

San Marcos Board Mtg. Minutes for: July 19, 2018

Members of the Board present: were Susan Macdonell, Walter Wait, Isolde Wait, Helen Boyce, Leslie Hancock, Donna Herring, Ken Graeb and Sherry Graeb

Members of the Board not present: Gail Buono, Nai Smith, Rich Headley, Valerie Nye, and Joel Yelich.

Non Board members present: Gail Karr

Guests: Jonelle Maison and Laird Razor

Susan Macdonell (Pres.) presided and called the meeting to order @ 6:20 p.m. Ken Graeb seconded the motion.

Leslie reported that activity is low & that "all is well with the web"

Sherry Graeb passed out the June Meeting Minutes which were approved (show of hands)

Treasurers report was e-mailed to us: New Balance: \$7242.42

The Cerrillos Senior Center did not break ground this spring as scheduled because it was over budget. Ken Graeb was tasked with contacting the County Commissioner to find out how much over budget the Senior Center is. He will report back re: his findings at the Sept. meeting. Ken will also inquire into the possibility of widening County Road 42 (due to safety issues) to accommodate bicycles and will report back at the Sept. mtg. on that issue as well.

Walter Wait distributed a list of questions for our guest Jonelle Maison to address. The questions (are listed below in **Black**) and a short version of Jonelle Maisons answers are listed in **Red**.

1. What is a State Charter School? Must be chartered & must have an authorizer. **You could convert from traditional school to a charter school. Turq. Trail is the only one left out of (5) that did so.**
2. How does it differ from a Public School
3. What is the process for a school to become a State Charter School". **Must apply and there must be a Board of Finance.**
4. How are admissions handled **Preferences: Sibling, 1st come 1st served, or Lotto**
5. Can State Charter Schools insure that potential students from a "core" area gain admission? **No**
6. Who oversee's charter schools **Local School District**
7. Where does funding originate **80% of \$ calculated for them**
8. Why do Public School District Administrators appear to resent State

Charter Schools **Don't think they do**

9. Does Charter School funding come out of Public School budgets?
No, they submit budget through school district. School Dist. can approve or Say NO. State Charter Direct to PED (State can change budget)
10. Is funding for charter schools on par with similar public schools overseen by a school board?
Yes, they usually get more because of small school adjustment (they get money in 12 mo. allotments)
11. Where does a charter school go to request capital funding for buildings and maintenance?
Maintenance not paid for by State. Emergencies & deficiencies get paid 1st
12. Do Public School Districts or school boards have any control over State Charter Schools
NO, they Nothing to do with them
13. Who controls hiring and firing of administrators in State Charter Schools
The Charter School Board hires Administrators and the Administrators hire and fire everyone else. They do not have to match wages with Trade schools.
14. Who controls hiring and firing of teachers and staff?
Subject to State control act & they don't have to be paid like other teachers in the district.
15. Who determines curriculum and does it differ from Public School curriculum?
School chooses curriculum but students MUST pass tests
16. Do State Charter Schools create and submit an annual budget?
Yes
17. If so, who oversees and accepts the annual budget
Budget Division of PED
18. Does the State require an annual review? If so, by whom and by what process.
The authorizer does the annual review and must visit three times a year
19. What role does the public play in the management or oversight of State Charter Schools.
Its a pubic school, Board meetings are Public.
20. Who determines the quality of education provided by a State Charter School?
State Chartering Authority - PED does day to day checking
21. Would the San Marcos District Children be better served by a Charter School or a public school managed by the School Board.
There is no correct answer thats political
22. What are the transportations issues and why would the conversion of the existing Charter School building to a District Public school be

beneficial to the local community. **There would be transportation issues if they got the same population of students**

23. Why would moving the State Charter School to a new facility within the City of Santa Fe be detrimental to the current and future students of the facility. **Transportation Issues**
24. Is there something wrong with the concept to swap 500 students currently enrolled in the Charter School for 500 students overflowing from the District's Public facilities. What does the District plan to do to with the Charter School's 500 students? Has the District considered that many of the student's currently enrolled in the Charter School may decide to remain because of location? If that is the case, then, the rationale to take over the facility is flawed. What would it take to build a new facility for the Charter School within the same Highway 14 corridor. Who would pay for it? **Find someone who will donate the land** Walter Wait suggested that if Bonanza Creek Ranch allocating 40 acres for the school it would be a perfect location to build a new school.

NEXT MEETING: will be held @ Susan McDonnell's home on Sept. 20th @ 6:00 p.m. State Representative Liz Stefanics will be our guest at the Sept. 20th meeting.

Sherry Graeb is tasked with inviting Dr. Ray Griffin to be our guest at the Oct. 18th SMA Board meeting.

We thanked our guests Jonelle Maison and Laird Razor for their contribution.

Walter Wait adjourned the Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.

SG