

**RIO GALLINAS SCHOOL
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, May 21, 2025
APPROVED MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Chairman Jude Romero.

Present: Jude Romero, Richard Vigil, Raymond Sanchez, James Esquibel, with Gabriella Martinez present via Zoom. Quorum Present. Also in attendance, Interim Director Aja Currey. Guests included Katherine Lucero and Janel Williams-Salazar via Zoom.

Pledge: Led by Jude Romero.

Proof of Notice: Posted on the school webpage and office door.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Richard Vigil, 2nd by Raymond Sanchez. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 09, 2025: Motion by Gabriella Martinez, 2nd by Richard Vigil. Motion carried.

Discussion:

1. Equipment Inventory for the FY24/25 school year will need approval from the Governing Council at the upcoming council meeting. EOY check-out procedures are also required by staff members and submitted to the Interim Director.
2. June Charter Conference for charter leaders and council members will be held in Albuquerque on June 10-11, 2025. Council members may complete required school year training hours at the conference. Hotel rooms will be booked for council members at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Executive Session: Discussion of applicants and person of hire for Executive Director position. Council members went into an executive session to finalize hiring for Executive Director position. Council member agreed it would be in the best interest of the school to hire current Interim Director Ms. Aja Currey as Executive Director of Rio Gallinas School for Ecology and the Arts for FY25/26. Ms. Currey's salary would be at the suggested beginning salary of a Middle School Principal plus additional compensation for Director tasks to total \$110,000.00.

Action Items:

1. **Approval of BARS:** Motion by James Equibel, 2nd by Raymond Sanchez. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of Check Warrants:** Motion by James Equibel, 2nd by Raymond Sanchez.

Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Black Education Policy:** Motion by Richard Vigil, 2nd by James Esquibel. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Director hire and contract:** Motion by Raymond Sanchez, 2nd by Richard Vigil. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Interim Director Aja Currey additional stipends:** Motion by Richard Vigil, 2nd by Raymond Sanchez. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of Interim Director Aja Currey FY25/26 extended one month contract:** Unrequired as Interim Director will take over Executive Director position for the upcoming school year beginning July 2025. Motion by Richard Vigil, 2nd by Gabriella Martinez. Motion carried.

Reports: Directors Report: Interim Director Aja Currey briefly touched base on the following items:

- WLVS approved the schools budget packet for the upcoming school year
- Spring Fun day and Reading Rally was a success
- Acequia day with older students
- Janel Williams-Salazar attended the Special Ed Directors Academy
- Science Fair was held for whole school
- Capturing Kids Hearts workshop was attended by Aja Currey and Katherine Lucero
- Ed Plan was completed and submitted to the State
- Celebration of Arts and Learning went very well hold student performances and dedication to Mr. Leger and Mr. Tenorio
- NSF and CRES Stem Event was hosted by the school and held at NMHU
- Fishing trip with Rio Gallinas Watershed Institute
- Zoo trip for multiple classes
- Gallinas hike was taken with the upper classes
- End of year camping trip to Collins Lake Ranch has been successful with many parents in attendance

Public Comments: No public comments were held.

Future Business: Updated Behavior Policy

Announcements:

1. WLVS Finance Committee: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.
2. Rio Gallinas Council Meeting: June 11, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.
3. WLVS School Board Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Action Items to be included at the next meeting:

1. **Approval of Equipment Inventory**

Adjourned: 6:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

Katherine Lucero

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