



Board Meeting
February 23, 2022, 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 1735 by Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Bushnell-Lopez seconds.

a. Roll Call

- Board Member: Italia Aranda - present
- Board Member: Yadira Aguero - not present
- Board Member: Frances K. Bushnell-Lopez - present
- Board Member: Leigh Caswell - present
- Board Member: Lenaya Montoya - not present.
- Board Member: Christina O'Connell - present
- Board Member: Gilbert Ramirez - present

II. Vote to approve Agenda - Ms. Bushnell makes motion to approve today's agenda as presented and Ms. O'Connell seconds motion.

III. Vote to approve GC Minutes 1/26/22 - Ms. Bushnell makes motion to approve GC minutes from 1/26/33 and Ms. Aranda seconds.

IV. Public Comments

- Updates on new and recurring programs at HLHS- Ms. Monika Monje

Ms. Monje, is the transition coach at HLHS and has been with the school for the last 7 years. The graduation ceremony will take place May 13, 2022. The Robing Ceremony will take place on May 11th. Third cohort of CNM service workers will soon be graduating and working on finding placements for community partners. Nursing assistants will also be graduating from CNM and begin placements with community partners. First responder program has also been pushed into gear due to a CNM instructor being available to support our students; students who complete the course will be certified and be able to take licensing exams. Possible collaboration with CNM's pharmacy tech program and how students interested in this field can receive support. Working with UNM to increase awareness on the importance of high water intake and encourage students to participate in an 8-week water challenge. Two, touch free water filling stations will be installed next week at the school.

Cynthia Olivas is HLHS's medical assistant and speaks on the current mask mandate at our school and current information on COVID related cases and news at the school. Ms. Olivas walks us through the mandated reporting and quarantine process for students, staff, and faculty. HLHS currently adheres to a full mask indoors and requires students to eat and drink outside. There is also currently a focus on increasing awareness about positive effects of receiving the COVID vaccine in hopes of increasing vaccination rates among students and their families.

Mr. Ramirez also takes time to read a letter submitted by a student explaining her reasoning as to why students should be allowed to stop wearing masks at HLHS. It is also explained that the majority of students at the school feel that student support allows each person to decide on wearing or not wearing a mask.

V. Action Items

- a. Discussion and possible action on Finance Reports - Ms. Jaramillo presented the finance

reports available for January 2022. No action items required

b. Discussion and possible action on Accounts Payable Check listing All check listing reports for the month of January 2022 were reviewed during the Finance meeting. No additional questions. Mr. Ramirez motions to approve Accounts Payable as presented and Ms. Bushnell-Lopez seconds. Motion passes.

c. Discussion and possible action to approve BARS Mr. Ramirez makes motion to approve presented BARS: 2122-0030-I, 2122-0031-M, 2122-0033-I, 2122-0035-M. Ms. Bushnell-Lopez seconds. No opposition by any present today. Bars are approved.

d. Discussion and possible action on 2021 Audit Financial Statements - Ms. Jaramillo Presented on Audit Report. Findings on the report were presented and discussed. Mr. Jaramillo motions to approve the 2021 Audit Financial Statements; Ms. Caswell seconds motion.

e. Discussion and possible action on Public Health Order- Mask Mandate - Council members, staff, and faculty discuss concerns brought up by students in regards to the mask mandate and weighing pros and cons of lifting the mask mandate at the school. With the information presented, Mr. Rarmirez makes a motion to uphold the mask mandate at HLHS with making the necessary adjustments that will allow students to drink water inside the building. Ms. Bushnell Lopez seconds.

f. Discussion and possible action to approve New GC member - Ms. Bushnell- Lopez makes a motion to approve Chris Gavaldon as a new member of the Governing Council for HLHS and MS. O'Connell seconds motion.

VI. Discussion Items

a. HLHS- Equity Council - Mr. Hoge explains that a school's social worker is working on a curriculum on racial equity to engage students in this topic.

b. Janitorial Services – Ms. Archuleta explains that the school will be moving to another janitorial service company and after seeking several quotes the school decided on a vendor that gave the school a great offer for a contract' which will eventually lead to a decrease in expenditures on janitorial services.

c. Legislative Update- Capital Outlay - Ms. Archuleta explains that she was able to get a match for capital outlay that surpasses the school's ask.

d. Facility Update - Working with facility acquisition specialists to continue making progress on the purchase or building of our new school and getting new estimates that seem promising to build a school that is functional for the needs of our students.

e. School Calendar SY 22/23

f. Lead Team Report

VII. Next GC Meeting - March 30, 2022

VIII. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 1941.