

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

April 20, 2017

A Regular Board Meeting of the Las Vegas City Schools Board of Education was held at Mike Mateo Sena Elementary, located at 12 County Road A1 in Sapello, New Mexico at 5:18 p.m. on the 20th day of April 2017.

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

ROLL CALL: Board President Lujan called for roll call as follows:

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

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: Kelt L. Cooper, Superintendent

Amy Duran	Jeff Esquibel	Daniel Encinias	Denise Sena
Lorena Castro-Garcia	Edna Wright	Martha Peña	Bernadette Trujillo
JoAnn Gomez	Krystal Macklin	Steve Sanchez	Alex Abeyta
Angeline Abeyta	Tom Meserve	Cristina Cordova	Eric Romero
Renee Romero	Pat Rose	Michael Lovato	Roger Romero
Michele Torres	Dodie Torres	John Tiernan	Lorraine Martinez
Veronica	Shannon Doss	LaDonna LaRan	Elaine Baca
Bill Brainerd	Elba Gold	Crystal Mondragon	Gary Sena
David Chester	Andrea Gold	Aaron Cordova	Mari Hillis
Colleen Martinez	Cathy Gallegos	Jessica Benavidez	Philip Garcia
Ignacio Sanchez	Cassandra Crespín	Shannon Atencio	Will Atencio
Beth Alderete	Alicia Sandoval	Victor Sandoval	Ronald Montoya
Cayetano Martinez	Larry Paiz	Darius Sandoval	Sharon Rascon
Ariyah Sandoval	Mike Yara	Angel Laumbach	Terese Montoya
Lor Ann Encinias	Felicia Martinez	Lawrence Garcia	Jeff Esquibel Jr.
Jean Martinez	Helen Martinez	Phebe Gutierrez	Lawrence Lucero
Veroncia Schlenger	(2 names not legible)		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Board President Lujan asked to review the agenda and make any adjustments that may be required. Motion by Board Vice President Romero to move Item X-D Audit Committee Report after the approval of the agenda and move Item VI Public Input after Item X-D. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Chris Garner, Axiom Auditor, provided a quick overview of the 2015-2016 Audit Report to the board of education.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dr. Eric Romero addressed the board regarding his support for the Dual Language Program at Los Niños Elementary. Stated that to ensure success for students, their achievement must be recognized in their heritage model. Roger Romero, PTA Representative, advocated for the Dual Language Program. Stated that through reading and writing in English and Spanish, students are 50% above Tier 1. Shared that students are reading, writing, bilingual and biliterate. Ignacio Sanchez, NEA Representative for New Mexico, expressed his support for the Dual Language Program. Wants to help create an environment where teachers are able to collaborate with administrators to decide what's best for students. Shared some statements/concerns from teachers. Implored the board to see the value of the dual language program at Los Niños. Jessica Benavidez, parent, read a letter to the board about her concerns regarding the Dual Language Program at Los Niños. Conveyed her children's experiences with the program and stated reading and writing in a second language at a young age makes a child's brain more able to comprehend and absorb topics such as mathematics and science. It connects children to their culture. Darius Sandoval, parent and former student of the Dual Language Program, informed the board that he was part of the first group of students in the immersion program. Stated he and his classmates took college level Spanish courses while in middle school and high school as a direct result of his experience in the immersion. Asked that the board support the Dual Language Program.

TOUR OF MIKE MATEO SENA ELEMENTARY: Superintendent Cooper asked the board for a short recess to tour Mike Mateo Sena Elementary School. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to recess for a tour of Mike Mateo Sena Elementary School. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Romero. Motion passed unanimously to recess at 5:58 p.m.**

Motion by Board Vice President Romero to reconvene to regular session from recess. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran.

ROLL CALL: Board President Lujan called for roll call as follows:

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

Board reconvened to regular session from recess at 6:20 p.m.

DISTRICT ACCOLADES:

- A. NMSBA Student Achievement Award: Fraternal Order of Eagles Meadow City Aerie and Auxiliary #3815** – Board Member Lovato Pacheco acknowledged the Fraternal Order of Eagles Meadow City Aerie and Auxiliary #3815 for their contributions and assistance with the Community Food Bank. Since September 2014, the Community Food Bank has served approximately 5,400 individuals. Board Member Lovato Pacheco on behalf of the board of education presented the NMSBA Student Achievement Award to Larry Paiz and Cayetano Martinez, representatives from the Fraternal Order of Eagles Meadow City Aerie and Auxiliary #3815.

