

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

March 19, 2020

A Regular Board Meeting of the Las Vegas City Schools Board of Education was held at the Administrative Building Board Room located at 901 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701 at 5:17 pm on the 19th day of March 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
Board Member Armijo – Present
Board Secretary Romero – Present
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Present

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

Matthew Probst

Mari Hillis

John Tiernan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board President Duran asked to review the agenda and make any adjustments that may be required. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to eliminate item J. Superintendent's Report and approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

PRESENTATION:

Matthew Probst presented information regarding an initiative that the community is hoping to develop in the near future. A conceptual design was been drafted to include various components that may utilize capital outlay funding for planning, designing, constructing, equipping and renovation of the proposed area that is currently Memorial Middle School located on Old National Road. The original request was \$2.15 million with the end amount being \$1.4 million. Mr. Probst estimated that the entire amount would be consumed in preparing the facility for occupancy. Board Member Armijo was concerned that the money appropriated is for Las Vegas City Schools and asked if the district would have to repay that amount in the future. Mr. Probst was not able to answer the question but stated the project had the full support of the Governor and Cabinet Secretaries. He stated that question would be best suited for New Mexico Public Education Department. Superintendent Archuleta stated that the district is waiting to meet with Secretary of Education Dr. Stewart but understood the district would not have to repay the amount. There are numerous details to work through but was advised that the regional community center would benefit the entire county of San Miguel. She stated that due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, information would most likely come at a later date. Mr. Probst clarified that the funding would have to be spent to serve the region and surrounding area. Board President Duran stated that it was his understanding that some of the organizations would also contribute funding towards the initiative. Mr. Probst shared that the services would extend through the summer, afterschool and weekends to benefit students in the

health and academic perspective. Superintendent Archuleta stated that community input is a critical component to add to the table and get some feedback that benefits all parties involved.

MINUTES:

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – February 20, 2020 – ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting February 20, 2020. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Special Board Meeting – February 28, 2020 - ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to approve the minutes for the special board meeting February 28, 2020. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Action: Consideration of and approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority – Regina Gaysina, RBC Capital Financial Advisor, provided the history or assessed valuation for the past five years inclusive of the percentage change for residential, non-residential and growth; history of tax rates; history of residential tax rates; debt management plan for election timing, bond rating and tax rate; bonding capacity; current outstanding debt; outstanding debt by series; and the series 2020 GO Bond time schedule. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to approve a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion/Action: Consideration of and approval of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve the Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 204 – EEAEA Bus Driver Requirements, Training and Responsibilities – 2nd/final reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that this is an existing policy and recommended approval as the 2nd/final reading of an amended policy. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to accept Policy Advisory 204 – EEAEA Bus Driver Requirements, Training and Responsibilities as the 2nd/final reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 205 – EEAEAA Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees; EEAEAA-R Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees; EEAEAA-E Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees – 2nd/final reading - Superintendent Archuleta stated that this is an existing policy and recommended approval as the 2nd/final reading of an amended policy. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to accept Policy Advisory 205 - EEAEAA Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees; EEAEAA-R Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees; EEAEAA-E Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees as the 2nd/final reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion/Action: Excellence in Student Achievement Award – Board President Duran shared that the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) Excellence in Student Achievement Award is a program that seeks to recognize school leaders, staff, parents, community members or volunteers that have played an important role in improving student achievement at the local level. Matthew Probst was nominated for his dedication and service to the community in the health field and students of the community. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to approve Matthew Probst as the recipient of the Excellence in Student Achievement Award. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion/Action: Policy K-1000 Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated this reading is an amendment to the existing policy that would change some language for individuals requesting information pursuant to the Inspection of Public Records Act. The proposed change includes the fees levied on each request to cover the cost of

making copies, staff time, computer time and materials. She recommended approval as a 1st reading to the amended policy. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to approve the 1st reading of Policy K-1000 Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Finance Committee Report - The Finance Committee did not meet due to the COVID-19 pandemic which included the closure of all public schools across the state of New Mexico. Superintendent Archuleta and Mari Hillis, Director of Finance, reviewed and discussed the list of donations from February 19, 2020 – March 11, 2020. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to approve the donations from February 19, 2020 – March 11, 2020. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta reported that the Capital Outlay Committee did not meet due to the COVID-19 pandemic which included the closure of all public schools across the state of New Mexico.
- I. Audit Committee Report – Superintendent Archuleta reported that the Audit Committee did not meet due to the COVID-19 pandemic which included the closure of all public schools across the state of New Mexico.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Education convened in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (5) meetings for the discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present specifically the Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement 2019-2021; NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters; and NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (7) meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to convene in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (5) meetings for the discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present specifically the Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement 2019-2021; NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters; and NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (7) meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Duran called for roll call:

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes

Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Board entered into executive session at 6:24 pm.

Motion by Board Secretary Romero to reconvene to regular session from Executive Session. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero.

ROLL CALL: Board President Duran called for roll call:

Board Member Lucero - Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 7:07 pm. Board President Duran stated that the Board of Education convened into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (5) meetings for the discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present specifically the Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement 2019-2021; NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters; and NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (7) meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant and no action was taken.

ACTION:

- A. The board may take action regarding the Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement 2019-2021 - *Motion by Board Secretary Romero to table the Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement 2019-2021. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Board President Duran called for a roll call:**

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – Yes
Board Secretary Romero – Yes
Board Vice President Lujan – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE PLANNING:

- A. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2020 at 5:15 pm.**
B. NMSBA Region III Spring Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2020 at 5:30 pm in Wagon Mound was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic which included the closure of all public schools across the state of New Mexico.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:09 pm.**

****Denotes Action Required***

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Robert Duran III, Board President



Dennis E. Romero, Board Secretary

APPROVED: April 16, 2020