

# Roots & Wings

## Community School



Governing Council Regular Meeting  
In-Person or virtually on Google Meets.  
35 La Lama Rd, Questa, NM 87556

## Approved Minutes

5:30 pm, Jan 17, 2023

In-Person at school or via  
Google Meeting [Link](#)

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The RWCS GC may take any agenda item out of order to better facilitate the business at hand.

### I. Opening Business

A. Call to Order: 5:36 PM

B. Roll Call: **GB Members:** Aline Robertson - here, Scotney Blackburn - here, Robin Mayo - here, Erica Lannon - here, Elisabeth Anderson - here. We have a quorum.

**Others in Attendance:** Jon Oris and Sarah Pina

**Members of the Public:** Jeff Rogers, Andrea Griffin

C. Reading of Mission Statement:

Our mission is to inspire our students to academic & personal excellence. Our innovative learning community creates classroom, farm & wilderness adventure– Engaging the head, hands & heart – Enabling students to achieve more than they think possible & to take an active role in our ever-changing world!

D. Approve, Amend or Denial of Current Meeting Agenda: Erica Lannon moves to approve the agenda with the exception of tabling item III.D. PCSNM Conference Report. Scotney seconds. Roll call vote: Aline Robertson - yes, Scotney Blackburn - yes, Robin Mayo - yes, Erica Lannon - yes, Elisabeth Anderson -yes. Motion carried.

E. Approve, Amend or Denial of Prior Meeting Minutes: Erica Lannon moves to approve the minutes as presented. Scotney seconds. Roll call vote: Aline Robertson - yes, Scotney Blackburn - yes, Robin Mayo - yes, Erica Lannon - yes, Elisabeth Anderson -yes. Motion carried.

F. Mission Moment: (Jon)

II. **Public Comment:** *(max time of 3 minutes/person or 15 minutes)* If more time is needed, the GC suggests a letter/email be written & made available to all GC members, preferably 3 days before the meeting. The GC shall not respond to public

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comments presented at this time, but will take all comments under advisement.

Jeff Rogers presentation for Big Brothers Big Sisters

### III. Informational/Discussion Items

- A. Directors Report: (Jon) PCSNM - more opportunities for completing training requirements. Changes may be coming from the next legislative session that could affect the amount of hours required for school. This could hinder our ability to use the blue bus as it would extend the school day.
- B. Facilities Report: (Erica) Committee turned in all of the paperwork required for approval. Paperwork was approved but funds have not been approved. We are waiting on a response from PED on the approval of using the funds for a down payment of the purchase. New appropriations have been applied for and we will be waiting to hear back after the legislative session. Capital Outlay from the original appropriation can be extended by asking for a reauthorization from the department of education and we can go back to the drawing board as an alternative solution. Portable Project - one of the land-use permits requires public input, a couple of neighbors are unhappy with the project and felt blindsided.
- C. Finance Committee Report (Aline): Make sure that everyone checks November and December payroll vouchers.
- D. PCSNM Conference Report (Erica)

### IV. Action Items

- 1. Discussion and possible action on new board members: Andrea Griffin has displayed interest in serving on the board. She has 2 children at RWCS. Discussion of requirements, time commitments, trainings, etc. Andrea will review the packet for new members and follow up with a decision.
- 2. Budget Adjustment Requests (Sarah) - 570-000-223-0014-IB adjustment for fund 27414 - pediatric autism for \$1612 to go toward the purchase of items that will support children in the classroom with Autism. Erica Lannon makes a motion to move the bars as presented. Scotney Blackburn seconds. Roll call vote: Aline Robertson - yes, Scotney Blackburn - yes, Robin Mayo - yes, Erica Lannon - yes, Elisabeth Anderson -yes. Motion Carries.
- 3. Approval of Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers - November Payroll 2022 - \$60,414.02 Accounts payable Nov 2022 - \$28,915.88 Dec 2022 Payroll vouchers \$56,509.83 Dec 2022 Accounts Payable \$40442.71 Erica Lannon moves to approve the November and December 2022 Accounts Payable and Payroll vouchers. Scotney Blackburn seconds. Roll call vote: Aline Robertson - yes, Scotney Blackburn - yes, Robin Mayo - yes, Erica Lannon - yes, Elisabeth Anderson -yes. Motion carries.

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4. Discussion and possible action on Kiva Policy - Ceremony for Taos Pueblo Child to transition into manhood. Indian education director has guided Jon Orris on how to handle enrollment etc. Taos Charter created the Kiva Policy and shared it for RWCS to implement. Student will be gone for 6 months and come back in the same grade that he was in before and will move him back up to the grade he is supposed to be in. Aline makes a motion to approve the Kiva Policy with formatting changes and fixing a couple of typos. Scotney seconds. Roll call vote: Aline Robertson - yes, Scotney Blackburn - yes, Robin Mayo - yes, Erica Lannon - yes, Elisabeth Anderson -yes. Motion carries.

### V. Board Development

- A. Google drive updates from the last meeting: Please just review and do not edit. Assign specific people to manage the drive. Scotney, Erica and Jon will be able to make changes in the drive. Scotney and Erica will work together on those specific changes and create a protocol document for formatting. Will make a plan and revisit.
- B. Training course updates: Change of membership with Missy. New training opportunities.

### VI. Closed Session - *Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss the purchase of real property.*

- A. Vote to go into Closed Session: Aline moves that we go into closed session to discuss *NM Statute Section 10-15-1 H(2) limited personnel matters and Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss the purchase of real property.* Erica seconds. Roll call vote: Aline Robertson - yes, Scotney Blackburn - yes, Robin Mayo - yes, Erica Lannon - yes, Elisabeth Anderson -yes. Motion Carries.
- B. Following Closed Session the Council will return to Open Session and may take action.

### VII. Closed Session - *Closed Session Pursuant to NM Statute Section 10-15-1 H(2) limited personnel matters*

- A. Vote to go into Closed Session:
- B. Following Closed Session the Council will return to Open Session and may take action. No action taken and only the matters listed on the agenda were discussed. The Board came out of closed session at 7:58 PM.

### VIII. Closing Business

- A. Next Meeting: February 21, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
- B. Adjournment: 7:59 PM