MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kyle Rhodes, President
Robyn Hoffman, Vice President
Stephanie Thompson, Deputy Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Keith Corley, Secretary
Sherry Galloway, Member

OTHERS MEETING WITH THE BOARD:
Gene Schmidt, Superintendent
Phil Valdez, Deputy Superintendent
Robert Emerson, Executive Director of Technology
Nicole Lambson, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Ted Lasiewicz, Chief of Operations
Chris Pash, Executive Director of Human Resources
Bobbi Newland, Chief Financial Officer
Cindy Lyons, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

WORK SESSION

Piedra Vista High School Clean Energy Commission (PVCEC) members presented their proposal for the installation for wind trees and other renewable energy systems to provide clean energy to Farmington Schools. The Commission plans to work with governmental organizations and their related policies in order to achieve the goal of energy independence. Farmington Municipal Schools is one of the largest consumers of electricity within San Juan County. The Foresight Project was developed with the intent of creating a model of clean energy generation and energy efficiency within schools and would be implemented in phases. Six to eight wind trees would be needed to provide sufficient electricity to power the portable classroom buildings on the PVHS campus. It is hoped a curriculum on clean energy repair and/or installation would also be implemented through an engineering class. Dr. Schmidt stated FMS Chief of Operations Ted Lasiewicz would work with the group. The PVCEC hopes to provide a positive influence and an example to schools and businesses around the state.

District Assessment Coordinator Linda Kerr explained that last spring, the New Mexico Public Education Department sought input regarding assessments and engaged New Mexico communities about desired changes to the assessment system. As a result, the Student Success Task Force was created to reflect on community feedback and to make recommendations to the PED. New Mexico’s Measures of Student Success and Achievement (NM-MSSA) is the new branding for the state’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) required math and language arts assessment for grades 3-8. The assessment is an online assessment, will no longer be identified as a transition assessment and will include custom developed items approved by New Mexico educators. The NM-MSSA replaced the PARCC and NM Transition Assessment in grades 3-8 with assessment dates in April 28-30, 2020. The Scholastic Aptitude Test with Essay (SAT) will be
administered in grade 11 in spring of 2020 as the state’s ESSA required high school assessment of math and language arts and will be administered online. Students in grade 10 will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT 10), which is also an online assessment. New Mexico Assessment of Science Readiness (NM-ASR) will be administered to all students in grades 5, 8, and 11 for the first time in Spring 2020 as the state’s ESSA required science assessment. Dynamic Learning Maps 9 will replace the New Mexico Alternate Performance Assessment (NMAPA) in Spring 2020 for students whose Individualized Education Plan (IEP) teams have determined that the general assessment is not appropriate even with accommodations in place. End-of-Course Exams (EoCs) are no longer required. High School EoCs in Reading, Writing, Math, Science and Social Studies will still be available on an online platform called NMEPIC for optional use by districts as one way for students to demonstrate competency for graduation purposes.

President Rhodes stated he would like to gather ideas from the Board and staff about communication with our community and individual schools. It is felt that there is a good portion of the community that the Board does not engage with enough. He requested ideas from attending staff on how to communicate better. Mr. Rhodes also pointed out that the Board does not want to be involved in the operations of the schools and feels there is a misconception about what the school board does. Deputy Superintendent Valdez suggested the Board publish the Board handbook, even if it is a working copy, for members of the community to review. It was also suggested the Board make small videos explaining what they do and make videos throughout the year on different topics such as the Strategic Plan, legislative session, etc.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER
President Rhodes called the regular Board meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and Mr. Corley led the Pledge of Allegiance and the New Mexico State flag salute.

WELCOME TO GUESTS
Mr. Rhodes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA
Superintendent Schmidt recommended the agenda be adopted as written.

It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Thompson to adopt the agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND PATRONS
Ladera Del Norte Elementary School Principal Phyllis Maestas and staff presented the New Mexico Education Department Certificate of Recognition to Ladera Del Norte Elementary School on their selection as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School and for being an Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing School. The Board of Education presented Principal Maestas and staff with a “Blue Ribbon School” banner.

District Fine Arts Coordinator Daniel Fear introduced and recognized the students from Farmington High School and Piedra Vista High School that placed in music all-state.

