

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

January 21, 2021

A Regular Board Meeting of the Las Vegas City Schools Board of Education was held at the Administrative Building via Zoom Meeting located at 901 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701 at 5:15 pm on the 21st day of January 2021.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board President Duran. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Secretary Romero asked for a moment of silence for all the individuals that have passed away. 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 – Present (Joined at 5:21 pm)
Board President Duran – Present

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input

PRESENTATION:

- A. New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) Recognition – Superintendent Archuleta announced that Board Secretary Romero and Board Member Armijo earned exemplary awards from the New Mexico School Boards Association. The awards are for board members that have participated in more than 20 hours of training during the 2019-2020 school year.

MINUTES:

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – December 17, 2020 – ***Motion by Board Vice President Lujan to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting December 17, 2020. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Action: Policy Services Alert – Alternate Demonstration of Competency (ADC) – Superintendent Archuleta shared that the policy services alert was sent by the policy services regarding the Alternate Demonstration of Competency (ADC). Superintendent Archuleta stated that there was concern around the state for students meeting graduation requirements during the pandemic and could affect the 2021 and possibly 2022 cohort. The PSAT and SAT were made available to all our students. The district does have a current ADC but with everything occurring, the state is allowing school districts to use the ADC for students that may need it to meet

graduation requirements. NMPED has suggested that school districts honor the 24 credit requirement for current students; the district currently requires 26 credits. Board Member Lucero suggested amending the graduation policy to reflect the 24 credits to meet the states' requirements due to the pandemic. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to adopt the Alternate Demonstration of Competency from the NMSBA Policy Service. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Lujan. Motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Discussion: Hybrid Schedule – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) is looking to open all schools into a hybrid mode by the fourth quarter. However, if our county remains in the red mode then we would not be able to move to hybrid. The district has been prepping to ensure the schools are ready to open depending on what is occurring in the state and at the department of health. Board Secretary Romero asked how many employees had been vaccinated. She stated approximately 156 employees had been vaccinated. The district is working diligently with the Department of Health, El Centro Family Health, Alta Vista Regional Hospital as well as San Miguel County. Board Vice President Lujan asked if the district had adequate space for students. Superintendent Archuleta shared that there is adequate space but the problem lies with staffing. Stated that the district is ready to move to a hybrid model. Superintendent Archuleta reassured the board that safety is always first.
- C. Discussion: Old Memorial Middle School Project – Community Center – Board Member Lucero wanted to clarify the status of the appropriation that was awarded to the district by the state for design and planning of the project. Board Member Lucero was notified by Representative Ambrose Castellano that the district rejected the \$1.4 million; asked Superintendent of that was the case. Superintendent Archuleta stated that the district did decline the funds due to repayment being added on to future projects the district may have. The payback for the \$1.4 million would have a payback of \$754,000. The money is not specifically for the district but for the county community center. The district would be responsible for the project and responsible to payback our student and taxpayer money. Superintendent Archuleta had a discussion with Senator Pete Campos and Representative Castellano if there was another avenue the county could seek for the initial plan and design for the community center where other entities could share the cost. There are needs throughout the district that would benefit from the money that would directly impact students where that money would not. The district did submit a legislative appropriation request last year for assistance to repair some of the district's facilities and was awarded only funding for mariachi. Board Member Lucero stated that the district should not pass up the opportunity for such a large legislative appropriation. Stated we are here to help all students. Board Secretary Romero feels the district should not take the full financial responsibility of repayment. Board Vice President Lujan stated the idea of the community center is great to help kids but not at the expense of students. Board President Duran stated he echoed what the others shared. Felt that the \$754,000 should not be the district's responsibility. Board Member Armijo asked if all entities could sit at the table to discuss equitable financial responsibility amongst all agencies for the project. Feels the district should not take the brunt of repayment. Matt Probst, El Centro Family Health, stated that if this can happen there would be thriving students, higher graduation rates, lower suicide rates, etc. He is willing to assist in any way he can to see the project move forward. Superintendent Archuleta stated that she is here to protect the district and provide the best for all students.
- D. Finance Committee – The finance committee met January 20, 2021 via zoom meeting at 5:15 pm. The minutes for the December 16, 2020 were reviewed and approved. The December 30, 2020 bank reconciliation reports for the General Fund and Student Activity Fund were reviewed and no variances were noted between the bank and general ledger balances.

