MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mike Isaacson, Vice President
Nancy DeLong, Secretary
Bill Young, Deputy Secretary
Steve Nelson, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sandy Schumacher, President

OTHERS MEETING WITH THE BOARD:
Janel Ryan, Superintendent
James Barfoot, Asst. Superintendent of Operations
Linda Schilz, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources
Randy Bondow, Asst. Superintendent of Finance
Robert Emerson, Asst. Superintendent of Assessment, Accountability & Technology
Dolores Cammon, Administrative Assistant

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT:
Frank Stimac, Asst. Superintendent of Campus Programs

WORK SESSION

REPORT ON TIBBETTS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

Assistant Superintendent of Operations James Barfoot reported that the City Council approved the annexation of the property where the new Tibbetts Middle School will be built during their last council meeting. This will make sure that the new campus will have all the services provided by the City.

Mr. Barfoot introduced fbt Architects Art Tatum, Sanja Engineer and Project Manager Ryan Parks. The architects presented board members with the proposed floor plan for the new school and explained the rationale behind the design. Board member Nancy DeLong voiced some concerns about the traffic flow plan and felt it would cause some of the same problems seen at Piedra Vista and Mesa View Middle School.

There was lengthy discussion regarding additional space for Tibbett’s cardio equipment. To add square footage to the building would put the size over what the Public School Finance Authority would fund, meaning the District would have to pay 100% of the additional space. There was discussion about placing a portable on the new campus to house the cardio equipment. Superintendent Janel Ryan pointed out that a new portable would cost approximately $200,000 and new construction added to the building would cost about $300,000. She felt it was better use of District funds to add the square footage to the building than spend it on a portable. The Board concurred with her opinion.

Special Education Director Phil Valdez voiced concerns about the layout of the gymnasium. He felt the bleachers should be moved to the opposite end of the gym because the flow of spectators
would be constantly moving behind the baskets on the court. There was some discussion about ways to eliminate that problem.

Project Manager Ryan Parks presented the Board with the timeline for the project with the District taking occupancy in March or April of 2013, which would allow students to start school in the new building in August of 2013.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**
Mr. Isaacson called the regular meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. A student led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the salute to the New Mexico State flag.

**WELCOME TO GUESTS**
Mr. Isaacson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**
Mrs. Ryan recommended the agenda be adopted as presented.

> It was moved by Mrs. DeLong, seconded by Mr. Young, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2011 REGULAR MEETING**
Mrs. Ryan recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the February 10, 2011 regular board meeting.

> It was moved by Mrs. DeLong, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2011 regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND PATRONS**
Mrs. Ryan introduced Animas Music Director Kelly Yost who had a group of 2nd grade students perform for the Board.

Board Vice-President Mike Isaacson, in the absence of President Sandy Schumacher, presented Steve Nelson with a plaque of appreciation for his 9 years of service on the Board of Education. Mr. Nelson did not run for re-election and will be replaced by Mr. Kyle Rhodes the 1st of March. Superintendent Ryan thanked Mr. Nelson for all his help and work for the District and students.

Farmington High School Principal Linda Kerr recognized senior Travis Simmons for being named to the finalist round for National Merit Scholar.

Piedra Vista Athletic Director Kelly Thur recognized 11th grade student Natasha Moffitt for being named the State Swimming Champion in the 100 meter breaststroke.

Mr. Thur also recognized the PVHS JROTC Team for taking 18th out of 38 at the National JROTC Competition. He also recognized JROTC member Shacie Murray for taking 17th out of 197 participants in Marksmanship.

Mr. Thur recognized the PVHS Bowling Team for placing 3rd at the State Competition.
Mr. Thur recognized the PVHS Wrestling Team for being named the State Champions. There were three students who were named individual State Champions: 8th grader Anthony Juckes, 12th grader Chris Edwards and 12th grader Jhett Gomez.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR GUESTS**
No one wished to address the Board.

**CONSIDERATION TO RATIFY THE HEARING OFFICER DECISIONS IN CASES 83 THROUGH 85**
Mrs. Ryan recommended that the Board ratify the Hearing Officer decisions in cases 83 through 85.

