



ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Governance Council Minutes

Special Meeting, 6:00 pm, April 22, 2019

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gene Elliott | Casilda Provencio | Carolyn Williams | Godfrey Crane

I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order – Chairman Gene Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- B. Roll Call of Members -- Present: Carolyn Williams, Godfrey Crane and Gene Elliott.
Absent: Casilda Provencio
- C. Approval of Agenda – C. Williams moved to approve the agenda as published. Second by G. Crane. Approval was unanimous.
- D. Approval of Minutes – G. Elliott explained that the minutes of February 25, 2019 needed to be amended to show the allocation of IDEA-B funds, to complete the process of acquiring the funds. C. Williams moved and G. Crane seconded a motion to amend the minutes to include the allocation amounts needed. Motion carried without objection.
- E. Announcements – None

II Public Comment -- None

III. Current Business

- A. Closed Executive Session -- G. Crane moved that the GC go into a closed Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by C. Williams. Approval was unanimous. All persons not participating in the discussion were excused from the room.
- B. Return from Closed Session -- C. Williams moved to return to open session. Second by G. Crane. Approval vote was unanimous. No business was transacted.
- C. Increase in Active GC Positions -- According to the Governance Council Bylaws, membership of the Council is to be a minimum of five members and can be a maximum of nine members. Due to the receipt of several qualified nominations, increasing the number of active GC members was discussed. G. Crane moved to increase the number to six active members from the current five. C. Williams seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.
- D. Election of New Members -- G. Elliott the announced the receipt of nominations from two viable candidates for GC membership – Dan Lere, the retired superintendent of Deming Public Schools and Stephen Aquino. retired administrator from San Jose State University. Their nominations were reviewed and each candidate's possible contribution to the Governance Council was discussed. C. Williams moved to elect both candidates to the Governance Council. Second by G. Crane. Both candidates were elected without objection.
- E. Report from 4-12-19 Meeting of the Public Education Commission (PEC) – The Alma delegation attending the meeting included Principal Holly Schullo, GC President Gene Elliott, SPED Coordinator Becky Beidler and Attorney Patty Matthews. G. Elliott reported that once again the Corrective Action Plans (CAP's) for both Special Education (SPED) and English Language Learners (ELL) did not meet the requirements set forth by the two state bureaus who administer these programs. Alma staff was directed to amend the CAP's and re-send them to Santa Fe for approval. Changes were minor and staff said they could respond by PEC deadlines. All expressed frustration with the lengthy process which has occurred over several months and detracted from normal school activities.
- E. Current Status of CAP's for SPED and ELL -- Staff is currently re-working these CAP's to meet PEC directives and will be submitted by the deadline established by PEC.

F. New Charter Contract Negotiation -- H. Schullo announced that the negotiation meeting with PEC team members will be held at 9:00 am, Friday, May 3, 2019, at Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. She said she will be ready to discuss terms of the new charter contract. G. Elliott announced that he and new member D. Lere will also attend. He suggested that we have attorney Patty Matthews also attend. Consensus was to have her attend also. This will be the last step before charter contract renewal for three years.

G. First Discussion of 2019–2020 Budget – Business manager K.Shelton reported that the coming budget will be restricted due to elimination of the small school stipend passed by the 2019 Legislation. Legislators approved a plan to eliminate the payments at the rate of 20-percent per year over the next five years. Loss of these funds for Alma will reduce our allocation by an estimated \$125,000.00 for this next year.

IV. Past Business

A. Administrative Report

1. Status of 2019 Graduating Class – H. Schullo reported that there are two students who risk not graduating due credit deficiencies. One student may be able to make up credits during the summer, but the other is at risk of not graduating on time. B. Beidler reported that this one student had been absent 52-days this year and should not expect to graduate with that many absences.

2. Commencement Plans – H. Schullo said that the commencement committee has been working hard to make it a memorable event for graduates and their families. Senior Honors Night will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. with commencement on Thursday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. G. Elliott encouraged all who can attend to do so. He said that an Alma commencement was not like any other and is a wonderful conclusion to a student's career at Alma.

V. Future Business

G. Crane noted the lateness of the hour and moved to postpone remaining items on the agenda to a later meeting. C. Williams seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

VI. Next Meeting Agenda Items -- None

VII. Adjournment -- G. Crane moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by C.Williams. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Williams, Secretary