

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

January 17, 2019

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, in Las Vegas, New Mexico at 5:15 p.m. on the 17th day of January 2019.

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

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

Student Representative Montoya - Present
Board Member Lujan – Absent
Board Member Lovato Pacheco – Present
Board Secretary Lucero – Absent
Board Vice President Duran – Present
Board President Romero – Present

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Acting Superintendent

Tom Meserve	Sheila Montoya	Kenneth Montoya	Kenneth Montoya
Jorene Schlinger	Veronica Schlinger	Ignacio Sanchez	James Romero
Christine Silva	Melissa Vigil	Angelica Vigil	Loretta Sandoval
Michell Aragon	John Tiernan	Cathy Gallegos	Marcine Vigil
Donna Lucero	Frances L. Martinez	Michael Archuleta	Madalena Barboa-Archuleta
Christopher Archuleta	Patrizia Flores	Chris Rodriguez	Paul Gonzales
Gabriel Poblete	David Chester	Areli Romero	Emmalee Stuart
James Stuart	Kendra Stuart	Frank Rodriguez	Ernestine Rodriguez
Elba Gold	Martin Sena	Patricia Mendoza	Carina Miller
Juan Carlos Fulgenzi	Patricia Pace	Danelle Romero	Mari Hillis
Leasa Martinez			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board President Romero asked to review the agenda and make any adjustments that may be required. Acting Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval of the agenda as presented. ***Motion by Board Vice President Duran to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

PRESENTATION:

- A. Employees of the Month – Board President Romero and Acting Superintendent Archuleta announced the employees of the month: Frances Martinez, Robertson High School; Patricia Pace, Memorial Middle School; Madalena Barboa-Archuleta, Los Niños Elementary; David Chester, Sierra Vista Elementary; and James Romero, Maintenance & Transportation.

- B. Ignacio Sanchez, NEA – Patricia Mendoza, President of the local National Education Association (NEA), shared that the educational assistants in the district expressed to the local NEA their interest in having the NEA bargain for the roles, rights and responsibilities. Stated that the information presented was informational only. Ignacio Sanchez, UniServ for NEA, shared the process of voluntarily recognizing the educational assistants as a bargaining unit. Stated that a collective bargaining agreement is an agreement between the school board (district representatives) and the NEA bargaining representatives. Reviewed the Public Employee Bargaining Act (PEBA) law which allows a group to form a bargaining unit and bargain collectively with their employer. Stated that another resource used is the Public Employee Labor Relations Board Manual. Stated that a petition was submitted on behalf of the proposed bargaining unit for initial certification to the labor board but is asking to be recognized by the district voluntarily. Shared the benefits of collective bargaining, what it is, how it works, attracting and retaining the highest quality employees. Mr. Sanchez shared that when collective bargaining is used to address teaching and learning issues, both students and teachers benefit. Also, shared that NEA has provided domain trainings for teachers and staff and training for maintenance and custodial staff via a grant that NEA received that is at no cost to the district. The grant will also help those that wish to become Nationally Board Certified Teachers.

DISTRICT ACCOLADES:

- A. Emmalee Stuart, All-State Participant – Martin Sena, Band Director, announced that Emmalee Stuart participated in the New Mexico All-State Band performance in Albuquerque. She auditioned for her spot and was selected as 2nd chair in her section on alto saxophone. There were only 6 saxophone players that were selected out of the schools in New Mexico. She and her parents expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the support and recognition she received.

MINUTES:

- A. Discussion/Approval: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – December 20, 2018 – ***Motion by Board Vice President Duran to approve the minutes for regular board meeting December 20, 2018. Motion seconded by Board President Romero. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Approval: Extracurricular Activity Buses/Special Events Policy amendment – 2nd reading - ***Motion by Board Vice President Duran to approve the Extracurricular Activity Buses/Special Events Policy amendment as the 2nd and final reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Discussion/Approval: Rural and Low Income Schools Application – Michell Aragon presented the details about the annual application. Identified the areas in which the funds will be utilized. ***Motion by Board Vice President Duran to approve the Rural and Low Income Schools Application. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Finance Committee Report –
1. BARs – Transfers/Expenditures/Awards - The Finance Committee met January 15, 2019. Tom Meserve met with the committee and requested a rate of \$15.25 per hour for Activity Bus Drivers for both driving and non-driving time. The current rates are \$12.00/non-driving and \$15.25/driving time.

The minutes for December 18, 2018 were tabled for next month's meeting. The bank reconciliation reports for the General Fund and Student Activity Fund were reviewed as of December 31, 2018 with no variances noted between the bank balances and general ledger balances. The Student Activity Fund Balance Report was reviewed and no variances were noted.

The Cash Report by Fund, Budget versus Actual Report, RFR Report, Bond Building & SB-9 Report, List of Open POs, Pledged Collateral Letter, Supplemental Pay Report, and the 2018-2019 Operating Budget versus Actual Report was reviewed.

Federal RFR revenue collected in December was \$6,570; outstanding RFRs total \$333,306.