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. DeLong, to ratify the Hearing Officer decisions in cases 83 through 85. The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, STAFF AND BOARD**
Superintendent Ryan reported that there has been a lot of training going on with Bilingual Director Gayle Barfoot and some of her staff traveling to New Orleans, the Curriculum Directors Candace Young and Chris Pash as well as the Assistant Superintendent of Campus Programs Frank Stimac traveling to Fort Worth, Assistant Superintendent of Finance Randy Bondow and two of his staff, Bobbi Newland and Colleen Cross attended the ASBO (Association of School Business Officials) Conference, the Board of Education attended the NMSBA Board Member Institute in Santa Fe and she went to Denver to attend the American Association of School Administrators National Convention. She added that the workshops she attended were a “great shot in the arm” for her.

Mrs. Ryan reported she continues to participate in the conference calls with Senator Asbill, Tom Sullivan, Secretary of Education Skandera and other superintendents. There are questions about the ABC rating system for schools and will it be better than the current pass/fail system.

She added that there is a lot of discussion/concerns about stopping social promotion for 3rd grade students. It wouldn't become a regulation until the 2012-2013 school year.

Mrs. Ryan said that the Value Added Bill, which is basically merit pay, is causing a lot of concern.

Mrs. Ryan said the Legislature is moving very slowly and no budget has been presented for approval yet. The budget cuts proposed thus far are between 1.5% and 1.7% to the SEG (State Equalization Guarantee). Districts have had some concern with the wording in one bill that allows the Secretary of Education to decide what line items get cut. Mrs. Ryan felt that with the high level of diversity between school districts, it would be best to let the local district decide where they can cut their budgets.

Mrs. Ryan reported that a Bill presented by Rep. Bandy removed the cap on school districts cash balance.

Assistant Superintendent of Assessment, Accountability and Technology Robert Emerson gave a review of student tests. He gave the Board the following testing schedule.

**Fall Tests:** NM High School Competency Exam retakes, W-PT (bilingual placement tests), MAPS, and AIMS/DRA (for lower grades)

**Winter Tests:** NM High School Competency Exam retakes, ACCESS (bilingual benchmarks test), MAPS, and AIMS/DRA

**Upcoming Tests:** NMSBA (high schools, April 5-7; middle schools, April 4-8; elementary, April 5-15). In May there will be MAPS, AIMS/DRA and PLATO tests.
Mr. Emerson also reported on three bills that may have an impact on testing. HB96 would increase testing contracts from 4 to 12 years. SB360 would remove some assessments for the 2011-2010 school year. SB425 would make the Public Education Department responsible for paying the costs for Standard Based Assessments.

Board member Steve Nelson thanked the Board for his plaque and stated he enjoyed his time on the Board and he will continue to help in any way he can behind the scene.

Board member Bill Young said he appreciates Steve Nelson and will miss having him on the Board.

Mr. Young also reported he worked with the Junior Paper Science Fair. There were 15 papers presented. He added that Saturday was the Science Fair Awards Ceremony and it was a great event. Monday the Science Fair Board starts planning for the Regional Science Fair.

Board member Nancy DeLong reported she attended the NMSBA Board Institute and liked what she heard on not social promoting 3rd graders that are not ready.

Board member Mike Isaacson reported that when they heard Secretary Skandera she left a good impression with what she said. He added that time will tell if she is true to her words.

Mr. Isaacson said he appreciated Tibbetts Middle School teachers Ms. Hart and Mr. Thomas bringing students to the State Legislature with their Science Fair projects.

He added that it was nice that Rep. Tom Taylor met with them.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Randy Bondow reported that he is expecting a 2.7% decrease, which amounts to about $1.8 million. This is about half of what we were expecting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**
Mrs. Ryan recommended that the Board take items 9a through 9d on a consent agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to place items 9a through 9d on a consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ryan recommended that the Board approve the items on the consent agenda.

It was moved by Mrs. DeLong, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Isaacson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held just prior to the Board Work Session. He stated that spending is down from last year, which is a good thing. He also asked that all board members receive the spending sheets.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**
Board members were provided with written copies of personnel actions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:38 P.M.**
Mrs. Ryan recommended the Board have an executive session to discuss personnel issues as authorized by NMSA 1978 10-15-1 through 10-15-4.

It was moved by Mrs. DeLong, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to have an executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion carried with the following vote. Ayes: Mr. Nelson, Mr. Young, Mrs. DeLong, and Mr. Isaacson. Nays: None.

**RECONVENED: 6:55 p.m.**
**ADVANCED PLANNING**
March 10, 2011
3:45 p.m. Board Work Session
5:15 p.m. Board Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Attest ___________________  Signed_________________________
   Secretary                                      President

Approved _____________________ , 2011.