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Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board Study Session

**Thursday, December 13, 2012
BF Young Building
1300 Camino Sierra Vista
Santa Fe, NM
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. Providing Community Interventions for High- Risk Youth
 - 1. The Honorable Judge Barbara Vigil, New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Elect
History of the Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board
 - 2. Joel Boyd, Superintendent, Santa Fe Public Schools
 - 3. Questions and Discussions
- E. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: –January 17th, 2013

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MINUTES

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm, a quorum did exist.

B. Roll Call

Present:

Anthony Trujillo, Chair
Tommy Rodriguez
Councilor Bill Dimas
Mary Ellen Gonzales
Jennifer N. Romero
Judge Marlow Sommers
Mark Caldwell
Boni Armijo
Mark Dickson

Not Present:

Jim Bianca, Excused

Others Present:

Lateefah Phillips, Chief of Staff
Mr. Joel Boyd, SFPS Superintendent
Richard DeMella, Staff Liaison
Terri Rodriguez, Staff Liaison
Sam Jackson, Day Reporting
Shelley Manlave, SFPS
Jackie Ortega, Regional Juvenile Justice Board
Dick Lindahl, Statewide Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Liaison to 21 Juvenile Justice Boards, Representative
Susan Lemke, Santa Fe Community College, Chief GED Program Administrator
Linda Trujillo, Santa Fe School Board
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Judge Vigil is unable to attend meeting for item D-1.

Councilor Dimas moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Judge Sommers, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. Providing Community Interventions for High Risk Youth

1. The Honorable Judge Barbara Vigil, New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Elect
History of the Santa Fe Regional Juvenile Justice Board
(Unable to attend, Board Member Tommy Rodriguez will report)
2. Joel Boyd, Superintendent, Santa Fe Public Schools
 - a. Judge Sommers has questions to present as well as history on the court process.
 - b. Board Member Rodriguez will talk about the history of the Regional Juvenile Justice Committee, share our values and goals.
 - c. Welcome to the Superintendent and provide information on some of the kids we provide service to.
 - d. There is a lot of knowledge in this room, hands on experience in working with the kids. Day reporting is part of the SFPS system and needs as much support as other schools.

Tommy Rodriguez: Thank you to the Santa Fe Juvenile Justice Board. It was founded in 2001. *(Introduction of Members and Guests in attendance).* *With the composite of people on this board you have a taste of our commitment.* There was a bad truancy problem in Santa Fe and this created a need for this board to be created. This board believes that if we can have a world class opera, a world class art and cultural city that we can then have a world class public school and education system. We know that job is not yours alone, it is all of our jobs. ICM is a program that Mary Louise Romero is committed to on a daily basis to keep these kids in school. Day Reporting is a program that also supports these kids so they know we are committed to helping them graduate. Mr. Rodriguez talked about pride in the Day Reporting Program and having the first graduate last year. An additional program is the FIRA program which has been created at Cesar Chavez that works with at risk kids to try to get them on the right track. We want a “cradle to graduation pipeline” not the “cradle to prison pipeline.” We know the talents of the teachers at our SFPS; we want to support you, Mr. Boyd to be a success.

Judge Sommers: Thank you for listening to us. I have been doing Children’s Court since January, 2011. Mark Dickson is the Public Defender and works closely with us. The question was asked, “Have things changed?” My response was, “they have changed for the worst.” There are severe mental issues and crimes taking place with our kids at the early age of 13. What is happening is that these kids are doing very bad in school or not attending school at all. As Judge I am making it part of their probation terms to stay in school and get good grades. There is a great need for tutoring.

Mr. Boyd: If the kid is not adjudicated they are back in the streets because if it is more than 5 days. There are kids that I send back to class that I would never have sent back to class after listening to our hearing officer, but there were no services in the city of Santa Fe as an alternative. Not all parents have the means to send their kids to special programs or to get clinical help. We want to build a continuum of services where kids have access to only in-class – 7th to 12th grade – out of school programs that provide behavioral support. There are no interventions in place for the at risk kids.

Judge Sommers: What are you doing for the kids that are staying in but are missing school?

Mr. Boyd: This is where I need help. Kids cannot drop out of school. If they are not working on a GED they should be going someplace. The kid should be picked up and/or they should be taken to the nearest school. I can tell you that our truant kids from Capital High School are at Wal-Mart or McDonald's. They will tell me they dropped out and I remind them that they didn't. I know we need help and we need to pull the community together.

Judge Sommers: I am not talking about those kids that are truant, I am talking about the kids that are being dropped off but they are failing all classes. There are a lot of kids in school, they are marked absent, and they aren't on suspension. They are marked absent, but they aren't going to school.

Mr. Boyd: We just purchased 2 golf carts so our staff can patrol Santa Fe High school grounds; Capital High has 4 administrators who do monitoring.

Judge Sommers: Why is there not a consequence for the kids that are failing and not going to school?

Mr. Boyd: We have to do a better job of going to the kids homes. Kids should not be dropped from rolls, we should check at their homes. If we don't check, we have also failed their family.

Judge Sommers: What about those that are going to school but they are failing?