PRESENTATION:

The students from the Mike Mateo Sena Elementary School Band performed several songs for the board under the direction of Maurice Romero, Music/Band Teacher. Mr. Romero thanked the board and superintendent for making the school year a positive experience and for providing instruments for the students.

***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to recess. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously to recess at 6:41 p.m.**

Motion by Board Vice President Romero to return to regular session from recess. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran.

ROLL CALL: Board President Lujan called for roll call as follows:

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

Board reconvened to regular session from recess at 6:56 p.m. Superintendent Cooper recognized the staff at Mike Mateo Sena Elementary for hosting the meeting.

MINUTES:

***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the regular board meeting minutes from March 16, 2017 and the special board meeting minutes from March 28, 2017. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Approval: 2017-2018 School Calendar** – Associate Superintendent Lovato presented the 2017-2018 calendar to the board for review. Stated that the August 18, 2017 start date for staff will allow for preparation for the new year. Staff will have four days for professional development prior to the first day of school. Students will begin August 28, 2017. Elementary students will have two half days monthly to allow for professional learning communities. Stated that RHS graduation would be May 25, 2018. Last day for staff would be May 31, 2018. Elementary student hours would be 7:50 am-3:00 pm with secondary student hours from 8:30 am – 3:45 pm. ***Motion by Board Member Lovato Pacheco to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Discussion/Approval: School Board Scholarship Nominations** – Board President Lujan stated that the purpose of the New Mexico School Boards Association Scholarship Program was to encourage and promote attainment of higher educational goals for students who have demonstrated a high level of leadership, academic achievement, community involvement and extra-curricular activity participation during high school. Board President Lujan nominated Anthony John Larrañaga for his outstanding academics and achievements that he has continuously demonstrated throughout his high school career. ***Motion by Board Member Lovato Pacheco to nominate Anthony John Larrañaga for the NMSBA Scholarship Program. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Romero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Discussion/Approval: School Economic Foundation Nominations** – Superintendent Cooper addressed the board regarding the creation of a non-profit educational foundation that would build a scholarship fund. A requirement of a minimum of three board of directors' members is needed to begin the foundation. Individuals are independent of the board of education.

Superintendent Cooper asked for the board's support of the foundation. Board Member Lucero suggested nominating individuals with a finance background. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the foundation. Motion seconded by Board Member Lovato Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously.** Board Vice President Romero nominated Shannon Doss, owner/operator of Desert Gate Internet service. Board Member Lovato Pacheco nominated Jim Franken. ***Motion by Board President Lujan to table the nominations for the foundation. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.**

D. Audit Committee Report – Moved up on agenda after Approval of Agenda.

E. Finance Committee Report – The Finance Committee met April 20, 2017. The committee reviewed the bank reconciliation report for the Student Activity and General Fund as of March 31, 2017 and noted no variances between the bank balances and general ledger balances. Student Activity Fund Balance report was reviewed with no variances noted. The committee reviewed the Supplemental Pay and Overtime report and Pledged Collateral report. The 2015-2016 Operating Budget report was reviewed by the committee. A draft policy for Boosters and Fund Raising was reviewed and discussed. The Request for Reimbursement report was reviewed with \$96,154 of federal reimbursements received in March. Current outstanding reimbursements are \$897,621.

The committee reviewed and recommended the ratification of the following BARs: BAR #069-000-1617-0032-I increase BAR for Fund 24108 NM Autism Program for \$8,000; BAR #069-000-1617-0033-T transfer BAR for Title I; BAR #069-000-1617-0034-M Maintenance BAR for Title I; and approval of the following BARs: BAR #069-000-1617-0035-I increase BAR for Title I carryover of \$176,236; BAR #069-000-1617-0036-I receipt of the SB-9 match of \$43,076 and BAR #069-000-1617-0037-M Maintenance BAR for NM Autism Program. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to ratify BAR #069-000-1617-0032-I; BAR #069-000-1617-0033-T; BAR #069-000-1617-0034-M and approve BAR #069-000-1617-0035-I; BAR #069-000-1617-0036-I and BAR #069-000-1617-0037-M. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**

F. Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Los Niños Funding Update** – Colleen Martinez, Visions In Planning, Inc., provided the board with an update regarding the April 13, 2017 Public Schools Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) meeting regarding the prefunding application that was submitted for Los Niños. A recommendation from the meeting was that the district go with a systems based funding application. A meeting is set for next week with PSCOC to request standards based funding versus systems based funding. Provided a timeline related to the funding, inspections, and completion of construction.
- 2. Student Representative Report** – Mark Julian Martinez, Student Representative, acknowledged the Robertson High School Boys and Girls Tennis Teams for their recent participation in several tennis tournaments with the girl's teams placing first. He advised the board that RHS Mariachi Cardenal would be traveling to Tucson, Arizona April 25, 2017 to participate in the Tucson International Mariachi Conference and perform at the Fiesta Garibaldi at Casino Del Sol.
- 3. Personnel** – Superintendent Cooper announced that Pauline Maestas was hired as the new Title I/Safety & Health Secretary.
- 4. Transportation/Maintenance** – Tom Meserve, Director of Maintenance and Transportation, reviewed his monthly transportation log with the board. He shared a parent/student handbook for riding the bus that was drafted. Stated that parents and students would be required to review and acknowledge the rules for riding the bus. Mr. Meserve shared the bus routes that would take effect for the 2017-2018 school year as a result of the right sizing of schools. Informed the board about the focus areas in maintenance that include lowering the number of outstanding work orders, hired 2

substitute maintenance workers to paint, completion of repainting and stripping of indoor playground at Los Niños and quotes for repair of baseball and softball infields.

5. **Student Nutrition** – Superintendent Cooper informed the board that the student nutrition report for the month of March was for review.
6. **Information Technology** – John Tiernan, Director of Information Technology, provided an overview of the technology projects currently taking place. Shared that E-rate Central had been hired as a consultant to assist with the preparation of current e-rate submissions and file appeals for prior year funds that were lost, district is currently looking at redesigning the network connectivity to minimally meet the FCC recommendations of 1mbps of bandwidth, working with E-rate Central to procure new telephone lines and new internet connection, working to procure new unified firewall and content filter, replace the districts entire telephone infrastructure, district website, email and external DNS will be hosted by an external company rather than internally, and the first phase of the records management project is underway.
7. **School Safety and Health** – Michell Aragon provided the school safety and health progress report for review.
8. **School sites** – Superintendent Cooper advised the board that the school site reports are informational items for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Discussion/Approval: 2017 LVCS District Wellness Policy – Motion by Board Member Lucero to table the 2017 LVCS District Wellness Policy as Michell Aragon was not present at the meeting. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. **Discussion: Security at Robertson High School** – A security guard was hired to replace the security guard that resigned. The security guard from Memorial Middle School will move to Robertson next school year. A third security guard may be hired if the budget allows.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

*The Board of Education convened into closed session in pursuant to NMSA 1978; Section 10-15-1-H (4) discussion of personally identifiable information about any individual student, unless the student, his parent or guardian requests otherwise. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to convene into closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978; Section 10-15-1-H (4) discussion of personally identifiable information about any individual student, unless the student, his parent or guardian requests otherwise. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Lujan called for roll call as follows:

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

Board entered into executive session at 8:44 p.m.

Motion by Board Vice President Romero to reconvene from Executive Session. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero.

ROLL CALL: Board President Lujan called for roll call as follows:

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

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 9:11 p.m. Board President Lujan stated that the board convened into executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978; Section 10-15-1-H (4) discussion of personally identifiable information about any individual student, unless the student, his parent or guardian requests otherwise and no action was taken.

FUTURE PLANNING:


- A. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.
- B. Robertson High School Prom is scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2017.
- C. Robertson High School Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Michael Marr Gymnasium.

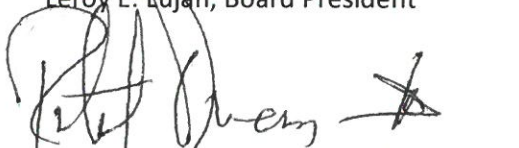
ADJOURNMENT:

***Motion by Board President Lujan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Romero. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 9:13 p.m.**

****Denotes Action Required***

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Leroy E. Lujan, Board President


Robert Duran III, Board Secretary

Approved: May 18, 2017