



FIRST MESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Regular Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2015 @ 5:30 pm
FMES Library

I. **Call to Order/Roll call**

Meeting called to order at 5:59 p.m. by President Lucille Sidney.

Present: Lucille Sidney, Carmen Honyouti, Judy Talawyma, Angeline Joseph

Absent: Priscilla Pavatea

Rachel Maho arrives at 7:35 p.m.

Quorum Present

Staff Member: Alma Sinquah, CSA; Marilyn Lomahaftewa, Business Manager; LaRae Humeyestewa, Administrative Assistant; Darryl James, Business Technician; Geoffery Antone, IT Manager; Francelia Tom, Gate Teacher; Bernita Duwahoyeoma, Cultural Teacher

Guests: None

II. **Announcements and Correspondence**

Reminder of Back to School Bash on 8/5/15.

Team Building activity with Asa Begaye on 8/4/15.

III. **Approval of Agenda**

Add to Personnel: (D) discussion and possible transfer of employee within the school.

Motion:

Judy Talawyma motioned to approve the agenda with inclusion of (D) Discussion and possible transfer of employee within the school under the Personnel section.

Angeline Joseph second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

IV. **Call to the Public**

Phillip Dah, Keams Canyon Elementary School Business Manager updated the FMES Governing Board of the Health Benefits. KCES Board wants to move forward with FMES Medical plan, Gary Polacca will finalize details with KCES Board.

Alma Sinquah informed the Governing Board "FMKC Benefit Trust" will be the name of the Trust for First Mesa Elementary School and Keams Canyon Elementary School.

V. **Approval of minutes**

A. July 7, 2015 Regular Governing Board meeting:

Governing Board reviewed meeting minutes.

Motion:

Judy Talawyma motioned to approve the July 7, 2015 Regular Governing Board meeting minutes.

Carmen Honyouti second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

B. July 9, 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting:

Governing Board reviewed the meeting minutes.

Motion:

Angeline Joseph motioned to approve the July 9, 2015 Special Governing Board meeting minutes.

Judy Talawyma second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

C. July 14, 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting:
Governing Board reviewed the meeting minutes.

Motion:

Judy Talawyma motioned to approve the July 14, 2015 Special Governing Board meeting minutes.

Carmen Honyouti second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

VI. Reports

Alma Siquah, Chief School Administrator presented her written report.

Marilyn Lomahaftewa, Business Manager hand carried and presented her written report.

Lucille Sidney informed the Board that she set up the payroll system with ADP through a local office but never received a service agreement.

Alma Siquah will ask Jim Hastings how long it would take to transfer the quarters to FMES from BIA.

Bernita Duwahoyeoma commented if FMES takes over the quarters there will be consistency.

Francelia Tom shared her struggle when she moved into her quarters a month ago. Air conditioner still is not working and no screens on the windows to let some cool air in her home.

Carmen Honyouti would like to see FMES take over the quarters soon.

Darryl James, Business Technician presented his written report.

VII. Old Business

A. Rent for Teachers:
Continue to be tabled.

B. Conflict of Interest:
Continue to be tabled waiting on Attorney to provide the necessary information, no action or discussion at this time.

VIII. New Business

A. Approve to transfer Student Council funds from Wells Fargo to Bank of America:
Marilyn Lomahaftewa recommends transferring the funds to the Bank we are currently using due to monthly fees. Renee Rameriz's name is on the statement therefore Marilyn Lomahaftewa will make contact with her regarding this account.

Motion:

Judy Talawyma motioned to transfer the Student Council's account from Wells Fargo to Bank of America.

Angeline Joseph second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

B. Discussion on possible action to take over Technology:
Alma Siquah asked the Governing Board why FMES did not take over the Technology. Carmen Honyouti stated the Board was not ready to take over it. Judy replied FMES wanted the BIA to take care of the maintenance and services. Geoffery Antone, IT Manager is hitting dead ends and not able to make the correct contact for services for the issues we are experiencing. We are not receiving any help from the BIA. No matter who he calls he is not getting any help. Contacts left by Davis, previous IT Manager are not helpful Mr. Antone is told they can't help FMES because we are a Grant school. Due to security breach all passwords were changed. Tickets are

followed up on thru BIA. Teachers want three computers set up in their classrooms but computers are locked.

Alma Siquah recommended to the Board to make a decision to continue under the BIA system or have FMES take over and pay for the technology support services. Mr. Antone mentioned that FMES currently has 6 servers and 5 are old.

Carmen Honyouti asked Alma Siquah if we are financially capable to take over the technology. Mr. Antone stated we will be able to have own internet services, own domains, email system, exchange servers and internal services.

Lucille Sidney supports taking over the technology from the BIA.

Motion:

Judy Talawyma motioned to take over the technology from the BIA.

Angeline Pavatea second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

C. Approval on SARA Technologies proposal:

Governing Board reviewed SARA Technologies proposal. Mr. Tucker also reviewed the proposal.

Motion:

Carmen Honyouti motioned to approve the SARA Technologies proposal for Technology services and management for school year 2015-2016.

Judy Talawyma second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

Rachel Maho arrives at 7:35 p.m.

IX. Personnel

Executive session:

Motion:

Angeline Joseph motioned for executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Judy Talawyma second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

Motion:

Judy Talawyma motioned out of executive session at 8:28 p.m.

Angeline Joseph second the motion.

Vote: 4 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

A. Resignation:

Angeline Joseph motioned to accept Lorelle Sidney's resignation as of July 28, 2015.

Rachel Maho second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 0 Abstained 1 Opposed

B. Recommendation to hire Teacher:

Carmen Honyouti motioned to hire Charlene Youvella for the 1st grade Teacher, pending resignation from Hopi Jr./Sr. High School.

Angeline Joseph second the motion.

Vote: 4 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

C. Employee Personnel issue:

Carmen Honyouti motioned to reassign Wilmer Kavena II, Head Cook position to Food Service worker and recommended Emily Mutz for the Head Cook position.

Judy Talawyma second the motion.

Vote: 3 Approved 1 Abstained 0 Opposed

D. Discussion and possible transfer of an employee within the school:
Angeline Joseph motioned to transfer Casey Ambrose within the school from a Teacher Aide position to Special Education Teacher for school year 2015-2016.
Carmen Honyouti second the motion.
Vote: 4 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

X. Announcement

Alma Siquah recommended to the Governing Board not to offer Long-Term and Short-term disability this school year it will be offered to the employees next school year.
Governing Board gave Alma Siquah a directive to research further into taking over FMES quarters from BIA.

XI. Adjournment

Judy Talawyma motioned to Adjourn at 8:44 pm.
Angelina Joseph second the motion.
Vote: 4 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed

Prepared by: LaRae Humeyestewa, Board Secretary

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Approved minutes: Regular Governing Board Meeting 8/4/15

Motion to approve minutes: Carmen Honyouti Date: 9-1-15

Second by: Rachel Maho

Vote: 5 Approved 0 Abstained 0 Opposed Motion carried: _____

Governing Board President Signature: Luille Sidney 10/8/15