Mr. Dickson: We get a lot of different stories, some may get there late and don't participate.

Mr. Rodriguez: There has to be accountability in the home. The City needs to support that. We need to engage the police and the parents should get a citation or even a fine to be responsible for their kids. When the police are out and they see the kids in the park they should write those citations.

Mr. Boyd: We can't point fingers at anyone else until we point fingers at ourselves. If we haven't been to that house to check on those kids then it starts with us. I believe we can do more than we are doing in some cases. Counselors will tell you that there are kids

they have walked to school. We need to work with our families; we have the Parent Academy which is an initiative to get the parents to work with us. I believe that the Police Department is going to work with us if they can receive the support from our educators and the family. It is a full partnership and you all have a lot of authority over programs that we don't.

Mr. Rodriguez: Do you have the support to do this?

Mr. Boyd: We need to make sacrifices to get this together. It doesn't look like our legislature is going to support us with funding. 85% of our money goes in to salaries so we have to be creative. We can place blame on the dollars, but we want to work through these alternative offers. We want to find that funding for an alternative school. It would be \$5,000 for an alternative school for 50 kids.

Judge Sommers: When I tell kids that they have to get better grades it is like talking to a brick wall, what can the school do to help them get good grades?

Mr. Boyd: Rigor, Relevance and Relationship – vs. Reading, Writing, Arithmetic. Some of the poor grades are because they weren't connected to the class and the learning instruction. It is time to connect their interest and their academics that will correlate to what might assist them in their career paths. We have some kids are interested in Medicine and we have a class at Capital High that is offering this instruction. We have two academies' at Capital High School and the largest ROTC.

Judge Sommers: Youngsters have low deficits because they have been recognized that they are flunking. We come across kids that can't read.

Sam Jackson: There are kids that stopped going to school because they couldn't do the work.

Mr. Boyd: We don't promote kids socially. I don't think it is a test score, it is a conversation we would have with the parent and the teachers. Without intervention, we don't have system wide summer schools. There are reports that show some students who are in good Universities and Colleges that attended the SFPS system but we also have those who don't have the family support to assist those kids. We need to heighten the quality of learning; we need to engage the community and government to support these kids. We need to do those three things well to accomplish them. I am not going to stop these youngsters from coming before you but I do think we can make the number lessen.

Mark Caldwell: What appears to be lacking is the vocational tracks, these kids are skilled but they are academically challenged.

Mr. Boyd: I am not willing to accept that any kid is not going to have a full menu of options to graduate. The only piece of Vo-tech is the tendency of adults tracking them to tell them what they are going to do for all of their life when they are in the 7th or 8th grade. We want our kids to be academically ready and we want to know they made the

choice of being a mechanic. Our business school provides the opportunity to those students when they graduate to go right in to working at a bank or other business settings. We want to design those career pathways.

Councilor Dimas: When we address the enforcement of the truancy there is a state statute and when it started off it started off well. These kids went to Magistrate court at the time and they were faced with misdemeanors. We in the city need to work together with the school.

Mr. Boyd: If you are a police officer, stop! Don't seek them out but ask them who they are and where they should be. There may be one of those kids who are going to hide their identity. We also would like to work on the correlation of the young person holding a good grade to retain their licenses.

Mr. Rodriguez said that we have that divers license program but it has never been enforced.

Mr. Boyd said we need to have some type of partnership. "I have two issues, truancy and drugs. If we have better ways to combat those two things, I am ready to commit to working and partnering with anyone who can dedicate attention to them. If it is a cost issue, if it is brought down to a dollar and cent thing, we could work towards getting that money."

Mr. Rodriguez said that it would take a conversation with the District Attorney and require another Public Defender position and possibly even a Judge to enforce the driver's license and grades correlation.

Linda Trujillo, School Board Member: Thinking about the cradle to success vs. the cradle to prison, we need to look at truancy. You see the parent who will keep students out of class for reasons that are not qualified. We need to get the message out to those parents to keep their students in school. We need to talk to our community to get those parents to read with their children and keep them in school. Joel and the School Board are trying to engage those Parents in the Parent Academy. We need to get the community behind these programs.

Boni Armijo: The problem wasn't addressed that Judge Sommers discussed. If the kids are absent and the teachers are still keeping them in school how do you help them with their instruction and grades? Can we make the teacher responsible for keeping them in school and passing them?

Mr. Boyd: The responsibility is multi-faceted. If a student is absent for 10 days, he doesn't get credit. The line is far more rigid. There is no way they can earn credit in the system if they haven't attended. For those youngsters that are getting bad grades, it goes back to redesigning, intervention and making the core classes better in the classroom.

Judge Sommers: I am making tutoring mandatory and they have to complete this discipline.

Mr. Boyd: There is tutoring at SF High School and at Capital High every student has to stay after school, we will not accept a zero.

Mr. Rodriguez: We have Juvenile Probation Officers that go to the homes and get these kids out of bed and back to school. The kids retaliate; we take them to day reporting or to detention. For those who aren't in the system; getting them to tutoring is a struggle. We need to hold parents responsible.

