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**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
April 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.
Andres Z. Silva Conference Center**

Joint meeting with Luna County, Village of Columbus, and Deming Public Schools

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Approval of Joint Resolution between the City of Deming, Luna County, Village of Columbus and Deming Public Schools for a Pre-K Program.
2. Adjourn Meeting

The next regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES**
**Joint session with Luna County, Deming Board of
Education and Village of Columbus**
April 10, 2018
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Council Present: Benny L. Jasso, Mayor
Joe “Butter” Milo, Mayor Pro-Tem
Roxana Rincon, Councilor
David L. Sanchez, Councilor
Dr. Victor Cruz, Councilor

Council/Staff Absent: None

Staff Present: Aaron Sera, City Administrator
Bryan Reedy, Community Svcs. Director
Jim Massengill, Public Works Director

Recording Secretary: Lila Jasso, Administrative Secretary

Mayor Jasso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and Ms. Glory Juarez, Assistant County Manager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Joint Resolution between the City of Deming, Luna County, Village of Columbus and Deming Public Schools Board of Education for a Pre-K Program

Mr. Arsenio Romero, Superintendent, explained the Pre-K Program to all parties and how it would benefit the children in the community. He also explained the legislative funds available for Pre-K. Mr. Fred Parker, Executive Director of Instruction and Curriculum, spoke about the school districts current programs, funding, and infrastructure to support the program. Dr. Romero added that it is important that all entities work together to support the Pre-K programs as this will help when seeing grant funding to serve a larger number of children in the community. He also noted that it is important all entities to support Pre-K programs through other entities such as HELP NM and CYFD and others who also provide Pre-K programs and initiatives.

Mr. Anders asked questions regarding the outreach to parents of potential Pre-K students. He also asked how this would affect the other Pre-K programs in the area, if the Schools expands their Pre-K program. Commissioner Reedy asked if there were enough qualified staff available to handle the expansion of the Pre-K program. Mr. Parker addresses both questions. Mr. Romero stated that it is important that the program growth be done strategically and at the right speed in order to not grow too fast.

Members of the public address their concern about outreach and getting the information out to the parents.

Discussion was entertained with the City of Deming and Luna County Officials. Suggestions were made to change the working from “Pre-K Programs” to “Pre-K Education” throughout

the resolution. Other minor corrections were noted.

Ms. Crystal Peña, Area Coordinator HELP NM, addressed the panel and suggested a change to the resolution to include CYFD and Head Start in the resolution. Ms. Peña explained the funding sources available to these local programs and stated by adding CYFD and Head Start, it would reinforce unity within the community when they sought grand funding. Mr. Matt Robinson, DPS Board of Education, suggested adding a #8 to the third "Whereas" that stated: "Support cooperation with other early childhood programs including but not limited to, Children Youth & Families Department (CYFD) and Head Start.

Ms. Juarez entertained comments from the panel.

Councilor Cruz commented about the importance of early childhood education and explained the correlation between reading levels, education and development in later years. He stated that these programs are very beneficial to children.

Several comments were heard from the panel and audience.

Councilor Cruz moved to approve the changes as Mr. Robinson stated. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sanchez; motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Anderson called for a motion. Mr. Robinson made the motion to approve the resolution with changes that were suggested. Motion died for lack of a second.

Luna County made no motion for approval. Mr. Ira Pearson, County Manager, suggested the changes to the title of the resolution from program to education and suggested removing all bullets except number 1. Commissioner Reedy made the motion to approve changes as suggested by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Sweetser. Motion carried: 3-0.

Mr. Anderson, DPS Board President made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cruz. Motion Carried: 4-0/

After further discussion continued, Mr. Pearson suggested changes as stated: change "Pre-K Program" to "Pre-K Education" in four areas of the resolution, remove "is" after parties in the third "Whereas", remove "a" in bullet number 1 after current, and add bullet 8. Support cooperation with other early childhood programs including, but not limited to, Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and Head Start.

Councilor Cruz moved to rescind his previous motion. Councilor Rincon seconded this motion; motion carried unanimously. Councilor Cruz then moved to approve the changes as suggested by Mr. Pearson. Councilor Sanchez seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously 5-0.

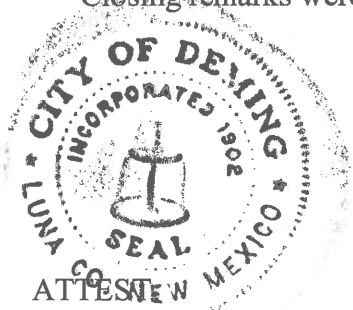
Deming Public School Board Member, Mr. Robinson made the motion to approve the changes as mentioned, seconded by Mr. Wolfe. Motion carried: 3-1, with Mrs. Cruz against.

Luna County Commission Chair, Ms. Smrkovsky called for a motion to rescind the previous motion. Commissioner Reedy, made the motion to rescind previous motion, seconded by Mr. Sweetser. Commission Chair Smrkovsky called for a motion to approve with changes as stated. Motion to approve the resolution with changes as stated was made by Mr. Sweetser, seconded by Mrs. Reedy. Motion carried: 3-0.

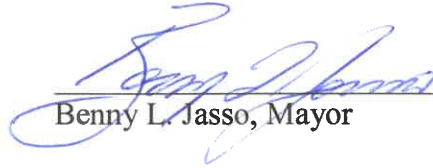
2. Adjourn Meeting

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Sanchez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Milo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Closing remarks were heard from Mr. Sera, Mr. Pearson and Dr. Romero.



CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor



Aaron Sera, Administrator/Clerk

Joint Resolution between the City of Deming, Luna County, Village of Columbus and Deming Public Schools for Pre-K Education

Resolution No. 18-14

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is that the above entities agree that Pre K Education is highly important for the families of Deming and Luna County. A preschool education program that will serve children ages three and four, is designed to improve school readiness through education and parent education services, and

WHEREAS, each agency will maintain communication to ensure that cooperative arrangements between agencies are further developed, implemented, and preserved. The purpose of this resolution is also for identification of and eligibility determination of children's known and/or suspected disabilities. It is recommended that this agreement be reviewed annually to ensure that the practices remain valid and needed, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the parties that the local community, by achieving the goals and carrying out the tasks of this resolution, can forge effective partnerships to:

1. Expand current Pre K Education to all children and families
2. Provide continuity and coordination between local early childhood programs and schools
3. Facilitate collaboration in areas of transportation and other resources, as appropriate
4. Encourage partnerships between stakeholders
5. Link early childhood programs and families with other local, state, and national initiatives
6. Improve stability and quality of services for children and their families
7. Support children's optimal development of readiness for school entry and success
8. Support cooperation with other early childhood programs including, but not limited to, Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD) and Head Start.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Deming, Luna County, Village of Columbus and the Deming Public Schools agree to work together to seek funding for Pre-K Education that will serve all children ages three and four to improve school readiness through education and parent education services.



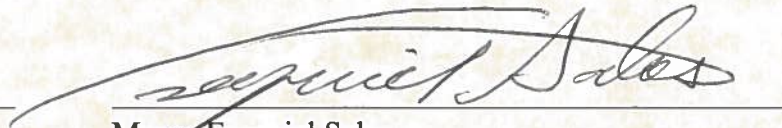
Mrs. Linda M. Smrkovsky, Commission Chair
Luna County



Mr. W. Bayne Anderson, Board President
Deming Public Schools



Mr. Benny L. Jasso, Mayor
City of Deming



Mayor Esequiel Salas
Village of Columbus