The Student Activity Fund Balance Report was reviewed and no variances were noted. The committee also reviewed the Cash Report, Revenues and Expenditures Report, the Request for Reimbursement (RFR) Report, Capital Outlay Report, list of donations, list of purchase orders, Pledged Collateral Letter and the Supplemental Pay Report.

Outstanding RFRs total \$482,894 for the current fiscal year. Revenues received in December total \$77,963.

The following BARs were reviewed and recommended for ratification by the board: BAR #069-000-2021-0025-T Fund 24301 CARES Act Transfer; BAR #069-000-2021-0026-M Fund 24301 CARES Act Maintenance; BAR #069-000-2021-0027-T Fund 11000 Operational Transfer; BAR #069-000-2021-0028-M Fund 11000 Operational Maintenance; BAR #069-000-2021-0029-T Fund 24101 Title I Transfer; and approval of BAR #069-000-2021-0030-I Fund 31100 Bond Fund Increase of \$5,057,110. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021 at 5:15 pm.

1. Discussion/Action: BARs/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards - ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to ratify BAR #069-000-2021-0025-T Fund 24301 CARES Act Transfer; BAR #069-000-2021-0026-M Fund 24301 CARES Act Maintenance; BAR #069-000-2021-0027-T Fund 11000 Operational Transfer; BAR #069-000-2021-0028-M Fund 11000 Operational Maintenance; BAR #069-000-2021-0029-T Fund 24101 Title I Transfer. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo. Motion passed unanimously. *Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve BAR #069-000-2021-0030-I Fund 31100 Bond Fund Increase of \$5,057,110. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Lujan. Motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. She shared that windows at Sierra Vista were being replaced. A deductible for Sierra Vista was paid due to flooding and coils bursting. Water bottle dispenser are scheduled for installation at the end of the month for all schools. The HVAC system repairs at Memorial Middle Schools should be completed by next month; was delayed due to inclement weather. The library at Los Niños Elementary is complete. Change orders are minimal for the Los Niños project. ACCESS Technology will finalize the fence project at Robertson High School. Ceiling tiles at Marr Gym will be replaced. Stated the cooling system at Marr Gym needs to be upgraded. An emergency tree removal took place at Silas Lopez Early Childhood Center. Playground equipment will be removed by the City of Las Vegas in February. Marquee signs at school sites will be reviewed for replacement or upgrades.
- F. Audit Committee Report – No information available. Waiting for the report to be released.
- G. Superintendent’s Report:
1. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the resignation of Thomas Meserve.
 2. District Update – Superintendent Archuleta shared that the district adopted a road between the Golf Course and soccer field on Mills Avenue to Grand Avenue. This would allow our students and staff to help with community service and beautify the city. The Vecinos Juntos Community group will have Estrellas de Vecinos Juntos honoring different individuals or groups in the city. They will be celebrating our Student Nutrition Staff for their hard work in serving over 148,000 meals from March to December. The district has a MOU with the Department of Health to assist them with a location to administer the COVID vaccine. That is located at the Old Memorial Middle School. Superintendent Archuleta made a suggestion during the Vecinos Juntos meeting that everyone get

involved in celebrating the 2021 graduates from all educational institutions. NMPED recommended no testing for students in AVANT, Science and IMSSA; the district will continue with the district short cycle assessments. Students at Memorial Middle School had a virtual academic celebration.

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's contract; 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 (2) discussion of limited personnel matters specifically the Superintendent's contract; 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 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 – Yes
Board President Duran – Yes

Board entered into executive session at 7:30 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 – Yes
Board President Duran – Yes

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 7:53 pm. Board President Duran 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's contract; 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:

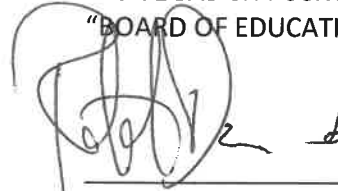
- A. NMSBA 2021 Virtual Board Member Institute is scheduled for February 10-13, 2021.
- B. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 5:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Lujan. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:55 pm.**

****Denotes Action Required***

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Robert Duran III, Board President

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Dennis E. Romero, Board Secretary

APPROVED: February 25, 2021