



6:00 – 6:30 PM, Tuesday October 10, 2023
Esperanza School Meeting Room * 4956 W 3500 S, West Valley City, UT 84120

BOARD MEETING

Commence at 6:17

MINUTES

Call to order: Becky Kemp opened the Esperanza Board meeting at 6:17 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marty Banks, Becky Kemp, Cody Case, Juan Freire, Angela Urrea, Esai Lara

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Eulogio Alejandre (Esperanza Director), Ivonne Medina (Assistant), Brian Cates, Felishia (GUEST), Jesse Hyatt (teacher)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Brian Cates presented the financial report for the month of September 2023.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Review & Approve August 29th, 2023 minutes**
 - a. Marty motions to approve, Angela second, 100% affirmative
2. **Review and approve the 5th grade maturation program**
 - a. Marty motions to approve, Cody second, 100% affirmative
3. **Review and approve LEA Specific License for Francisco Ramirez**
 - a. Marty motions to approve, Juan second, 100% affirmative
4. **Review and approve the Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Grant**
 - a. Esperanza will be hiring a retired Kindergarten teacher as a 1st grade interventionist
 - b. ESL specialist/ interventionist later in the year
 - c. Funds will support Parent Training Committee
 - d. Progress monitoring is used to look for potential support

- e. Angela motions to approve, Marty seconds, 100% affirmative
- 5. Review and approve changes to the Purchasing Policy limit**
 - a. The auditors suggested that the minimum bid requirement be raised to \$5000 to get multiple bids on items above this amount
 - b. Brian will follow up with the state on the official policy
 - c. Motion tabled for next month - November 2023

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Expansion of the 7th grade committee

- a. Jeff Biesinger came via Zoom to provide the board with information about plans for an additional building
 - i. NEXUS is the name of the firm that designed the original building
 - ii. Desert Peak out of Layton
 - iii. JCW is another architectural firm to look at
 - iv. He recommends 2 contractors (Stout and One West)
- b. He suggests that the first step is speaking with a financial advisor
- c. Becky motioned that we set two committees
 - i. Infrastructure / Operations = Marty, Angela, Becky, Eulogio, Homar Gosain
 - ii. Curriculum = Juan, Cody, Rosie, Esai, Ivonne Medina

2. Executive Director / Principal report

- a. Finwise Bank provided books to give to each students and others to be given to the classroom teachers as well as the library
- b. The Utah Governor invited the Esperanza Mariachi to open for Brad Paisley at the Governor's Gala
- c. Enrollment: held at 539 which is just below the 103% state-held threshold
- d. Waitlist - Esperanza gets between 4 and 5 students on average added
- e. Principal's Club for Gifted and talented students: The school holds an afterschool club that focuses on STEAM Activities (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math). The club holds hands on activities and at times take field trips to various locations
- f. Eulogio shared the rating with the board that used to be called the "school grade". Esperanza is currently in the top 50% of the schools.
 - i. Over the history of the school, Esperanza has climbed from below the Utah State average to far above the state averages for Hispanics in reading, mathematics and science
 - ii. Esperanza students are above the national average for Spanish ACTFL
- g. Language Allocation report

- i. Teachers submit the portion of the day that they teach in each language
- ii. Administrators then go to confirm the teacher's plan

Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting November 14th, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30 pm