

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

August 15, 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, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701 at 5:16 pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 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:

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

**RECORDER:** LouAnna Sena

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

Rita Bustamante	Gale Cunico	Lexie Cunico	Pat Baca
Carla Pacheco	Donna Lucero	Vanessa Garcia	Leslie Larrañaga
Michelle Bencomo	Benjamin Bencomo	Thomas Paul Trujillo	Shannon Doss
Brock Aragon	Ida Sue Gonzales	Mari Hillis	John Tiernan
Mike Yara	Regina DeNardo-Sena		

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Board President Romero asked to review the agenda and make any adjustments that may be required. Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval of the agenda as presented. Board President Romero asked that District Accolades be moved before Public Input. **\*Motion by Board Vice President Duran to approve the agenda with the change requested by Board President Romero to move District Accolades before Public Input. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**

**DISTRICT ACCOLADES:**

Board President Romero asked that Mr. and Mrs. Doss approach the podium to share the accomplishment of the soccer team of which they coach. The Meadow City Soccer Club participated in competitive soccer throughout the summer. The girls and boys teams are now one of the top teams in the state. The teams competed in Colorado and Texas. The teams attended regionals in Castle Rock, Colorado. In national competition the team achieved great recognition from other teams and earned the national championship title and the boy's team earned third place.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None

**MINUTES:**

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – July 18, 2019 – **\*Motion by Board Secretary Lucero to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting July 18, 2019. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Special Board Meeting – August 8, 2019 – **\*Motion by Board Vice President Duran to approve the minutes for the special board meeting August 8, 2019. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion/Action: New Mexico School for the Deaf Joint Powers Agreement – Superintendent Archuleta indicated it was the annual agreement with the New Mexico School for the Deaf and Las Vegas City Schools. She recommended approval as presented. **\*Motion by Board Member Lovato Pacheco to approve the New Mexico School for the Deaf Joint Powers Agreement. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Duran. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Discussion/Action: Resolution regarding Health Insurance – Board President Romero would like the Board of Education to draft a resolution regarding employee health insurance. The resolution would then be submitted to the legislature in hopes of obtaining better health insurance for employees.
- C. Discussion: Parent Pick up/drop off – Superintendent Archuleta reviewed the locations for pick up and drop off for Robertson and Memorial Middle School. She indicated that on the north side of Robertson High School is the parent pick up/drop off for high school students. The west side of the campus on 5<sup>th</sup> Street is the pick up /drop off for bus students and the south side of the campus is parent pick up/drop off for middle school students. Board Romero suggested a rope be placed across 5<sup>th</sup> Street during pick up and drop off times to avoid a high volume of traffic during the early morning and after school hours. A rope on 4<sup>th</sup> Street was suggested as well as the fencing project is underway.
- D. Finance Committee Report - The Finance Committee met August 15, 2019 and reviewed the reconciliation reports for the General Fund and Student Activity Fund as of July 31, 2019. No variances were noted between the bank balances and general ledger balances. The Student Activity Fund Balance report was reviewed and no variances were noted.

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

The federal RFR revenue collected in July was \$382,343; outstanding RFRs total \$684,521.

The committee recommended approval for replacement buses for 3 contractor buses and 6 district buses. The committee reviewed the following BARs: BAR #069-000-1920-0001-IB Fund 24153 Title III for \$11,136; BAR #069-000-1920-0002-IB Fund 27109 Special Appropriation for Instructional Materials for \$116,257; BAR #069-1920-0003-IB Fund 27183 New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits & Vegetables for \$4,600; BAR #069-1920-0004-IB Fund 27155 Elementary Breakfast After the Bell for \$9,407; BAR #069-1920-0005-IB Fund 24120 IDEA-B Risk Pool for \$3,725 and BAR #069-1920-0006-I Fund 24109 IDEA-B Preschool for \$39. The finance committee recommended approval of the BARs as presented.

- 1. Discussion/Action: BARs-Transfers/Expenditures/Awards – **\*Motion by Board Secretary Lucero to approve BAR #069-000-1920-0001-IB Fund 24153 Title III for \$11,136; BAR #069-000-1920-0002-IB Fund 27109 Special Appropriation for Instructional Materials for \$116,257; BAR #069-1920-0003-IB Fund 27183 New Mexico Grown Fresh Fruits & Vegetables for \$4,600; BAR #069-1920-0004-IB Fund 27155 Elementary Breakfast After the Bell for \$9,407; BAR #069-1920-0005-IB Fund 24120 IDEA-B Risk Pool for \$3,725 and BAR #069-1920-0006-I Fund 24109 IDEA-B Preschool for \$39. Motion seconded by Board President Romero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 2. Discussion/Action: Approval to Purchase and Replace School Buses – Mari Hillis stated that quotes are due to NMPED by August 23, 2019 for the purchase and replacement of 3 contractor and 6 to and from district buses. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Lucero to**