The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the following BARs: BAR #069-000-1819-0018-I Fund 13000 Transportation Fund for \$19,787; BAR #069-000-1819-0019-I Fund 31700 SB-9 State Match for \$42,099; BAR #069-000-1819-0020-D Fund 27198 4&5 Pilot Grant decrease of \$47,786; BAR #069-000-1819-0021-D Fund 27166 K-3 Plus Grant decrease of \$55,137; and BAR #069-000-1819-0022-I Fund 21000 Student Nutrition for \$65,818. ***Motion by Board Member Lovato Pacheco to approve: BAR #069-000-1819-0018-I Fund 13000 Transportation Fund for \$19,787; BAR #069-000-1819-0019-I Fund 31700 SB-9 State Match for \$42,099; BAR #069-000-1819-0020-D Fund 27198 4&5 Pilot Grant decrease of \$47,786; BAR #069-000-1819-0021-D Fund 27166 K-3 Plus Grant decrease of \$55,137; and BAR #069-000-1819-0022-I Fund 21000 Student Nutrition for \$65,818. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Duran. Motion passed unanimously.** There was no recommendation for the rate of pay change for Activity Bus Drivers.

D. Audit Committee Report – Mari Hillis reported that the audit is still under review by the State Auditor's Office.

E. Superintendent's Report –

1. School Site Reports/Student Representative – Elizia Montoya, Student Representative, reported that the intercoms at Robertson are working better, a work order was put in to fix the locks on restroom stalls, students have inquired about valedictorian and salutatorian, was concerned about losing teachers in some classes which impacts students, students at Memorial Middle School would like a diverse food selection for lunch, inquired as to the reopening of the A+ Grill, concern from students about learning supplies and materials, still working on the friend bench idea, still is working on a time to visit Sierra Vista Elementary and Mike Mateo Sena.
2. Personnel – Acting Superintendent Archuleta reported the following personnel changes: Miranda Andrego hired as an elementary teacher and the resignation of Theresa Tapia. She reviewed the list of vacant positions.
3. Maintenance – Tom Meserve, Director of Operations, reported that the work on the boiler at the maintenance building was completed, door and locks have been installed on the RHS campus, the broken water pipe at the Memorial Middle School Gym was repaired and the work was completed in the Life Skills room in the Quintana building.
4. Transportation – Tom Meserve reported that there was one problem trip and the number of mileage for trips has remained the same.
5. Information Technology – John Tiernan, Director of Information Technology, reported that the intercom speakers at RHS were rewired to increase the amperage and volume, will be overseeing an instructional technology committee that will focus on technology in the classroom and its implementation with the assistance of classroom teachers, stated that the computer replacement project is complete, and the wiring for the door replacement/repair is being installed and expected completion is the end of the month.
6. Bilingual Education – Carla Pacheco, Director of Bilingual Education, reported that the ACCESS testing window is approaching and she identified the testers, all testing material has been ordered, working on the bilingual application and discussing what it looks like for Las Vegas City Schools.

7. Special Education – Leasa Martinez, Special Education Coordinator, stated that there are 224 students currently on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), shared that there should be plan for students that may try to take off out of the school, indicated that some school districts have a policy that she will look into and present to the Superintendent and Board in the near future. Shared a handout entitled Middle School Misfortunes: Then and Now One Teachers Take on social media and how it effects students. Board Member Lovato Pacheco commented on the amount of students on an IEP and expressed concern and asked what is being done to help students exit.
8. Student Nutrition – Pat Baca, Director of Student Nutrition, submitted the monthly claims summary for December 2018.
9. Athletics – Juan Carlos Fulgenzi, Director of Co-Curricular Activities, reported the number of students participating in Winter Sports, the fundraisers currently in progress and the upcoming district games. Stated that the Cardinal Classic will take place January 25-26, 2019 at Marr Gym. Coaches were notified to advise students of NMAA scholarship opportunities. Indicated that interviews for the baseball coach were conducted.
10. Safety and Wellness – Michell Aragon, Safety and Wellness Coordinator, advised that the Safety and Threat assessments were completed, presentations to students and staff regarding active shooters, will be scheduling a health fair for the district in conjunction with the school nurses, working on a policy through Title II that would assist teachers with continuing their education with financial assistance and the Cardinal Closet has been utilized and is fully stocked.
11. School Site Reports – Acting Superintendent Archuleta advised the board that the portables have been set up at Los Niños Elementary and the purchase order was put in for the fence project at Robertson High School.

Motion by Board President Romero to recess from regular session. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Duran. Motion passed unanimously to recess at 6:17 pm.

Motion by Board Member Lovato Pacheco to reconvene to regular session from recess. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Duran. Motion passed unanimously to reconvene to regular session at 6:38 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Education convened in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters specifically the Superintendent; 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 Vice President Duran to convene in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters specifically the Superintendent; 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 Lovato Pacheco:**

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Board entered into executive session at 6:39 pm.

Motion by Board Member Lovato Pacheco to reconvene to regular session from Executive Session. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Duran.

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 7:55 pm. Board President Romero stated that the Board of Education convened into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters specifically the Superintendent; 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.

FUTURE PLANNING:


- A. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2019 at 5:15 pm. ***Motion by Board Vice President Duran to convene a special board meeting January 22, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. The NMSBA 2019 Board Member Institute is scheduled for February 21-23, 2019 at the Eldorado Hotel in Santa Fe, NM.

ADJOURNMENT:


***Motion by Board Member Lovato Pacheco to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Duran. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:58 pm.**

****Denotes Action Required***

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Dennis E. Romero, Board President



Gabe V. Lucero, Board Secretary

APPROVED: February 19, 2019