

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

May 20, 2021

A Regular Board Meeting of the Las Vegas City Schools Board of Education was held at the Administrative Building via Zoom Meeting and in person located at 901 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701 at 5:15 pm on the 20th day of May 2021.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board President Duran. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the passing of former teacher Patricia Pace. 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
Board President Duran – Present

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

Vanessa Garcia	Chris Garner	Jose Medina	Elaine Luna
David Luna	Thomas Paul Trujillo	Carla Pacheco	William Korte
Greg Salazar	Rita Bustamante	Ida Sue Gonzales	Donna Lucero
Mari Hillis	Kyle Conway	Mike Yara	John Tiernan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board President Duran asked to review the agenda and make any adjustments that may be required.

***Motion by Board Vice President Lujan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Motion passed unanimously.**

ACCOLADES:

- A. Girls Basketball – Jose Medina, Head Coach shared the outstanding season results for the Robertson High School Girls Basketball team. Thanked everyone that supported the team during the unusual season. He recognized the players for their great records: varsity 10-5 and junior varsity 10-2. Varsity played in the state tournament in championship game against Navajo Prep. Shared that the girls played hard and never gave up. Thanked his coaching staff and team for a great season.

PRESENTATION:

- A. New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) Excellence in Student Achievement Award Presentation – Elaine Luna and Gloria Lovato Pacheco – The NMSBA Excellence in Student Achievement Award is presented to individuals that have played an important role in improving student achievement in their local school district. Ms. Luna and Ms. Lovato Pacheco were both Former School Board Members as well as community members that demonstrated their commitment to students. Ms. Luna thanked the board, administration, and the district for the nomination and award.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- A. William Korte, Memorial Middle School Band and Choir Teacher, recognized 5 students placing at the New Mexico Music Educators Ensemble. The students received one excellent and four gold awards.
- B. Greg Salazar addressed the board as a concerned parent from Memorial Middle School specifically the 7th grade Math class. Felt that the district failed to educate the students. Stated the district's solution to educating students without a teacher was to force students to use iReady and Edgenuity. He felt it was a supplement to course work and not meant to replace the teacher student experience. Stated there isn't help to support the student if they have questions and students lose confidence. Felt there wasn't communication provided to parents to monitor their child's progress.
- C. Jolene Money phoned in for public input and stated that the district failed miserably. Believed nothing was done to correct the problem with the Math course; and, shared that there weren't enough resources for students in the class to be successful.

MINUTES:

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – April 15, 2021 – ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting April 15, 2021. Motion seconded by Board Member Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Action: Vice President Resignation/Reappointment – Vice President Lujan asked that the item be placed on the agenda and feels at this point in time that the duties can't be fulfilled due to his business commitment and the current impact the pandemic has created. Feels he has neglected his duties, needs to take a back seat and step down only as Vice President of the Board of Education and not as a member. Wants to remain as a member but not as Board Vice President at this time. Board Vice President recommended a board reorganization. Board Secretary Romero nominated Board Member Armijo. Board Vice President stated point of order. ***Motion by Board Vice President Lujan to reorganize the board of education. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero:**

ROLL CALL: Board President Duran called for roll call:

Board Member Lucero – Yes
Board Member Armijo – No
Board Secretary Romero – No
Board Vice President Lujan – Yes
Board President Duran – No

Motion died as a result of a 3-2 vote to not reorganize.

***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to appoint Board Member Armijo as Board Vice President. Motion seconded by Board President Duran:**

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

Motion passed unanimously to appoint Board Member Armijo as Board Vice President of the Board of Education.

Board Member Lucero thanked Board Member Lujan for his continued expertise especially in the construction field. Acknowledged his commitment to the board. Stated his input and efforts are appreciated. Board Secretary Romero echoed Board Member Lucero's statement.

