

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

March 18, 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 18th day of March 2021.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board President Duran. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 – Absent
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 move agenda item IX.A Discussion/Action: 2021 School Bond Election immediately after Public Input. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dawn Cde Baca telephoned to participate in Public Input. She expressed concern over the recent articles in the Las Vegas Optic regarding the alleged amounts of money spent on records requests and legal fees. She stated that the district should process the requests in house versus sending the request to legal counsel for review. Stated the district should attend Inspection of Public Records Requests (IPRA) trainings offered by the New Mexico Attorney General's Office so that the custodian of records and district could respond quicker. Referenced the IPRA's submitted to the district by Stacy Fulgenzi.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Action: 2021 School Bond Election – Regina Gaysina, RBC Capital Markets, LLC Financial Advisor reviewed the district's finances and the approaching 2021 bond election. Ms. Gaysina reviewed the district's assessed valuation, the debt service, timeline, election and tax rate. Ms. Gaysina discussed the importance of managing the debt service tax rate, tax rate management options, bond cycling, issuing Education Technology Notes (ETN) to help with the tax rate management, ETN Tax Rate setting and issuance for one year. The bond would not increase taxes to the public. Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval of the establishment of the Education Technology Note tax rate for 2021 and approval of the \$8.5 million bond for the November 2021 election. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to accept Superintendent Archuleta's recommendation to establish the Education Technology Note tax rate for 2021 and \$8.5 million bond for the November 2021 election. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Motion passed unanimously.**

ACCOLADES:

- A. Mock Trial – Nancy Nicoloff-Tucker, Advisor shared that students at Robertson High School recently competed amongst 2000 other students from across the state in civics, critical thinking, poise, speech and articulation. The virtual competition is funded by the state legislature with students working as the prosecution and defense. Students learn legal strategies from attorneys guiding the process.
- B. Esports – John Tiernan, Coach shared that there are six students or three teams competing in the Esports approved games. Students competed against the top three teams in the state in League of Legends and Rocket League.
- C. Publications – Robin Sena, Advisor for Scholastic Publications announced that three students recently competed at state March 6, 2021 in an NMAA sanctioned virtual competition. Students placed 1st in Editorial Cartooning; 2nd in News Writing and 3rd in Yearbook Design. There were 16 categories and the team placed 5th overall at state.

PRESENTATION:

- A. Co-Curricular Activities – Juan Carlos Fulgenzi, Director announced that Spring sports will be golf, tennis, softball and baseball of which are set to begin April 10, 2021. Locker room access in gym will be limited so that they can be sanitized as well as equipment. Academic eligibility is set my NMAA for students participating; grade checks will be on a biweekly basis. Mr. Fulgenzi stated that spectators will be determined by the red, green, yellow and turquoise criteria.

MINUTES:

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – February 25, 2021 – ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting February 25, 2021. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- B. Finance Committee – The finance committee met March 17, 2021 and reviewed and approved the February 17, 2021 minutes. The February 28, 2021 bank reconciliation reports for the General Fund and Student Activity were reviewed and no variances were noted between the bank and general ledger balances. Regina Gaysina discussed establishing a tax rate for 2021 for educational technology notes.

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

Outstanding RFRs total \$204,785 for the current fiscal year; total revenues received in February 2021 were \$433,052. The following BARs were reviewed and recommended for approval by the board: BAR #069-000-2021-0034-D Fund 27130 Feminine Hygiene Products decrease of \$411; BAR #069-000-2021-0035-D Fund 11000 Operational decrease of \$107,837 and BAR #069-000-2021-0036-I Fund 25171 CYFD increase of \$147,077.

The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2021 at 5:15 pm.

- 1. Discussion/Action: BARs/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards - ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve BAR #069-000-2021-0034-D Fund 27130 Feminine Hygiene Products decrease of \$411; BAR #069-000-2021-0035-D Fund 11000 Operational decrease of**

\$107,837 and BAR #069-000-2021-0036-I Fund 25171 CYFD increase of \$147,077.

Motion seconded by Board President Duran. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. She stated that at Sierra Vista there was damage to the north side of the building due to the freeze that occurred in February. The rooms will be repaired and completed prior to students returning. Los Niños will have a fence erected to section off the construction area from the student and staff area. There was HVAC damage at Robertson; coils were accumulating condensation but are scheduled to be repaired. Staff will be issued new badges for appropriate access in and out of the fence at Robertson. Waiting for the state engineer’s office to approve the design for the school based health center.
- D. Audit Committee Report – No information available. Waiting for the report to be released.
- E. Superintendent’s Report:
 - 1. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the resignation of James Snyder and Joseph Vigil.
 - 2. District Update – Superintendent Archuleta proudly announced the continuous improvement to the district’s graduation rate. The steady improvement reached 83.7% according to data released by the New Mexico Public Education Department on March 5, 2021. She stated that the goal has been to reach the national average and once obtained, continue to strive to surpass. This is the 3rd straight year the district has increased its graduation rate. The district’s three-year growth is an 11.1% increase. Superintendent Archuleta thanked the educators as she noted it is a group effort.

Superintendent Archuleta shared the In-Person Learning Guidelines for the 4th quarter. She stressed that students are our focus and most precious resource. The plan puts forth their safety as the top consideration, followed closely by the assurance that they are able to obtain an excellent education. The plan provides general information and information about a Jump Start In-Person learning week for students new to their school during the April 5th week. Also included in the plan is information on classroom safety, procedures for virtual and in-person learning for teachers, procedures for students in virtual and in-person models, assessments, technology instruction, staff and student health and students with disabilities.

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 Armijo.**

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 – Absent
- Board President Duran – Yes

Board entered into executive session at 7:03 pm.

Motion by Board Member Lucero to reconvene to regular session from Executive Session. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero.

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 – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 7:22 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.

PERSONNEL ACTION:

- A. Superintendent’s Contract – ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to extend Superintendent Archuleta’s contract until school year 2022-2023. 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 – Absent
Board President Duran – Yes

Motion passed unanimously to extend Superintendent Archuleta’s contract until school year 2022-2023. The Board of Education congratulated Superintendent Archuleta on her extension.

FUTURE PLANNING:

- A. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021 at 5:15 pm.
- B. The New Mexico School Boards Association Virtual Region III Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:


***Motion by Board Member Lucero to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:25 pm.**

****Denotes Action Required***

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Robert Duran III, Board President



Dennis E. Romero, Board Secretary

APPROVED: April 15, 2021