**approve the purchase and replacement of 3 contractor buses and 6 to and from district buses. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discussion/Action: Purchase of 2 activity Buses – Superintendent Archuleta recommended the approval of 2 activity buses. **\*Motion by Board President Romero to accept Superintendent Archuleta's recommendation to purchase to activity buses. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta reported that there are no changes to the monetary funding of the project. Stated that a meeting was scheduled for August 16, 2019 with PSCOC, PSFA, Mr. Joe Guillen, Jeremy Ortiz, Mari Hillis and NorthStar to discuss Phase II for Los Niños and the portion for the Sierra Vista Elementary Project. The purchase order for the appraisal of the district properties has been generated for American Properties. Appraisals will take place in three weeks to provide property assessments. Board Secretary Lucero asked for an update on the fence project at Robertson. Superintendent Archuleta stated that the fence must be 20 feet long rather than the initial 14 foot specifications. Stated that the district previously met with the community members surrounding the area of the project of which documentation was submitted to the City of Las Vegas advising of the fence.
- F. Audit Committee Report – An Audit Committee meeting has been scheduled for September 23, 2019.
- G. Superintendent's Report –
  1. Data – Superintendent Archuleta indicated that district reports cards are scheduled to be released in late October beginning of November. Standards Based Assessments will now be for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and continue with 11<sup>th</sup> grade in Science. The district did exceed the states proficiency for levels 3 and 4 in grades 4, 7 and 11. The district exceptionally well meeting or exceeding the states proficiency levels in English Language Arts.
  2. Personnel – Superintendent Archuleta reported the following hires: Jennifer Armijo-Gallegos, KatyMae Browning, Estevan Baca, Rita Bustamante, Patricia Crockett, Christine Duran, Steven Esquibel, Desiree Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Ida Sue Gonzales, Lisa Guerin, Rebecca Heldreth, Josephine Herrera, Ty Lewis, Joe Lucero, Denette Martinez, Cynthia Mathews, Rose Montoya, Nancy Nicoloff-Tucker, Robin Sena, Evelyn Trujillo, Thomas Paul Trujillo, Karen Turnmire, David Ulibarri Jr. and Michael Yara. The resignation of Alexander Abeyta and Beth Alderete. Vacant positions are Bilingual Teacher, Elementary Teacher, Student Engagement Advisor and Educational Assistant.
  3. Maintenance – Superintendent Archuleta indicated that they are diligently working on the FMARs throughout the district. The courtyard at the high school has been redone. Legion Park grounds have been mowed and branches removed.
  4. Transportation – Ida Sue Gonzales, Transportation Supervisor, reported that the mechanic completed an in depth service on all route buses. Route bus #71 was taken to Albuquerque for repairs and has since been repaired and ready for the first day of school. The department is preparing for the upcoming fall sports trips. The mechanic has continued servicing all activity buses, fleet vehicles and equipment. New staff is continuing with training. Thanked the board for the approval of the new route buses.
  5. Information Technology – John Tiernan, Director of Information Technology, shared that technology is ready for the first day of school. Stated that since the return of staff, the department is assisting with movement of technology, password changes and updating software on devices.
  6. Special Education – Thomas Paul Trujillo, Director of Special Education, shared some departmental goals with the board. Reviewed some minor changes that were discussed

with staff to include: improve Medicaid billing, build a gifted program, meet appropriate deadlines, identify and place work study students, collaborate more with DVR and continue trainings to improve the department.

7. Student Nutrition – Pat Baca, Director of Student Nutrition, reported that the summer program consisted of 48 days. Stated that she will be hiring additional staff of which will be trained and complete the Serve-Safe certification process.
8. Bilingual – Carla Pacheco, Director of Bilingual, shared that the bilingual applications submitted to NMPED for all schools were approved as well as the Title III Application. ACCESS scores were received and 5 students tested out of ELL status. Others made tremendous gains nearing proficiency.
9. Safety and Wellness – No report available.

#### **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; 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; 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 Secretary Lucero.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Board entered into executive session at 6:20 pm.

**Motion by Board Secretary Lucero 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 – Yes  
Board Vice President Duran – Yes  
Board President Romero – Yes

**Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 6:46 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; 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:**

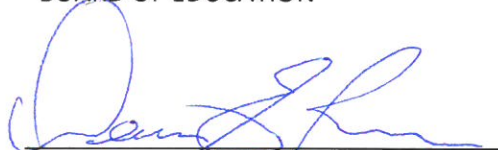
- A. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 5:15 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\*Motion by Board Secretary Lucero to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Duran. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:48 pm.

*\*Denotes Action Required*

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Dennis E. Romero, Board President



Gabe V. Lucero, Board Secretary

**APPROVED: September 19, 2019**