FHS Welding Instructor Anna Wilson introduced and recognized the Skills USA students for their community service work and leadership development at Bonita Park in Capitan, NM. The New Mexico CO & LC is designed to engage students in leadership development sessions and model service learning and partnerships in the local community. Over three days, chapter members from across the state assembled to apply their personal, workplace and technical skills through site-based projects and leadership sessions. Culinary, welding, auto and carpentry students were
invited to showcase their talents. Ms. Wilson thanked Mr. Rhodes and PESCO for donating materials to the class for use. Ms. Wilson and students presented the Board with welded ornamental foot scrapers.

Piedra Vista High School Cross Country Coach, Sampson Sage, introduced and recognized the PVHS Cross Country Team and congratulated them on placing third at State. Coach Sage introduced and recognized Tristan Charles for winning the Individual State Championship.

The Farmington High School Orchestra performed in the atrium for those in attendance.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 SY CALENDAR
Executive Director of Human Resources Chris Pash presented the proposed calendar for the 2020-2021 SY. There have not been any edits since the last Board meeting.

Dr. Schmidt recommended the Board approve the proposed calendar for the 2020-2021 SY Calendar as presented.

It was moved by Ms. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to approve the proposed calendar for the 2020-2021 SY Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE TRIP REQUEST FOR DISTRICT ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH ALL-STATE STUDENTS (GRADES 4-9)
Mr. Fear requested permission to take District Elementary and Youth All-State Students (grades 4-9, 78 students) to Las Cruces for the ACDA All-State event, January 29 – February 1, 2020. Students will rehearse and perform a concert with other students selected from throughout the state.

Dr. Schmidt recommended the Board approve the trip request for District Elementary and Youth all-state students (grades 4-9) to Las Cruces January 29 – February 1, 2020 as presented.

It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Thompson, to approve the trip request for District Elementary and Youth all-state students (grades 4-9) to Las Cruces January 29 – February 1, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT, STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS
Superintendent Schmidt reported the New Mexico Public Education Department and the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders have both reached out to FMS to profile 2019 National Blue Ribbon Ladera del Norte Elementary School. Dr. Schmidt attended the New Mexico School Boards Association annual convention where he attended several breakout sessions: (1) newly elected board members; social media; data dashboard; and the board’s role in transforming schools as a result of the Yazzie Martinez lawsuit. Dr. Schmidt stated FMS continues its outreach efforts to building community partnerships by meeting with San Juan County Behavioral Health Director to discuss strategies to partner and support the school district’s behavioral and emotional health providers. FMS is collecting five years of trend data from K-3 istations test results for reading in an effort to better understand student growth and demonstrations of proficiency in reading.

Deputy Superintendent Phil Valdez provided the Board with a list of FMS schools who have achieved Level I High Reliability Schools (HRS) Certification along with a schedule their Level II certification. Staff is working to provide additional support to prepare San Juan College High School for their Level I certification. Mr. Valdez also provided the Board with an HRS Rubric example of Animas Elementary illustrating a snapshot of where the schools are in their certification. Mr. Valdez announced that Assistant FHS Principal Seth Martinez has been selected as the new Principal for San Juan College High School. Mr. Martinez will begin working at SJCHS
one day per week in February to begin the transition. Current Principal Mr. Lorrett will be retiring. Mr. Valdez provided data on disciplinary hearings from SY15/16 to SY19/20. The District’s goal was to reduce the number of hearings (108 in 15/16; 7 in 19/20) which has been accomplished by having the student and parents meet with the Principal with intervention before referring to the hearing officer. Hearings are now completed by an internal hearing officer. Typically, students whose disciplinary actions are handled in this matter do not re-offend.

Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Nicole Lambson commended her staff and others for producing mini-videos that provide training on many practices, i.e. how to read an IEP, SPED, Interventions, etc. Newly hired staff can watch the training videos at their leisure saving time for staff to do other training. The videos will be available on the website for new teachers to view. Ms. Lambson stated staff is now using Google Hang Out for training purposes as well, which alleviates the need to travel. Ms. Lambson reported she is working through Kim Johnson to do a data dive for students entering school to be clear what level of understanding the students have in order to close those gaps.

