



The Academy for Technology and the Classics

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**Academy for Technology and the Classics
Governing Council-Elect
Minutes of March 22, 2012 Regular Meeting
ATC Multi-Purpose Room**

I. Opening Activities

- a. Call to order – President Fox called the Governing Council (Council) regular meeting to order at 6:42 pm. Members of the Council present were: Ms. Fox, Ms. Fagre, Mr. Dryden, Mr. Lawrie, Mr. Mirabal, Mr. Horn, and Ms. Grein.
- b. Pledge of allegiance and salute to the New Mexico flag

II. Action Items

- a. Approval of agenda – Mr. Mirabal moved for approval; the motion passed via acclamation
- b. Approval of minutes from February 27, 2012 meeting – Motion by Mr. Mirabal; passed via acclamation
- c. Report on proposal to relocate to Kaune Elementary School facility and bondholder’s proposal for refinancing of ATC sublease and purchase of facility – President Fox reviewed negotiations with bondholder and its proposal, which includes reduced sublease payments for five years. See bondholder proposal attached. President Fox discussed the general obligation bond monies and their relation to the proposal and the possibility of a lease purchase agreement. She referred to the gap analysis comparing the current facility and the Kaune facility and the recommendation from the Council’s Facilities Task Force to relocate to Kaune (attached).

III. Public forum

- a. ATC Foundation: Ike Pino stated that the bondholder, not the Foundation, was making the proposal and discussed the next steps needed once a decision is made by the Council. He acknowledged the people years ago who had a dream for the building and Lee Pittard who found the bondholders and brought them to the table. Lee Pittard discussed the original intent of the building and foundation.
- b. Council Facilities Task Force: Vahid Mojarab, parent and registered architect, spoke on behalf of the recommendation (attached). He answered questions about potential renovations and costs of bringing Kaune up to code.
- c. John Schultz asked how much has been set aside by people who have been reviewing the facilities and what ATC gains by spending money to move. President Fox stated ATC had no surplus for this fiscal year, but that ATC would have access to SB 9 funds for renovation at Kaune.
- d. Carol Pava, parent, lives near the Kaune neighborhood and stated that ATC would be welcome in the area.
- e. Sarah Doolittle, parent, thinks we should stay at the current facility.
- f. Vaughn Forter-Schultz, former student, discussed the history of the school and its distance, and stated a desire to move into Kaune in order to be closer to Santa Fe.
- g. Tammy Espinosa, parent, spoke of ATC's beginning as a charter school, feels the proposal is sincere and affordable, stated that there used to be a library and that the books were donated, Ms. Espinosa oversaw the T1 line installation, and any decision should be based on facts.
- h. Roberta Carela-Harkavy, parent, thanked the Foundation members and discussed the solvency issues at the school. She expressed hesitation over the bondholder proposal being only 5 years, and believes ATC should relocate.
- i. John Seymour, teacher at ATC, stated a desire to move away from SFPS and stay in the building. He asked if we could use public money to lease/purchase the current building. He stated that SFPS is gaining something from ATC.
- j. Michael Harkavy, parent, stated that the school needs to be moved and supports it.
- k. Jonathan Seyfried, teacher, discussed s fear of remaining in a financially unstable situation.

- l. Shari Griswold, president of the Parent, Teacher, Student Coalition, spoke for Viki Ortega, wishing to move, and for her husband, asking what happens if we don't accept the bondholder's offer and the Board of Education doesn't approve moving into Kaune. President Fox stated that she can't speak on behalf of the bondholder, but noted that the bondholder might still want ATC to stay.
- m. Emily Powell lives across from Kaune on Monterey and is opposed to ATC moving into the neighborhood due to the intended usage of the property, stating it was originally designed to be a park. She expressed a concern about the cost of retrofitting the parking lot.
- n. Caleb Raymer, parent, asked if the district would be considered the landlord; the answer was yes. He asked if this included maintenance and Ms. Fox stated that the district would take over these responsibilities and that ATC would have to contribute, but that the share was not certain at this point. He asked what cash expenses were available to the school in the next five years, Ms Fox stated that there would be a surplus if ATC moved to Kaune
- o. Mark Tibbets, parent, voiced support for staying at the current facility.
- p. Vicki Hutchinson, parent, stated that she wants to do whatever necessary to keep the school open.
- q. Jordan Schweitzer, student, stated a desire to move
- r. Gary Coles-Christensen, parent, spoke of previous fundraisers intended to help the school and a desire to move.
- s. Marcy Horn, parent, stated a concern about having SFPS as a landlord based on the amount of time things take to make things happen.
- t. Pablo Guss, student, stated that the public schools don't take care of things immediately and voiced a desire to stay.
- u. Betty Canon, parent, spoke about the history and a desire to stay.
- v. Juli Bray-Morris, ATC counselor, expressed a desire to move based on the facilities themselves.
- w. Devin Skeelee, parent, expressed a desire to move.
- x. Robert Mathis, teacher, stated a desire to do whatever is best for the students and a desire to move based on the facilities at Kaune.

- y. Anna Isenberg, sophomore, stated a desire to move.
 - z. 2 public comments were read (included in the minutes) by President Fox. Emily Ottaviano, teacher, expressed a desire to move. Patricia Shain, teacher, stated a desire to move.
 - aa. Ms. Fagre moved to go into executive session pursuant to Section 10-15-8(H) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss property issues, including remaining at the current facility and moving to Kaune. Mr. Dryden seconded. A roll call vote was taken; all Council members voted yes.
- IV. The Council returned from executive session, and Ms. Fox stated that no action was taken. Ms Fagre moved that the Council request the Board to relocate ATC to the Kaune site commencing with the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Dryden. Mr. Lawrie stated that the renegotiated lease still had the problem of lack of facilities. He acknowledged the issues this may create for the Kuane neighbors and hopes ATC will be a neighborhood asset. Mr. Horn addressed the issues of the parameters of time and the need to protect the future of the school. Mr. Horn discussed the issues with depreciation as well. Ms. Fagre discussed community and expressed respect for the public that came together to make the decision. President Fox discussed the criticisms of the current facility of the students and faculty. Ms. Grein expressed that ATC is the community, not the building and that she made decisions on what's best for students. Mr. Dryden expressed his view that the ATC community would continue to be strong at a new location. Mr. Mirabal stated he did not believe the bondholder offer was adequate. A roll call vote was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Dryden moved that a proposal be submitted to the Board by March 29, 2012, , by President Fox and Principal Lumley, requesting the reinstatement of the charter, and including a financial solvency plan. A roll call vote was held. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. Presentation/Reports

- a. Student representative Pablo Guss informed the Council about the last dance and its success, planning of the elections, teacher/student dodge ball was a success, and the date for the final dance.
- b. PTSC - a lot of teacher requests have been given. Bettie Canon reviewed these.
- c. Teacher representative Robert Mathis – no report.

VI. Public forum

- a. Berta Harkavy thanked the Council.

VII. Principal's announcements

- a. Reviewed lottery, waiting list, placement testing, incoming parent meeting, testing week, spring budget workshop.

VIII. Advance planning

- a. Next Council meeting: April 19, 2012, 6:30 pm.