

LAS VEGAS CITY SCHOOLS  
"BOARD OF EDUCATION"  
Special Board Meeting

October 5, 2020

A Special Board Meeting of the Las Vegas City Schools Board of Education was held at the Administrative Building Board Room via Zoom meeting located at 901 Douglas Avenue, in Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701 at 5:15 pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board President Duran. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were as follows:

**ROLL CALL:** Board President Duran called for roll call:

Board Member Lucero – Present (arrived 5:35 pm)  
Board Member Armijo – Present  
Board Secretary Romero – Present  
Board Vice President Lujan – Present  
Board President Duran – Present

**RECORDER:** Marsha G. Archuleta

**ALSO PRESENT:** L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Board President Duran asked to review the agenda and make any adjustments that may be required. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Reentry Plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period – Superintendent Archuleta provided information to the board as a result of her recent Superintendent meeting. Academic concerns throughout the state show 42% of secondary students with at least one F and our district is 38%. The academic need is there and the students need support. The data is showing students are falling behind but we know safety is very important. 73.9% of parents that took a survey regarding COVID and remote learning feel that students should remain in remote learning. 132 employees took the survey and 55% don't feel comfortable returning to school. Superintendent Archuleta spoke with the San Miguel Office of Emergency Management and their suggestion was to remain in remote learning due to the recent statistics and number of positive cases. Board Member Armijo asked if the district was to remain in remote learning, is there tutoring for students after hours. She stated that there was one teacher so far interesting in tutoring but still need additional teachers for the elementary students to provide academic and social and emotional support. Board Secretary Romero commended the staff on their efforts and feels with the rise in cases, the district should remain in remote learning. Board Vice President Lujan feels that the decision should come from the Governor but wants the Superintendent's recommendation. He stated that this is most important decision the board will ever make. Asked for a 10 minute recess so that Board Member Lucero could be reached.

**\*Motion by Board Vice President Lujan to recess from regular session. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Motion passed unanimously to recess at 5:27 pm.**

**\*Motion by Board Vice President Lujan to reconvene to regular session from recess. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Motion passed unanimously to reconvene at 5:35 pm.**

Board Secretary Romero asked that the teachers and staff convey the message of the seriousness of the situation. Kyle Conway, Student Representative, conveyed his concern for his fellow students and the staff and felt that remaining in remote learning is the best solution for everyone. Superintendent Archuleta recommended staying in remote learning. Wanted to ensure students and parents know how important their safety is as well as their academics. Her recommendation comes with a note that if the Governor changes the educational plans then the board would have to revisit the reentry model. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Romero to remain in virtual/remote learning through the end of the first semester. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Lujan. Motion passed unanimously.**


**DISCUSSION:** Coach/Sponsor Stipends – Superintendent Archuleta updated the board on the results of the meeting that took place between NMAA and the Governor. Student athletes can remain in pods throughout the duration of the identified adjusted season but no contests are allowed at this time. Superintendent Archuleta stated that coaching and sponsor stipends would be prorated to reflect the shortened time frame. Board Member Armijo stated that the amount of time and effort by coaches goes above and beyond the regular season. Board Member Lucero asked about the language in the coaching contracts and if the season has been shortened. Feels the season has not been shortened and coaches should be paid the full stipend amount. Board Secretary Romero asked what other school districts were doing about their stipend amounts. Superintendent Archuleta stated other school districts around were going to prorate the amounts.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**\*Motion by Board Secretary Romero to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 5:52 pm.**

***\*Denotes Action Required***

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Robert Duran III, Board President



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Dennis E. Romero, Board Secretary

**APPROVED: October 15, 2020**