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**Mission**

RFK Charter School prepares, motivates, and supports students to achieve their college and career goals in partnership with their families and the community.

**Governance Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 18, 2017, 5:30 pm**

**Present**:

Governance Council Members: Margie Lockwood, Ron Burton, Jennifer Cornish, Fernando Ortega, and Tina Garcia

Staff: Robert Baade and Irene Sanchez

Absent: Sister Agnes Kaczmarek and Michelle Felicia Renteria

5:39 Jennifer Cornish moves to approve the agenda, Ron Burton Seconds, unanimously approved.

5:39 Ron Burton moves to approve April 27, 2017 meeting minutes, Fernando Ortega seconds, unanimously approved.

5:41 Announcements

* Graduation Friday, May 26, 2017
* On Saturday morning from 10am-12am, at Casa Barelas (State Hwy 313, Albuquerque, NM 87102)- there will be a fundraiser for a young person who received a fellowship. There will be many different performances.
* Cindy O’Neil has been asked to serve on the state truancy council.
* New Mexico Science Academy- Jennifer would like to nominate George for the outstanding teacher award. It comes from the American Chemical Society.
* June 6th is the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Election support Xavier Baca

5:47 Finance Committee report for April 2017 – discussion

* Revenues – Nothing new or any changes
* Available operating funds are $90,570.29
* RFRs has been submitted thru 4/30/17
* Months of cash on hand is 1.67
* Student enrollment budgeted was 292, the 120 day count is 321, which give us 110% (keeping us in the green)

5:50 Ron Burton moves to approve the cash disbursement for April 2017, Jennifer Cornish seconds, unanimously approved.

5:55 Ron Burton moves to approve BAR # 001-051-16170026-I for $15,000 (McCune Grant – Becoming a Trauma Informed Campus), Tina Garcia seconds, unanimously approved.

6:10 Jennifer Cornish moves to dispose of this group of fixed assets, Ron Burton seconds, unanimously approved.

6:13 Jennifer Cornish moves to transition into a closed session, Ron Burton Seconds, unanimously approved.

Acquisition of property discussion

6:23 Ron Burton moves to approve the Acquisition of property, Jennifer Cornish seconds, unanimously approved

6:24 ED evaluation surveys changes (middle school)

* For the middle school evaluations students and families are not familiar with Robert.
* The Principal at the Middle School is Rodger Cordova, the questions need to be about him. Principal Cordova does the day to day work, so it should reflect him.
* Next year we will create an evaluation specifically for Rodger.

6:33 Additions/changes to GC reporting calendar

* We are now going to include updates on the audit items, so the GC can keep up to date on these issues.

6:36 GC By- Laws, Policies revisions (Attachment- additions & changes in red)

6:45 Ron Burton moves to approve the Governance Board’s Policy Revisions, Jennifer Cornish seconds, unanimously approved

6:52 Ron Burton moves to approve the changes to the Governance Board’s By- Laws, Fernando Ortega seconds, unanimously approved.

6:53 May 30, 2017 PED meeting in Santa Fe

* This meeting is about the possible changes to the GC requirements of charter schools, training requirements would increase from five hours to ten.
* The Charter School coalition has gotten feedback from their members and their concerns. This change would basically be punitive towards charter schools; it’s going to make it difficult for them to recruit members. If they are to increase training hours they need to be relevant, affordable, and readily available.

6:57 Tina Garcia moves to have Margie Lockwood speak on behalf of RFK GC at the PED meeting in Santa Fe, Ron Burton Seconds, unanimously approved.

7:00 Executive Director’s report (Attachment)

7:20 Ron Burton moves to adjourn, Jennifer Cornish seconds.