

Minutes of the Interim Governance Council  
Anthony Charter School  
August 25, 2008

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Attendees: Members: Larry Salazar, Emilia O'Neill, Paul Martinez, Olga Alvara, Victor Cabrera, John Martinez. Absent: Pat Banegas (excused). Others: Arlene Trujillo, Robert Baade, Luis Aguilera and Jerry Ortiz y Pino.

Agenda was to include election of officers and decisions about stimulus grant budget. Addition to the agenda at suggestion of Emilia O'Neill: discussion of the school's mission and objectives.

John noted that although Pat Banegas was unable to attend tonight, he had indicated an interest in being considered for President of the Board. He also had suggested a future joint meeting between the Governance Board and the Economic Development board that he chairs. This was received positively by the Board with the idea that possibly in October or even September such a joint meeting might be arranged.

Luis said he hoped to be able to serve as a member of an advisory group to the Governance Board. He added that he was interested in seeing the school develop programming at multiple sites throughout the district to make its services accessible to more young people. He also said he'd like to see Manuel Giron, the teacher from Deming Cesar Chavez Charter School who'd testified at the Gadsden Board meeting the night the charter was granted, invited to meet with the Governance Board, both to be recognized for his help and to share as a resource person with the board his powerful testimony about how valuable charter education can be for academically marginal students. John moved and Victor seconded, that Manny Giron be invited to the Board's strategic planning meeting whenever that takes place.

Action items:

- 1) Election of officers: John Martinez nominated Pat Banegas for President. It was seconded by Larry Salazar. No one else was nominated and Pablo moved that Pat be elected by acclamation. Larry then nominated Pablo for Secretary and Olga Alvara seconded his nomination. Again no other name was put forth and Victor moved that Pablo's election to the position be done by acclamation, which was approved unanimously. In Pat's absence, Pablo chaired the remainder of the meeting.
- 2) Bylaws committee: Olga, Pablo and Larry volunteered to serve on a bylaws committee to come up with bylaws for the Governance Board. Jerry will forward them a copy of the bylaws being considered by the Deming Charter school governing board to use as a starting point. The committee will meet an hour
- 3) Federal Stimulus grant budget recommendations: Robert Baade provided a capsule overview of what would be allowable expenditures under the Federal

Stimulus Grant. He suggested the following, which were amended slightly in board discussion to this form:

Contract services:	\$89,000	
Employee contracts:	50,000	
Equipment (over \$5,000)	25,000	
Expendables	65,000	
Lease	30,000	
Telephones	25,000	
Technology	60,000	
Implementation	160,000	
Travel	25,000	
Furniture	96,000	
Total requested:		\$625,000

John moved adoption of this budget and that it be submitted with a proposal prior to the next regular board meeting but that the members all receive a copy electronically when it is submitted. Emilia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Included in the implementation section of the budget is money for board travel to several key meetings: the State Charter School Conference in Albuquerque, November 6 and 7; the Coalition Board Training Workshop in Albuquerque in December; the National Charter School conference in Washington next June.

Next meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Water District Offices in Anthony.