

**PPEP TEC HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
PPEP TEC High School Administrative Office
Via Zoom Meeting and Conference Call
1840 E Benson Highway
Tucson, AZ 85714**

**June 24, 2020
6:30 PM**

MINUTES

Notice

A notice of this meeting was posted at the PPEP TEC High School Administration Office, 1840 E. Benson Highway, Tucson, Arizona; the PPEP & Affiliates, Inc. Main Office, 802 E. 46th Street, Tucson, Arizona; the PPEP NFJP / DOL / Behavioral Health Office, 901 E. 46th St. , Tucson, AZ; **June 22, 2020**

In Attendance-Board via Zoom Meeting

Gertha Brown-Hurd, Board President
Dr. Celestino Fernandez, Board Member
Ralph Romero, Board Member
Maria Chavez, Board Member
Dr. Yvonne Perez, Board Member

In Attendance -Administration via Zoom Meeting

Dr. John Arnold, PPEP Inc. CEO
Wayne Tucker, PTHS Superintendent
Eva Ybarra, PTHS Business/Grants Operations
Jeffrey Mace, PTHS Retention Coordinator
Barbara Coronado, PPEP Inc. CFO

In Attendance-Board via Telephone Conference

Hector Sanchez, Board Secretary

Call to Order

Madam President Gertha Brown Herd calls the Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Superintendent Wayne Tucker leads Rollcall via a virtual Zoom meeting and conference call. All board members are present for this meeting and acknowledge their attendance with a response of “here” or “present”.

Old Business

I. Approval of the May 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes– *Action Item*

The motion is made to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020 by board member Ralph Romero and seconded by board member Dr. Yvonne Perez via Zoom Meeting. The vote is unanimous from all members via Zoom Meeting or telephonically including Dr. Celestino Fernandez, Maria Chavez, and Board Secretary, Hector Sanchez. The motion is carried.

New Business

II. Approval of the FY 2021 Proposed Charter School Budget-Action Item

The motion is made by board member Ralph Romero to approve the FY 2021 Proposed Charter Budget and is seconded by Board Secretary Hector Sanchez. The vote is unanimous from all members telephonically and via Zoom Meeting including Board Member. Dr. Celestino Fernandez, Dr. Yvette Perez and board member Maria Chavez. The motion is carried.

Budget analyst Eva Ybarra reviews the proposed budget. She includes an Arizona Department of Education (ADE) mandate that the average teacher salary is public information and can be viewed on the PPEP TEC High School website. The average teacher's pay is provided by Ms. Ybarra therefore confirming the district's obligation to increase the pay of PPEP TEC High School teachers by 20% no later than FY 2021.

This year's instructional budget is lower than last year's budget due to less expenditures in technology; the overall budget did increase due to the final RedforEd pay increase, which was described in the earlier statement by Ms. Ybarra. Grants received a decrease except migrant education, which was increased this year; the FY 2021 proposed budget total is \$6,600,367.

a copy of the proposed FY 2021 budget can be provided upon request

III. PPEP TEC High School Update-

Jeffery Mace PPEP TEC High School Recruitment and Retention Coordinator reviews the current pre-enrollment numbers, which is 608 from the day of the meeting. He states, "There is a reverse mass-exodus of previously enrolled students that want to re-enroll to PPEP TEC High School." There have been some additions to the enrollment process such as creating an online option for students and parents in order to expedite it and allow staff to follow up and assist as soon as the student or parent enters information in the application.

Superintendent Wayne Tucker speaks to the board about the July Governing Board meeting stating that it is a historically short meeting however, the district's plan for re-opening in August will be on the agenda. He reads Governor Doug Ducey's Executive Order stating that there is more flexibility in the models from which to choose therefore giving districts the autonomy to provide meaningful educational experiences in a more tailored fit for PPEP TEC's students. After the PPEP TEC High School Governing Board and then the Arizona Department of Education, (ADE) have approved the proposal, the district can move forward with their plans. Eva Ybarra asks if the funding would be the same if distance learning is implemented 100%, Superintendent Tucker responds, "yes". Some options are full distance

learning, or bringing small groups of students at a time into the classrooms hoping that by the end of the year schools can once again run at full capacity; PPEP TEC High school is looking at several options.

Board Member Ralph Romero asks if the district knows how many students may not have internet capabilities or computers. Superintendent Tucker speculates that 30% of PPEP TEC students do not have freestanding computers however; almost all of the students have smartphones.

The idea is to provide a program that can be utilized with very little screen manipulation like the PLP program to ensure that all of the students participate in meaningful interactions. Using funding from the Cares Act can also give the district an opportunity to set hotspots for wireless internet connection in designated areas like parks; there are additional school districts looking at the same solution. Superintendent Tucker believes that creating an ambient environment for students to take their school issued Chrome Books to an area close to them to complete course work can be a collaboration within the community.

Call to the Public-This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

Adjourn-Board member Ralph Romero adjourns the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM