

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DIGITAL ARTS & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY**

**November 14, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the DATA Governing Council was called to order on this date at 10:15 a.m. in the DATA Auditorium, 1011 Lambertson Place, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. Roll Call: quorum present**

**Council Members Present:**

Mr. Al Sanchez, President

Ms. Debra Dee

Mr. Omar Durant

Ms. Esther Marquez

Ms. Amy Roble

**Council Members Excused:**

None.

**Staff/Faculty Present:**

Dr. Evalynne Hunemuller, Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Lisa Myhre, Principal

Ms. Kris Quisenberry, Human Resources Coordinator

Ms. Lynette Quintana, Assistant Business Manager

**Others Present:**

Mr. Michael Vigil, The Vigil Group

**C. Adoption of Agenda**

Dr. Hunemuller stated that she planned to bring up two items under New Business: 1) A request for policy change (for action at future meeting) addressing telephonic presence at board meetings; and 2) update on new building.

**Ms. Dee moved approval of the agenda, as published. Ms. Marquez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**D. Approval of Minutes: September 5, 2018, Regular Meeting**

**Mr. Durant moved approval of the September 5 minutes, as submitted. Ms. Dee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

**II. PUBLIC FORUM**

A speaker from the floor, a mother of one of the current students, said she had heard that there was going to be a schedule change beginning in the next semester, and asked if this was true. Ms. Myhre clarified that there were no plans for a schedule change for next semester.

**III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Introduction of New Board Member Amy Roble**

Dr. Hunemuller introduced Ms. Roble, who is Principal at Albuquerque Charter Academy.

Ms. Roble described her background, which included being a middle school special Education director; being on the staff at Albuquerque Charter Vocational; being Assistant Principal and then Principal at a school in Rio Rancho for nine years; and then moving on to Albuquerque Charter Academy, where she is in her seventh year.

**B. Principal's Report**

- **National Association of Charter Schools/APS Charter Schools Committee**

Ms. Myhre reported that Joe Escobedo and a charter school design team of 6-8 charter school leaders (including herself) are working on creating a more robust academic performance framework with help from NACSA. The group has wide representation of charter schools in the area, and work has lately been focused on identifying additional academic measures. She commented that it is a lot of work, but it is also fun and very worthwhile. She said she thought this effort would ultimately give everybody a better idea of the impact charter schools truly make on students.

Ms. Roble stated that PED will be shortly releasing a draft school grades report card that will have different point allocations and categories attached to it. One new category will include English Language Learners and the progress that they are making toward becoming proficient in five years. The draft will show what each school's grade would be in the new version; and then next year, this version will replace the earlier version of the school grades report card.

➤ **School Event Update: Open House, PSAT/Senior Workshops, Senior Sunrise, Fall Dance, SBA Science Makeups, etc.**

Ms. Myhre reported that the Open House for current parents was very successful, with very positive feedback.

Ms. Myhre said the PSAT was given to all of the sophomores and many juniors this year. This is still a paper-and-pencil test; and because there is not enough space to have classes when this happens, DATA made this a senior seminar day with six different seminars of 40 minutes each. Representatives from UNM, NMSU and New Mexico Tech were present; and topics included information on financial aid and how to write a college essay.

Ms. Myhre said Senior Sunrise, held early in September, included breakfast and a release of balloons. Turnout was very good.

Ms. Myhre said the Fall Dance was held on October 20 in the main hall. On the same day, the drama students built a haunted house in one of the courtyards. She said it was well attended.

Ms. Myhre stated that the science makeup for the SBA is scheduled for this Friday, with about 30 seniors scheduled to retake the test. Review sessions began last week and are continuing this week.

Ms. Myhre reported that DATA is collecting food for its needy families this year for Thanksgiving.

**C. Monthly Report**

➤ **Inspection of Public Records Act**

Ms. Quisenberry stated that IPRA is intended to provide the public with access to most public records, and a copy of DATA's new policy regarding the Act has been posted near the school entrance. She noted that the statute allows entities to charge reasonable fees for providing the records. She stated that Dr. Hunemuller has designated her as Custodian of Public Records, which would require board approval.

**Ms. Dee moved to authorize Dr. Hunemuller to designate the Custodian of Public Records. Ms. Roble seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

➤ **Annual Audit**

Dr. Hunemuller reported that the audit has been completed, but the Office of the State Auditor has not yet approved it for release.

➤ **Legislative Update**

Dr. Hunemuller provided a legislative update.

Mr. Vigil noted that the state has received a \$2 billion windfall this year, and the Legislative Finance Committee is projecting another \$2 billion next fiscal year. Although it is expected that some of these monies could be used for teacher raises and other educational needs, there are plans afoot to pour money into needed infrastructure improvements.

➤ **Annual Site Visit**

Dr. Hunemuller reviewed highlights from the report that DATA received this fall on last spring's site visit.

Dr. Hunemuller noted that page 6 of the report reflects comments by teachers stating that DATA needs support from a counselor and social worker, and that eight students were hospitalized for attempted suicide during the school year. She said a social

worker from CES is on contract with DATA at a cost of \$60,000 a year for three days a week.

#### **D. Financial Report**

##### **➤ Regular Financial Overview & BARs**

Mr. Vigil reviewed the monthly cash balance summary for the last four months through November, check register reports, and financials.

Mr. Vigil requested approvals for five BARs.

**Ms. Dee so moved. Mr. Durant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

Mr. Vigil noted that the monthly activity reports now include every purchase made by Lynette Quintana, who uses her credit card for certain purchases, i.e., businesses that do not accept purchase orders or businesses where DATA is not one of their accounts.

##### **➤ Requests for Reimbursement (RFRs)**

There were none.

##### **➤ Restated and Amended Joint Powers Agreement to Establish an Educational Cooperative**

Mr. Vigil stated that CES was unable to locate its joint powers agreement with DATA and is requesting that DATA approve a new CES agreement for their records.

**Ms. Marquez so moved. Ms. Dee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Hunemuller reported that the upcoming mill election would include a 15 percent set-aside for charter schools (\$106 million), of which DATA is requesting \$10 million. No charter schools are yet on the list; and at a meeting she had yesterday with Kizito Wijenje and Karen Alarid, she stressed to them the need for a new roof on the current building, which has an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Mr. Vigil stated that, if the election is successful, state law requires that each charter school receive its proportionate share of HB 33 and SB 9 monies; so DATA will not receive the requested \$10 million.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

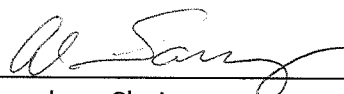
**VI. NEXT MEETING DATE**

A. December 12, 2018, at 10:15 a.m.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Accepted by:

  
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Al Sanchez, Chair