

REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2008
5:00 p.m.
Datil School Library

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President Mike Candelaria.
Members Present	Mike Candelaria – President Denny Carver – Vice President Elena Farr – Secretary Polly Pierson - Member Gary Roberts – Member
Members Absent	None
Administration Present	Superintendent Bill Green, Principal Valerie Brea and Business Manager Sandra Heinsohn were present.
Recognition of Visitors	Mr. Preston was present for a portion of the meeting.
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Polly Pierson and seconded by Gary Roberts to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2008 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
Approval of Minutes	Motion by Gary Roberts and seconded by Polly Pierson to approve the minutes of the January 24 th and September 27 th Special Board Meetings. Motion carried 5-0.
Approval of Agenda	Mr Green asked to add under discussion item #10 - Principals TV Show. Motion by Polly Pierson and seconded by Elena Farr to approve the agenda with the addition of #10 – Principal’s TV Show under the discussion items. Motion carried 5-0.
Audience Input	There was no audience input at this meeting.
Education Report	<p>Mr. Preston gave the education report. His report focused on the EPPS. Our plan was due the 15th of November. It was sent in on Nov. 5th. The plan had to be modified per PED. The biggest change is that each school must have their own EPPS. However, other changes include the requirement to address all areas in which we are being tested, attendance, graduation, etc. There are more goals to meet this year. The state expects that all students should be able to earn a C or better by 2012. Once again, language, special ed and other issues are being ignored within this goal. Mr. Preston stated that the district and school level EPPS are on the website.</p> <p>When asked if the EPPS serves any other purpose Mr. Preston stated that the EPPS helps provide focus for teachers each year. They have to review the data, etc. if it isn’t forgotten it is helpful. Teachers are observing one another and hoping to strengthen the teaching skills of everyone.</p> <p>The board asked about the test prep classes and whether teachers are seeing gains. Mr. Preston is seeing some improvement in the students in his class. He cannot speak specifically for others but he thinks it is helping all of the students. The teachers are trying to find a way to make the students understand the importance of these tests. They would like to look at promotion/retention policies so students don’t go on to a higher grade if they aren’t capable of meeting the grade level competencies. He would like the board to consider the policies. Mr. Preston has been finding that students may do okay with daily work and then have a problem taking a test. No student should get an A in test prep if they aren’t proficient.</p> <p>The board thanked Mr. Preston for his report.</p>

Administrative Report Mrs. Brea reported for the Quemado Schools. The Career Fair was a real success. There were a lot of students. Those who came for presentations had good audiences. There was a good offering of colleges, etc. The Veterans Day program was once again a big hit. This is great for the community. The Drama play is the December 10th at 5:30. This will be the Christmas Program and include the elementary. Santa's workshop will be December 15th and 16th.

Mrs. Brea also reported on other things going on at Quemado. Laura Larisch is working on an educational leadership masters so she is doing an internship with Mrs. Brea. We are in consortium with some REC schools and Magdalena is providing training. SEDL will be visiting tomorrow to help teachers integrate technology. The Video training will be on Friday. The grant bought I Pods for the teachers to listen to books and share what they learn. The classroom sets are here as well. MAP assessments will begin in high school on December 8th, elementary on the 1st. Mrs. Brea explained why we must raise the expectations for MAPS. She provided charts for the Board to see what the national norms are for students in subject areas at each grade level. The second chart provided scores that show what is needed to be proficient in NM when standard based tests are taken. The board asked that we provide a comparison for the last 3 tests.

Mrs. Bassett left a report for Mr. Green. The Datil count is 26 as of today. Jacquie has 10, Mona has 8 and Cindy has 8. The booster club turkey bingo is Friday, November 21 at 5:30 in the gym. Bus drivers have been informed of the bus in-services. The Christmas program is Wednesday, 12-17; there will be a turkey/beef dinner and it will be served from 5-6:30 p.m. The county spelling bee will be held on January 20. Quemado and Reserve have been notified.

Superintendent's Report Mr. Green had many things to report on. He handed out a paper that has information that will be given at the small schools meeting on Nov. 24th. The meeting is to discuss the new funding formula. Mr. Green explained that the small schools are in a different situation than others. He thinks that the small schools are going to begin hearing more about consolidation. This would be at schools that are close to one another. This is a problem for small towns because losing a school would hurt the towns. Mr. Green felt like the career fair was a resounding success. He does, however, think that we should do it just every other year so students don't become bored. This legislative session we will need to focus on CRECs and the funding formula. J & G Electric came by and looked at the fire marshal's concerns. They did a detailed map and we will be getting an estimate in about two weeks. As for the teacherage, Mr. Candelaria thinks we can still get a way to get a well drilled. We are not giving up yet. Mr. Green will meet Mr. Johnston and see what ideas he would have for improvements. He will also look at getting electricity and propane tanks for each apartment. Mr. Green stated that this is the second week that there are only 2 students ineligible for sports. These students are not in extra-curricular activities. Something has the student trying a little harder. The board thanked Mr. Green for his report.

Approval of Bills Sandra asked that the feeder routes be added as well. Motion by Polly Pierson and seconded by Elena Farr to approve the bills with the feeder routes. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Items
Budget Adjustments

There were no transfers at this meeting.

An increase for the SBHC in the amount of \$60,000 was presented. Motion by Polly Pierson and seconded by Denny Carver to approve the increase. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no decreases presented at this meeting.

Approval of Feeder Routes Feeder routes were presented for the Hooper and Beauchamp families. Motion by Polly Pierson and seconded by Denny Carver to approve the feeder routes. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Section 5 Policy Changes This is the second reading for Section 5. There was a review of any interested parties. Motion by Denny Carver and seconded by Polly Pierson to approve the Section 5 Policy changes. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of School Board Election Charles Casey provided the resolution for the election. Motion by Polly Pierson and seconded by Gary Roberts to approve the resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion Items Attendance Policy Mr. Green discussed the meeting Quemado and Reserve had with the DA. Parents can have charges filed against them for educational neglect when a student misses too much school. The letter from the DA's office will be sent out with the attendance letters that we send to parents. Mrs. Brea added that if a student has excessive absences, she makes them bring a note from parents.

Testing Status This item was reported on and discussed earlier in the meeting.

Datil Teacherage Mr. Green reported on this item.

December Annual Convention At this time Mike Candelaria, Polly Pierson and Bill Green plan to attend the December Annual Convention. It is possible to get all required training points at this meeting.

December Items The first reading of Board Policy Section 6 will be included on the December Agenda.

Principal's Office TV Show Mrs. Brea was nominated to appear on the Principal's Office TV Show. She does not know if she will be able to accept or if it is too late now. The board did not see any problem in allowing her participation.

Executive Session Polly Pierson made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 10-15-1 H-2 NMSA 1978 as amended. Elena Farr seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 with all members voting yes. The Executive Session began at 6:35 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:43 p.m. Mr. Candelaria verified that only personnel was discussed during the session.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Approved:

Board President

Board Secretary