Public Education Commission Work Session

May 18, 2023

Open Public Meeting via Zoom Webinar and in person at the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501

PEC May 2023 Work Session - YouTube

Chair Alan Brauer called the work session to order at 9:02 am.

Commissioners in Attendance in person:

Commissioner Alan Brauer, Chair, District 2, Albuquerque Commissioner Melissa Armijo, Secretary District 1, Albuquerque Commissioner Timothy Beck, District 3, Albuquerque Commissioner Sharon Clahchischilliage, District 5, Aztec Commissioner Patricia Gipson, District 7, Las Cruces Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, District 10, Santa Fe

Commissioners not in Attendance on Zoom Webinar:

Commissioner Rebekka Burt, Vice-chair, District 4, Rio Rancho Commissioner Stewart Ingham, District 6, Deming

Commissioners not in Attendance

Commissioner Michael Taylor, District 8, Roswell Commissioner K.T. Manis, District 9, Hobbs

Members of the Public in person and on Zoom are listed on the attendance document.

Spotlight: Hispanic Ed Act – Julia Rosa Emslie, Hispanic Education Liaison

Julia Rosa Emslie, PED Hispanic Education Liaison, presented regarding the Hispanic Education Act.

Presentation from Public School Facilities Association (PSFA) – Martica Casias, PSFA Executive Director

Martica Casias, Public School Facilities Association (PSFA) Executive Director, and Alyce Ramos, PSFA Charter Facilities Program Manager, presented regarding charter schools facilities funding.

Discussion of Closure Protocol and Review Closure Protocol Dates for La Tierra Montessori School for the Arts and Sciences CSD Director Chavez presented the Closure Protocol and reviewed dates and plans for implementing the Closure Protocol for La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences. PEC will vote on the closure protocol at the May 19, 2023, meeting.

Review and discussion of SY2021-22 Annual Reports with certified academic performance data

CSD Deputy Director Russell provided an update regarding 2021-22 PED academic performance data and 2021-22 Annual Reports. The PED Research, Evaluation and Accountability (REA) Bureau is providing a new set of academic data to districts and schools this week, after which districts and schools will have four days to provide feedback to REA, which will then recalculate all data feeding into the NM Vistas evaluation system. PED has not released a timeline for making data public. CSD will provide a 2021-22 Organizational and Financial Annual Report for schools at the June PEC meeting. If academic data are available in time, CSD will provide the full report.

Discussion of any contract changes proposed by schools negotiating a new contract

PEC Attorney Barnes reviewed the draft Conflict of Interest form. The PEC will vote on this form at the June meeting.

Discussion and second review of Conflict of Interest form and sample form for use by schools

CSD Deputy Director Russell and PEC Attorney Barnes reviewed the draft contract amendment request forms and notification forms. CSD recommends a deadline of the March meeting for consideration of grade level change and enrollment cap amendment requests. The PEC agreed to this change. The Commission discussed whether pre-K students can have a preference for kindergarten lottery. Ms. Barnes will research state and federal law and Ms. Chavez will consult PED Office of General Counsel.

Discussion of Amendment Forms

The amendment and notification forms will be reviewed a final time at the June work session and voted on at the June meeting. The Commission discussed whether to allow firms that provide business management services for schools to list the company rather than individuals as the business manager of record, and decided to keep the process as it is.

Discussion and review of Memorandum of Understanding between PED and PEC

Discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding between PED and PEC will be postponed until the June work session.

Subcommittee Updates

The Virtual Schools subcommittee has not met

- The Performance Framework subcommittee awaits academic trial run data; the most recent draft will be posted to the website
- Budget: Request for Proposals (RfP) for a charter school data system is being reviewed internally by PED Contracts, Legal, and Budget; the earliest proposals could be received is July 1.
- Contract and Rule: the draft rule has been published; the hearing is scheduled for June 21, 2023, at 1:30 pm; public notice should be sent that

Reports and Discussion from PEC Liaisons

- Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) met and discussed charter school transportation issues
- No other committee meetings were reported on

Chair Brauer adjourned the meeting at 3:24 pm

No votes were taken by Commissioners on items during this work session.

Submitted by Sharyn Perea, PED Liaison to the PEC