



LAS MONTAÑAS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING for April 29, 2024

Topic: April GC Budget Meeting
Time: April 29, 2024 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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1405 S. Solano, Las Cruces, NM 88001

Meeting Minutes April 29, 2024

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by LMCHS Director Mr. Caz Matinez.
 - **Members in attendance:** Patricia Gonzales President, Mike Davis Vice President, Kevin Freitas Secretary, Diane Montoya, Jaime Quezada
 - **Members Absent:** None
 - **Others in Attendance:** Caz Martinez (Superintendent), Gabe Estrada (Asst. Principal) Amy Trevizo (Attendance Coach) Priscilla Cabral (SBO), Matt Sandoval (Teacher)
- **Roll Call**
Call order by Mr. Martinez
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Martinez

II. Approval of Agenda (Exhibit "A")

- No previous meeting minutes on agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented:

1st: Jaime Quezada

2nd: Kevin Freitas

Rollcall Taken: **Passed unanimously.**

III. **Open Forum**

Public comments and observations regarding education policy and governance issues, as well as the strategic plan for education, are heard at this time. There is a three-minute time limit per presenter. People from the same group and having similar viewpoints are asked to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Multiple and repetitious presentations of the same view will be discouraged and may be ruled out of order by the LMCHS Governance Council President.

- No one outside of the school was present.

IV. **Discussion and/or Action: Fiscal (“Exhibit B”).**

- **2024/2025 School Year Budget**
 - Mrs. Cabral presented the 2024/2025 school budget: 910 B5 was presented, shows programs units that are generated based on the average of 80th and 120th day. Total SEG guaranteed is \$2,268,518.00.
 - Proposed calendars were presented by Mr. Martinez. 156 calendar is a 4 day/week calendar, it will be used if approved by NMPED. This calendar will be allowed by meeting testing benchmarks, the second way this will be approved is by the superintendent’s lawsuit against NMPED. This calendar meets all requirements for instructional days and hours as well as professional development days and hours, remote hours (up to 32 hours). Total instructional hours are 1166 hours the minimum is 1140. Teacher Professional development will begin July 16th and instructional days beginning July 22. This aligns with LCPS calendar as well. The second calendar is a 5-day week calendar. This reflects some flexibility in the rule and charter law that will be taken advantage of to keep the integrity of the 4-day week and instructional hours. The template does not consider some of the waivers and flexibility afforded to LMCHS by either law or rule. The fifth day in the week will be a one-hour instructional day that will be done remotely. This calendar is 1164 instructional hours and 185 instructional days. The template shows 157 days, that is because it does not recognize those Friday remote days. Lunch hours will be kept the same and off campus passes will be restricted.
 - Salary Schedules: The Legislative session mandated a 3% raise across the board. A total of 23 employees will be receiving that 3% raise. This does not take into account the increase for benefits.
 - A bird eye view was created based on the total of the 910 B5 preliminary allocation. Once membership reports are received for the incoming year there will be an increase or decrease based on membership. Salaries and benefits are coming in at 1.3 million. This reflects the 3% increase along with benefits calculated at 15% estimated increase. Mrs. Cabral discussed each item breakdown for operational cost. Anything that is received from grants or federal funds will be budgeted separately. Mrs. Cabral will present the budget once it is fully approved.

- FY25 Budget approval form will need to be signed by all board members.

Motion to approve Action Item 24-25 budget:

1st: Mike Davis

2nd: Jaime Quezada

Motion to approved

V. Superintendent's report Action Item

- Superintendent's Association of New Mexico Lawsuit:
 - 60 plus school districts, 10-20 charter schools are involved in a lawsuit against NMPED for 180 Day calendar rule. Mr. Martinez explained the lawsuit and what it means for LMCHS to be part of the lawsuit.

Motion to approve Action Item Superintendent's Association of New Mexico Lawsuit:

1st: Mike Davis

2nd: Kevin Freitas

Motion to approved

VI. Adjourn

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Motion to adjourn at 10:35am

1st: Mike Davis

2nd: Jaime Quezada

Rollcall Taken: **Passed unanimously.**