

North Valley Academy Charter School
Governing Council – Regular Meeting
January 25, 2024
4:30 pm

A. OPENING BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by Vice Governing Council Chair Victor Marthe and initiated by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting of the Governing Council was held virtually through Zoom. Members in attendance: Victor Marthe – Vice Chair, Thomas Walmsley, Crystal Sanchez and Jackie Kinnunen. Administrative staff present: Julie Geldmacher – Principal, Sarah Piña – CFO, and Derek Davis – Dean of Instruction. Marthe announced that a quorum was present.

Walmsley made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Sanchez. Roll call vote: Marthe – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen - Aye.

Walmsley made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 27th regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Sanchez. Roll call vote: Marthe – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen - Aye.

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Piña presented BAR 504-000-2324-004-IB – Public School Capital Outlay in the amount of \$278,731; BAR 504-000-2324-0005-I - Operational in the amount of \$194,996; BAR 504-000-2324-0006-I – Food Services in the amount of \$2,914; BAR 504-000-2324-0007-I – Student Activity in the amount of \$3,587; BAR 504-000-2324-008-I – HB-33 in the amount of \$75,011; BAR 504-000-2324-0009-I – SB-9 Local in the amount of \$20,594; BAR 504-000-2324-0010-D – SB-9 State Match in the amount of (\$17,084); BAR 504-000-2324-0012-IB - Universal Free Meals in the amount of \$29,783; BAR 504-000-2324-0013-I – ESSER III – in the amount of \$123,522. Walmsley made a motion to approve BARS as presented. Motion was seconded by Marthe. Roll call vote: Marthe – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen - Aye.

2. Piña presented the A/P and Payroll Vouchers. Walmsley made a motion to approve the AP and Payroll vouchers for December and January as presented. Motion was seconded by Sanchez. Roll call vote: Marthe – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen - Aye.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Geldmacher presented the Head Administrator report. Geldmacher reported successful attendance at the School Choice Fair at the Albuquerque Convention Center on January 20th. Geldmacher reported 10 new students since school resumed after Winter Break. Current enrollment for elementary is 207 and 66 in middle school, total of 273. 120th day is in mid February. Mailers will be going out soon and NVA is still advertising in NM Kids.

Davis gave an Istation update: baseline data was reviewed and student goals were adjusted for individual students. Middle of the Year math data shows a slight improvement and student performance is slightly higher than the statewide average. Teachers share goals with students prior to testing and teachers and students are using this as a reflection piece for growth. Reading scores

are showing significant gains with the new structured literacy curriculum as compared to past performance.

Geldmacher reported that teachers returned in January with two professional development days that included planning opportunities, training in the new ELA curriculum, and training in the teacher observation tool. Teacher observations will begin soon.

2. Geldmacher presented the Equity Council report. EC reviewed remaining at-risk funds and discussed priorities for the funds. Ideas include hosting local artists, a collage of tiles painted by students, book purchases for the library, Doorway to the Arts and purchased art for the School. Funds do not have to be spent prior to the end of the school year and will carry over to next year. Hernandez will be attending state Equity meetings to represent NVA.
3. Vigil presented an update on facilities. Middle school bathrooms should be complete by next week; the playground bathroom remodel is underway. Three change orders have been necessary: lighting above each stall, mold removal and sheetrock replacement, and damage repair behind plastic walls. Ray's Flooring completed flooring in the nurse's office, IT room, and art room. Admin offices are scheduled to be done in early June. Facilities Master Plan Assistance Award expires this year; plan can remain the same or be modified. Pina encouraged Facilities Committee to meet soon to review the Facilities Master Plan.
4. Piña presented the Financial Summary Report, Expenditure Review, and Budget Projection based on the 40 – day review.
5. Reminder for all Council members to complete training hours.

D. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Agenda items for the next meeting can be emailed to Geldmacher.
2. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2024.
3. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.