

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

November 4, 2021

A Special 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 87701 at 5:16 p.m. on the 4th day of November 2021.

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 Lucero – Absent
Board Secretary Duran – Present
Board Vice President Armijo – Present
Board President Romero – Present

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

Clea Gutterson John Tiernan Gwen Albers Matthew Luna Unknown female

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Board President Romero asked Mr. Matthew Luna if he would like the hearing closed or open to the public. Board President Romero explained both options to Mr. Luna. Mr. Luna replied stating he wanted the meeting open to the public.

Board President Romero stated that the Board of Education would like to delegate to its legal counsel Patricia Ives, the authority to preside over the evidentiary portion of the hearing and the authority to assist the board in resolving any legal issues which may arise during the hearing including any prehearing motions or disputes, objections to evidence or other legal questions or issues that either party needs addressed. ***Motion by Board Vice President Armijo that the board delegate to its legal counsel, Patricia Ives, the authority to preside over the evidentiary portion of the hearing and the authority to assist the board in resolving any legal issues that may arise during the hearing including any prehearing motions or disputes, objections to evidence or other legal questions or issues that either party needs addressed. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Patricia Ives, Legal Counsel, stated the Board of Education of Las Vegas City Schools was meeting in a quasi-judicial capacity to hear proceedings in the termination of Matthew J. Luna, a tenured employee of the school district that now requested that the hearing be held before the public in open session. Presentation by the district administration to establish just cause for the termination of Matthew J. Luna will occur first. Each party will have an opportunity to cross examine, question and/or clarify statements made by the opposing party. Each party could present a brief opening statement of no more than ten (10) minutes. Questions by the Board could be presented at any time. The administration could offer evidence it deemed relevant. At the end of the presentations, each party could present a brief closing statement of no more of the ten (10) minutes. The opening and closing statements are part of the allocated time. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Board may dismiss all parties and deliberate upon the presentations. The Board shall advise both parties of the decision within the 20-day time limit set by statute. Ms. Ives stated that the deliberations of the Board will take place behind closed doors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board will take action to convene in Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§10-15-1 H (2), limited personnel matter; specifically, the termination hearing of a tenured employee; and (3) deliberations by a public body in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceeding; specifically, deliberations regarding the contemplated termination of the aforementioned tenured employee. Only the items enumerated above will be discussed in Executive Session, and action, if any, will be taken when the Board reconvenes in Open Session.

***Motion by Board Vice President Armijo to convene in Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§10-15-1 H (2), limited personnel matter; specifically, the termination hearing of a tenured employee; and (3) deliberations by a public body in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceeding; specifically, deliberations regarding the contemplated termination of the aforementioned tenured employee. Only the items enumerated above will be discussed in Executive Session, and action, if any, will be taken when the Board reconvenes in Open Session. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Board entered into Executive Session at 5:20 pm.

Motion by Board Secretary Duran to reconvene to regular session from Executive Session. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo.

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 5:32 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Motion by Board Secretary Duran to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo.**

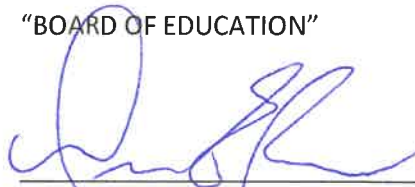
ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

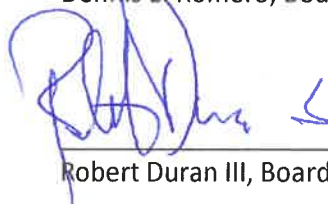
Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 5:33 pm.

****Denotes Action Required***

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Dennis E. Romero, Board President



Robert Duran III, Board Secretary

APPROVED: November 18, 2021