

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
DIGITAL ARTS & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

July 11, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the DATA Governing Council was called to order on this date at 10:15 a.m. in the DATA Auditorium, 1011 Lamberton 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

Council Members Excused:

Ms. Amy Roble

Staff/Faculty Present:

Ms. Lisa Myhre, Principal

Ms. Kris Quisenberry, Human Resources Coordinator

Ms. Lynette Quintana, Assistant Business Manager

Others Present:

Mr. Michael Vigil, The Vigil Group

Mr. Andy Sanchez, Legal Counsel

C. Adoption of Agenda

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

D. Approval of Minutes: May 29, 2019 Regular Meeting

Ms. Dee moved approval of the May 29 meeting, as submitted. Mr. Durant seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers from the floor.

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion on Building, Options & Direction

Ms. Myhre stated that she and Dr. Hunemuller feel it would make the most sense to stay in the DATA building for now and remodel it, perhaps not permanently, but at least looking ahead to the next three to five years.

Ms. Myhre commented that they have a solid plan for the middle school, which DATA received approval for in 2016, and which they plan to open in the fall of 2020 to accommodate 40 to 50 students.

Ms. Myhre said they have pled their case to APS that they should not be paying \$250,000 in rent, and she personally feels DATA should add utilities to that, as it is taking a lot of program money away from the students. There is not another APS publicly owned building where the school is paying APS to live in their building, so she feels DATA has a good case for that based on the contractual agreement it has with APS.

Ms. Myhre said APS has the plans for the other new building on 2nd and Menaul. While that has been approved, APS has not supplied any information on what timeframe it is looking at or a date for a bond election. In the last bond proposal, DATA would have received \$4 million to set aside over a period of four years. DATA was already approved for \$3+ million in the last bond election, so that money has been sitting there for the "new building."

Ms. Myhre noted that HB33 monies, which are being withheld from DATA, can be used for renovation. She estimated that it would cost about \$100,000 to renovate a

couple of rooms towards the back of the building that would create a state-of-the-art space for the incoming middle school students.

Mr. Vigil noted that APS is using HB33 monies to plug the gap in the election it just lost. He said he could look up the APS cash report to see if those monies are still available.

Legal counsel Andy Sanchez recommended that this item be deferred and continued in executive session.

B. Financial Report

➤ **New Grant Counselor Position for 2019-20**

Ms. Myhre stated that DATA has applied for a \$45,000 grant in order to hire a part time counselor. The funding for this Title I CSI grant has not yet been approved.

➤ **Regular Financial Overview & BARs**

Ms. Myhre referred a letter of intent form in the packet, stating that DATA intends to apply for \$144,000 in sub grant funds under the New Mexico Charter Schools program for the purpose of increasing the grade levels it serves, and confirming that DATA meets eligibility criteria. There is a three-phase application process. She said the amount is based on \$1,200 per middle school student, for a total of 120 students over a period of three to four years.

One requirement is that the board approve DATA's intent to apply for funds, so Ms. Myhre asked for approval of the letter of intent, as discussed.

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

Mr. Vigil reviewed the monthly cash balance summary, check register reports, and financials for June. He requested approval of BARs.

Mr. Durant moved for approval of the BARs, as listed. Ms. Dee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

➤ **Requests for Reimbursement (RFRs)**

Mr. Vigil reviewed RFRs as listed in the check register report.

III. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. September 11, 2019, at 10:15 a.m.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:00 a.m.

A. **To discuss the following, as permitted by the Open Meetings Act: limited personnel matters regarding an Administrator and legal counsel (section 10-15-1(H)(2,7)).**

Mr. Durant moved to go into executive session to discuss limited personnel matters regarding an Administrator and legal counsel, as permitted by the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Dee seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous roll call vote, as follows:

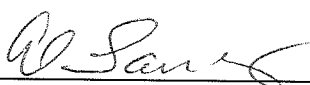
For: Mr. Sanchez, Ms. Dee, Mr. Durant, Ms. Marquez.

The Governing Council was in executive session until 12:00 p.m. Chairman Sanchez stated that the only matters discussed in executive session were those stated on the agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Accepted by:



Al Sanchez, Chair