Chief of Operations Ted Lasiewicz reported the District has been working to replace the scoreboard at Hutchinson Stadium. The new scoreboard will also have video capabilities and should provide for generation of revenue as promotional advertising (still and video) can be displayed as well. The scoreboard includes a curriculum so students can learn how to make videos and stream them. Mr. Lasiewicz stated the District has been notified that FMS Transportation Director Billy Huish has been recommended to serve as a delegate at the National Congress on School Transportation (NCST). Mr. Huish will be one of the representatives for the State of New Mexico to revise and update the National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures.

Ms. Thompson reported she attended the New Mexico School Boards Association Annual Convention, participating in the four-hour new board member training, swearing in ceremony and several breakout sessions. Ms. Thompson recommended the breakout sessions, “Rookie Mistakes” and “Understanding Ethics and Transparencies” as sources to be accessed from the District website for public education on what the board does.

Ms. Hoffman reported she participated in the Strategic Plan Goal 3 meeting working on the 90-Day Plan. Ms. Hoffman stated in the 2019-2020 school year, despite an overall increase in public school allocations, school districts saw a significant decrease in arts education funding due to an unintended consequence of HB 188 from the 2018 Legislative Session. HB188 changed the funding formula for the Fine Arts Education Act (FAEA), which helps fund fine arts programs in the State’s elementary schools. Bilingual education also suffered similar losses due to the formula change. Ms. Hoffman recommended the Board include this request for support in their Legislative visits in January. Ms. Hoffman presented the NMSBA’s legislative priorities focused on providing the best education possible for students, increasing achievement and implementing quality learning programs and best practices. Ms. Hoffman announced that four FMS teachers have completed their National Board Certified.

CONSENT AGENDA
Dr. Schmidt recommended the Board approve Items 8a through 8d on the consent agenda.

   It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Thompson, to approve Items 8a through 8d on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES
Chief Financial Officer Bobbi Newland presented a review of the preliminary budget. The preliminary 80th day report shows 11,027 students enrolled. The District is in the second year of the Teacher Cost Index (TCI) phase-in to replace Teacher and Expense (T&E) in the funding formula. The TCI and T&E will be calculated at 50% each weighted average of the 20/21 budget. The staffing cost multiplier decreased from 1.079 for SY19/20 to 1.069 for SY20/21, with this decrease in the staffing cost multiplier FMS could see another decrease in funding. Ms. Newland reviewed the preliminary budget calendar. New Mexico budget projections for FY20/21 are: the overall state revenue is projected to grow by 1.4% from 2020 to 2021; revenues estimate have been reduced by $109 million for 2021 and $319 million for 2022; estimated $797 million new money available in 2021, and oil and gas revenues directly contribute more than 25% of the total state budget.


CONSIDERATION TO AWARD FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RFP #2020-02
Chief of Operations Ted Lasiewicz stated there was only one respondent to the Request for Proposal #2020-02; FBT Architects. RFP #2020-02 is for design services to incorporate security improvements at Country Club Elementary and McKinley Elementary. Mr. Rhodes stated the Finance Committee met, reviewed the response and concurs with the staff’s recommendation to award to FBT Architects.

Dr. Schmidt recommended the Board award the design professional services RFP #2020-02 to FBT Architects for the design of the security improvement upgrades at Country Club Elementary and McKinley Elementary as presented.

   It was moved by Ms. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Hoffman, to award the design professional services RFP #2020-02 to FBT Architects for the design of the security improvement upgrades at Country Club Elementary and McKinley Elementary as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO CANCEL THE JANUARY 23, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DUE TO CONFLICT WITH THE NMSBA BOARD MEMBER INSTITUTE IN SANTA FE
Mr. Rhodes stated the New Mexico School Boards Association Member Institute Conference in Santa Fe conflicts with the January 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting and it is recommended the regular board meeting be cancelled.

Dr. Schmidt recommended the Board cancel the January 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

   It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Thompson, to cancel the January 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD ORIENTATION DISCUSSION
Mr. Rhodes led a discussion on the format and topics for a Board Orientation for new Board Members to take place in early 2020. Topics included were Board Bylaws, Board Code of Ethics, the Role of the Board, Board Protocol, Strategic Plan, High Reliability Schools Methodology, Board Image. It was decided to place this item on the January 9th Board Work Session for topic review and possible presenters.
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Thompson, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Attest ______________________  Signed ______________________
    Keith Corley, Secretary               Kyle Rhodes, President

Approved: January 9, 2020