

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION

RHS Krivokapich Media Center

1535 Tiger Circle – Raton, NM

6:00 p.m. Monday, October 21, 2024

## MINUTES

### **I. Call to order/roll call**

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call was answered as follows: Mr. Boone – present  
Mr. Phillips – present  
Mr. Walton – absent  
Ms. Ferri – present  
Mr. Kamp – present

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge was led by President Phillips.

#### **Board Members**

Jason Phillips – President  
Ryan Boone – Vice President  
Brenda Ferri – Secretary  
Ted Kamp, Member  
Dustin Walton, Member

#### **Staff**

Kristie Medina, Superintendent  
Beverly Vukonich, Justin Mattorano  
Deia Craig, Olga Neurauter

### **III. Recognition of Students, Staff and Visitors**

#### **a. Student Senate Representative Report**

Gabriela Vega gave the student senate report on homecoming activities and results of a survey that was done for ideas to improve next Homecoming and possibly Winterfest. She stated ideas are also be considered for an alternative choice for students who do not want to participate or attend the Rowdeo. The concensus is that it was a very successful Homecoming. The board thanked her for her report.

#### **b. Requests to be recognized – (5 minute limit)**

Tierra Garrett, from the Senior Class of 2025 addressed the board regarding graduation and a few reasons why the board should consider possibly approving an outdoor graduation at Tiger Stadium. After some discussion President Phillips thanked her for her presentation and stated that there are some things to consider before a decision can be made.

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 4-0.

**V. Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Boone made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 4-0.

**VI. Informational Items**

a. Principal/Director Reports

There were no additional comments to the principal reports.

b. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Medina did not have anything more to report but asked if the board had given any thought to the mission and vision as stated in her weekly report. Some discussion was held regarding where we want to be in the next five years. Mr. Boone stated he sees no issues and it should be pushed out to the staff for their review.

c. Board Member Reports

Board members attended the Regional NMSBA meeting held in Cimarron on October 14th. There were a couple topics that were of some interest that Superintendent Medina will look into.

d. Capital Projects Reports – June 2024 & September 2024

Capital Projects summary and balances for June 2024 and September 2024 was given. Current projects were discussed as well as ideas for new projects.

e. Discussion of Special Capital Outlay Requests

Ms. Baird stated the 2025 Capital Outlay Requests as previously discussed are as follows:

1. Tiger Stadium Infrastructure in the amount of \$350,000 that will include projects:
  - a. press box maintenance and repairs
  - b. abate water cannon and install a sprinkler system for the football field
  - c. Track repairs
  - d. Paving the front of the stadium
  - e. Restroom upgrades/updates
2. Activity Vehicles in the amount of \$130,000 to replace aging fleet.
3. Bus Barn Renovations & Updates in the amount of \$150,000 to replace the transportation office with an unused portable classroom. Costs will include utility infrastructure, security cameras, lighting and removal of the old single wide trailer. Fire Marshal's report recommends replacement.

Discussion was held and President Phillips asked that this item be put on the next board meeting agenda under action items.

f. Transportation Report – Nicolas Cardenas

Mr. Cardenas transportation director reported to the board the repairs, updates, renovations needed at the transportation office. As previously noted it has been recommended by the Fire Marshal's office to replace the office as the single wide trailer does not meet code. He presented the board with several quotes for repairs, renovations, waterline and electrical repairs ranging anywhere from \$9,000 to \$168,000. He also reported that there is a portable classroom at the High School that could be used and presented quotes for water, electrical, concrete and the moving of the classroom to the present transportation site in the amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$42,000.

He also reported on the current fire inspection by the State Fire Marshal's Office which was done on September 19th. There were a few areas which were given a fail and corrections will be made. Mr. Cardenas stated he would like to see the transportation department look professional and invited board members to come by the bus barn at any time to see the facilities. The board thanked Mr. Cardenas for his presentation.

**VII. Action Items**

a. Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers

The financial report & budget adjustments/transfers were presented. After a short discussion Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Discuss/Approve FY 25 Travel Reimbursement Form

Ms. Baird stated there were some changes made in the travel reimbursement and she has highlighted the changes on the form. Specifically 20% of meal tips can be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$11.80 and lodging expenses exceeding \$215/night including taxes and fees requires Superintendent approval. Exemption for using a school vehicle is now 100% reimbursable for standard mileage for board members and Superintendent only. Motion was made by Mr. Boone to approve FY 25 Travel Reimbursement Form as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Discuss/Approve Resolution 2024-05 NMDOT District IV Application for an Extension of Grant Agreement L400652

President Phillips stated this is an application for an extension of Grant Agreement L400652. After a short discussion motion was made by Mr. Kamp to approve Resolution 2024-05 NMDOT District IV Application for an Extension of Grant Agreement L400652 as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 4-0.

**VIII. Executive Session**

Pursuant to the State "Open Meetings Act" Section 10-15-1(H) (2) for discussion of limited personnel matters. No action will be taken in executive session. President Phillips stated there is nothing to discuss in Executive Session.

**IX. Adjournment**

Mr. Kamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone.  
Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary