah adds the Project Director salary, Project Directors benefits and two consultants amounts together for a total of \$84,657.00 and divides it by 7 (number of grant schools) for a total amount of \$9,334.71. The \$9,334.71 will be the amount that all 7 schools will need to approve for the education assessment. Alma Siquah recommends one consultant can do the job. If the TED grant is a go Alma Siquah suggest all Boards meet and ask if the schools can use the Project Director salary and benefit amount to do the education assessment. The Board is questioning why the Project Director salary is part of the grant while she is getting paid by the Hopi Tribe. Lucille Sidney thinks the Hopi Tribe is supplementing half of her salary by using the grant.

Alma Siquah talked with Mr. Polacca, Keams Canyon Elementary School Principal regarding the TED grant and he stated KCES is going along with what the schools decide. Alma Siquah is concerned about not having any interest money for the education assessment funds due to being a new grant school. FMES can use ISEP funding. Alma Siquah suggested to inform other schools that new grant schools don't have any interest money and that FMES and KCES are requesting to contribute half the amount. Tribal Support Cost is recommended by Marilyn Lomahaftewa, ISEP funding is used for the student's education as an allowable cost. Judy Talawyma asked if the amount can be split between the two funding (ISEP and Tribal Support Cost).

The Board will question Terra Honanie, BIA Business Manager if FMES still has grant transition funding. Alma Siquah will ask Mr. Tucker for advice on the funding source to use.

Judy Talawyma motioned to talk to other Board Members to inform them the new grant schools don't have interest money and if other schools can allow FMES to pay half using the ISEP and Tribal Support Cost funding or the grant conversion money.

Priscilla Pavatea seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

Motion carries.

Priscilla Pavatea motioned to approve the tribal letter propose to the Tribal Council regarding the Tribal Education Grant and the Resolution.

Rachel Maho seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

Motion carries.

B. Hopi Culture Teacher request:

Bernita Duwahoyeoma addresses the board with her request. She was unaware that her request was going to be a Board decision and thought it was the CSA's decision. Bernita Duwahoyeoma wants to hold off the morning activity for the respect of our Hopi practices and ceremonies during Kamuya and resume in January. Lucille Sidney recommends an alternate activity. Bernita Duwahoyeoma suggests holding the morning activity in their classrooms. Rachel Maho recommends having the Intervention Educator to hold a morning activity. Bernita Duwahoyeoma is also requesting to reschedule the Christmas program to January for a winter program. Priscilla Pavatea agrees to move the Christmas program to January. The Board directs Alma Siquah to do an alternate morning activity provided by the Intervention Educator and to send out a survey to reschedule the Christmas program to January. This matter will also be taken to the Parent in Education meeting in December. Alma Siquah suggested if it is too late to change the date we can consider it for next school year.

V. Announcements

None

VI. Adjournment

Judy Talawyma motioned to adjourn at 8:11 am

Priscilla Pavatea seconds the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

Motion carries.

Prepared by: LaRae Humeyestewa, Board Secretary Humeyestewa

GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL/SIGNATURE Lucille Sidney DATE: _____

Approved minutes: Special Governing Board Meeting 11/18/15

Motion to approve minutes: Priscilla Pavatea Date: 12-1-15

Second by: Judy Talawyma

Vote: 2 Approved 3 Abstained 0 Opposed

Motion fails