ESPIRITU SCHOOLS

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 14, 2020

2:30 p.m.

4848 S. 2nd Street Phoenix, AZ 85040

The Board meeting was held via Zoom.

I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Bertha Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Bertha Gutierrez – Board Chair
Frances Castillo – Vice Chair
Rosemary Cardenas – Member
Norma Ruiz – Member
Marisa Lopez – Member

Others Present:
Christina Eliserio, Federal Programs Director
Armando Ruiz, Sr., Chief Executive Officer-Servant Leader
Rosalva Lopez, School Servant Leader
Adam Sharp, School Servant Leader

B. Board Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Rosemary Cardenas made the motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Marisa Lopez seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

C. Board Approval of Meeting Minutes

A correction to the title of August 7, 2020, minutes was made to reflect Espiritu Schools. Francis Castillo made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Rosemary Cardenas seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

II. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items scheduled.

III. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Sports Program Cancellation

Armando Ruiz and Rosalva Lopez reported there was a wait-and-see approach by many schools regarding the Fall Sports Program (e.g., football and volleyball). The season usually has 10 games, but this year it was reduced to 8 games. While schools were given authorization to sports teams to begin practice on September 7, there is not enough time for solid pre-training and conditioning to get ready for the season, especially since many of the students are still not on campus due to remote learning. Considering the final schedule presented by the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and the risks involved with limited practice time and the need to give focus and attention to academics, the recommendation is to cancel the Fall Sports Program.

Rosemary Cardenas made the motion to cancel the Fall Sports Program. Norma Ruiz seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

B. School Reopening Authorization

Armando Ruiz, Sr. and Adam Sharp presented the 3-phase plan which enhances our current School Reopening Plan in response to the ongoing circumstances of COVID-19. The 3-phase plan includes specifics steps for supporting students (and their parents) identified with specific needs requiring on-site support services (e.g., SPED, EL, Title I, etc.). On August 3, we began school with an online learning platform for all students. Each phase of the revised plan will allow the school leader to slowly bring students to the classrooms based on needs while still promoting student health and safety based on the Benchmark Metrics provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Phase 1 (August 17) – provide on-site support services for identified students. Phase 2 (August 24) start in-person learning and/or hybrid learning beginning with students with the highest needs. Phase 3 (mid-September) reevaluate student learning structure and adjust accordingly.

Marisa Lopez made the motion to adopt the 3-Phase Plan for student learning options. Rosemary Cardenas seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

There were no items scheduled.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items scheduled.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Call to the Public – *There were no items scheduled.*

VII. CLOSING ITEMS

A. Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates and Items for Future Agendas – *The date of the next board meeting will be determined at a later date.*

B. Adjournment

Frances Castillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Marisa Lopez seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.