Mr. Boyd: Every kid meets with me to discuss their options. GED is not an alternative it is the last resort. There are colleges and employers that won't accept GED. Every kid that hasn't met with me has not been allowed to drop out. If GED is the right option for the kid the right decision will be made. We have to look at the relevance of the program; we need to engage those kids. Parent accountability; we really focus on a three step process when we talk about accountability - clear expectations and adequate support and accountability.

Sam Jackson: There are kids that are 16, 17, 18 and they themselves have kids. Those are kids that we deal with. This committee needs to understand that there are hard core issues that need addressing.

Mary Ellen Gonzales: I get these 15 or 16 year old kids and they explain what they have seen when they witness a crime. If they write in English or Spanish; most of the time it is not understandable.

Mr. Boyd: We say we have evaluated our schools as to what is needed for improvement. We will be redesigning strategy. For us we really believe it is a 0-18 pathway. Pre-K is where we start and we need to focus on them not only when they are young. We need to raise our expectations not only for the adults but for our kids. I don't think we have found an answer for the gang pathology. For everything else there are models, there are school districts that are succeeding. Our approach is not to reinvent the wheel, we want to rework them and see what works for Santa Fe.

Councilor Dimas said that maybe with encouragement from the Superintendent we could get all governmental entities and the community involved.

Mr. Boyd: If we could get to a place where everyone in this city is willing to help we can move forward. How does truancy court work?

Mr. Rodriguez: Truancy for x-amount of days they get placed on Juvenile Probation and we have a truancy meeting with that family and try to figure out why they are not going to school. We put a packet together for the DA's office and they pretty much have said they are not going to prosecute because they don't have money for that administrative action.

Shelley Manlave: There use to be 3 Judges for each county and now they have one Judge.

Mr. Boyd: What is the cost needed to get this done? I think other districts would buy in if there is some vehicle and unifying course to get it done.

Mr. Rodriguez: \$50,000 – Asst. DA's are making about \$40,000 - \$50,000.

Mr. Boyd: "I will pay for it. We need Truancy Court." The challenge here is how we get teachers to do it. If you give Teachers those tools they also can do a better job. I haven't met a parent yet that wanted their kid to drop out and do nothing with their life.

Chair Trujillo said that this is a discussion that needs to continue. This topic requires community involvement. It is not just the school responsibility, it is the community responsibility. There are parental responsibilities but you have parents who don't know how to parent. I would like to see this conversation continue and asked how we can help the Superintendent with the policy makers, the legislature, the school board, the community to make this work. I am glad to hear your enthusiasm.

Mr. Boyd: I would like to make a recommendation. The two issues Truancy or Drugs, I would like to see if we could take a chunk out of one. I am on board with whatever you are interested in focusing on.

Mr. Ortega: Thank you and I appreciate that you would redirect funds. I think we should challenge the community and the city, county government also to participate. We should have a follow up meeting and let the city and county know what their contribution would be.

Mr. Caldwell: I would be first to say that truancy is one we should address first. As a person who is charged with them being detained they look at us as the ones who keep them locked up and in some cases we have to be stern. It is in their best interest that we stand firm, thank you.

Mr. Boyd: Thank you. I appreciate the candidness and support. Thank you. The truancy challenge is so big right now. Our schools cannot do it on our own unless the full community is on board.

Mr. Lindahl: Maybe we can be a model for the state of New Mexico. Many of the counterparts say truancy doesn't work.

Mr. Ortega: We could ask some keep legislators to make a change in the law.

Mr. Rodriguez: We would probably get more by working through the city council.

Ms. Gonzales: I think restorative justice is so important.

Mr. Boyd: If we can create that inventory of what is happening. We need laws as one part of it and who is the champion of one of those parts. There is a lot of fruit in that restorative justice.

Next Step: We will meet with the District Attorney and learn how we can proceed to reinstate the truancy need. A committee will work together and report at next meeting.

3. Other Business

- a. Update: The RFP should be released by next week and due by February, 2013 (approximately). Mr. Lindahl reminded the Board that the meeting time was changed to 5:00 pm to include representation from the District Attorney's office and others. It is important to have full attendance and absences will be reported. Judge Sommers explained that when Judge Vigil served on the board she was the designated judge for Children's Court. Now the task is shared with other Judge's carrying more than children's court. On the day of this meeting in particular, Judge Sommers goes to drug court in Espanola and she petitioned the court to understand that she can't attend every meeting. It was recommended that the statute be reviewed on attendance requirements. Mr. Lindahl said there are not attendance requirements and he was pleased to see the Judge here today.

Councilor Dimas would like to work with the SFPD to get a representative from the Police Department on the Juvenile Justice Board who wants to be a part of this Board. Councilor Dimas will work together with Ms. Rodriguez to pursue the person that he has in mind from the Santa Fe Police Department. It will take a concerted effort to get representation from the County Commission. Mr. Caldwell would like to contact the Santa Fe County Sheriff's to see if there is interest for them to be a part of this Board.

- b. Status on Tutor

Tutor has been hired and will start once his background check is completed. He will work with K-5.


E. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Regional Juvenile Justice Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: – January 17th, 2013

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Chair – Deacon Anthony Trujillo


Fran Lucero, Stenographer
