

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS  
Governing Council Meeting

**Tuesday, September 2, from 6:00-8:00 pm Meeting**  
New Mexico School for the Arts—High School  
131 Nusbaum  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Minutes - *Approved*

*NMSA provides access to a rigorous mastery arts and academic high school education for youth with passion and aptitude in the arts, leading to post-secondary learning, careers in the arts, and lives that contribute to society.*

I. Call to Order Sherry Thompson

Sherry Thompson called the Governing Council Meeting to order at 6:04pm.

**In attendance were NMSA Council Members:**

Sherry Thompson, Chair  
Vickie Sewing, Vice Chair  
Paula Tackett, Secretary, via telephone  
Greg Hunt, Treasurer  
Catherine Oppenheimer, Member  
Doddie Espinosa, Member

**NMSA Council Members Absent:**

Trina Raper, Member  
Mary Sloane, Member

**NMSA High School Staff Present:**

Cindy Montoya, Head of School  
Christina Yamashiro, Business Manager

- Approval of Agenda Sherry Thompson

**Greg Hunt made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. The Approval of the Special Education Manual was not needed. Catherine Oppenheimer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

- Public Forum Sherry Thompson

Sherry Thompson asked if there were any individuals requesting a Public Forum.

No public were in attendance.

- Approval of August 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes Sherry Thompson

**Greg Hunt made a motion to approve the August 5, 2014 Governing Council Meeting Minutes. Paula Tackett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

- Approval of August 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes Sherry Thompson

**Greg Hunt made a motion to approve the August 25, 2014 Governing Council Meeting Minutes. Paula Tackett seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

- REMOVED Approval of Amended Special Education Manual Sherry Thompson

- Approval of Charter School Amendment Sherry Thompson  
RE: Transportation

**Catherine Oppenheimer made a motion to approve the Charter School Amendment as amended regarding Transportation. Paula Tackett seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

- After a brief discussion, it was decided that a charter school amendment regarding Short Cycle Assessments was not needed.

- **Approval of Amended Charter Frameworks**

Sherry Thompson

**Vickie Sewing made a motion to approve the Amended Charter Frameworks. Catherine Oppenheimer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

- Principal's Report

Cindy Montoya

A. Advanc-Ed

Cindy Montoya led the Council through Standard 1 of the Advanc-Ed framework so that members would be familiar with the framework and scoring rubrics.

B. Work Session Survey Monkey Results

Based on the feedback gathered, Governing Council members will be available to meet for Work Sessions one prior to Council meetings.

C. Denial of School Grade Appeal

The NMPED did not grant NMSA's School Grade Report appeal requesting that the high school model. For schools that did not have cohort data for all year, PED performed calculations using the middle and high school models and then used the model that yielded the highest proportion of overall points.

D. PED requested that NMSA return funds because it's MOE dropped from SY2011-12 to SY2012-13

XI. Business Manager Finance Report

Christina Yamashiro

A. Financial Statements/Report

The finance committee was not able to meet prior to the Governing Council meeting, so Christina Yamashiro submitted all reports including the latest bank reconciliations. Christina Yamashiro also gave instruction for how to access all month-end financial reports that are posted internally on the private portal through the school's website.

B. **Approval of SY2014-15 Salary Schedule**

**Doddie Espinosa made a motion to approve the SY2014-15 Salary Schedule. Catherine Oppenheimer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

- Committee Reports

Sherry Thompson

No committee reports were shared.

- Art Institute

A. Residential Update

Cindy Montoya

19 students are currently residing in the dorm. A 20<sup>th</sup> student is expected to move in soon. Students are adjusting to the new location.

B. Admissions Update

Riis Gonzales

The admissions window has just opened. Seven (7) students have applied to date.

- An Executive Session was not needed.

Sherry Thompson

XIII. Adjournment

Sherry Thompson

**Vickie Sewing made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

*Gayle McGuinness* 10.7.14

Gayle McGuinness, Secretary/Date

*Paula Tackett*

Paula Tackett, Governing Council, Secretary/Date

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