- B. Discussion/Action: 2019-2020 Audit – Chris Garner, Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, presented the audit results for fiscal year 2019-2020. Mr. Garner reported that the district received an unmodified opinion which is the equivalent of a clean opinion. The financial statements were presented fairly in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. He stated no difficulties were encountered during the audit in regard to communication with the governing body and there were no corrected misstatements. Ms. Garner reviewed the 6 current year findings and 4 resolved findings. Superintendent Archuleta recommended approved of the 2019-2020 audit. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve the 2019-2020 audit. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 210 – JK Student Discipline – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 210 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 211 – JICA Student Dress – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 211 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 212 – AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 212 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- F. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 213 – GCQF Discipline, Suspension, Termination and Discharge of Profession Staff – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 213 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- G. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 214 – GDQD – Discipline, Suspension, Termination and Discharge of Support Staff – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 214 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- H. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 215 – JFB Open Enrollment – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 215 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**

- I. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 216 – IHB Special Instruction Programs – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 216 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- J. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 217 – BID Board Member Compensation and Expenses – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 217 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- K. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 218 – DKC Expense Authorization/Reimbursement – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 218 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- L. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 219 – JLCA – Physical Examinations of Students – 1st reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the policy advisory was sent from NMSBA for review and consideration of approval with changes and updates. Recommended approval as the 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve policy advisory 219 as the 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- M. Discussion/Action: Ratification of Title I Application - Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs presented the Title I Application. Stated the application deadline was prior to the board meeting on May 14, 2021. Funding will be used for staffing Student Engagement Advisors, Truancy Coaches, indirect costs, Parent Advisory Committee meetings and trainings, summer school, after school tutoring, professional development for staff, update technology, and assist students in need with supplies and materials. Superintendent Archuleta recommended the ratification of the Title I Application. ***Motion by Board Member Lujan to ratify the Title I Application. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**
- N. Discussion/Action: Ratification of Title II Application - Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs presented the Title II Application. Stated the application deadline was prior to the board meeting on May 14, 2021. Funds assist staff with professional development training, mentorship for new teachers to the district, endorsement support for staff, assessment and tuition assistance for staff. Superintendent Archuleta recommended the ratification of the Title II Application. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**
- O. Discussion/Action: Fine Arts Elementary Act (FAEA) Application – Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Federal Programs presented the Fine Arts Application for the upcoming year. Detailed the needs and areas in which the grant will focus on for students in Kindergarten – 6th grade. Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve the Fine Arts Elementary Act Application. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**
- P. Discussion/Action: Review Board Policies Governing Special Education, Review of Procedures and Adopt Assurance Statement – Thomas Paul Trujillo, Director of Special Education, reviewed the updates to the Walsh Gallegos Handbook of Special Education Procedures. He advised the board that the review of procedures is required annually as a Local Educational Agency that is a recipient of the IDEA-B grant award. In addition to the annual review of procedures and governing policies, a recommendation of approval for the Adoption of the Special Education Assurance Statement is

required. ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to accept the Walsh Gallegos Handbook of Special Education Procedures and adopt the Special Education Assurance Statement. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Q. Finance Committee – The finance committee met May 19, 2021. The April 30, 2021 bank reconciliation reports for the General Fund and Student Activity Funder 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 by Fund, Revenues and Expenditures Variance Report, Request for Reimbursement (RFR) Report, Capital Outlay Report, list of donations, list of purchase orders, Pledged Collateral letter and the Supplemental Pay Report.

The 2021-2022 Operating Budget was reviewed and submitted for approval. Outstanding RFRs total \$198,044 as of April 30, 2021; total revenues received were \$100,105.

The following BARs were reviewed and recommended for approval:

- BAR #069-000-2021-0041-M Fund 27502 Maintenance BAR;
- BAR #069-000-2021-0042-D Fund 24301 CARES Act decrease of \$35,337;
- BAR #069-000-2021-0043-M Fund 11000 Maintenance BAR;
- BAR #069-000-2021-0044-I Fund 25171 CYFD \$46,582;
- BAR #069-000-2021-0045-I Fund 31100 Bond \$5,057,110;
- BAR #069-000-2021-0046-I Fund 24308 \$1,964,530;
- BAR #069-000-2021-0047-T Fund 24101 Voided; and
- BAR #069-000-2021-0048-M Fund 24101 Maintenance BAR

1. Discussion/Action: BARs/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards - ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve BAR #069-000-2021-0041-M Fund 27502 Maintenance BAR; BAR #069-000-2021-0042-D Fund 24301 CARES Act decrease of \$35,337; BAR #069-000-2021-0043-M Fund 11000 Maintenance BAR; BAR #069-000-2021-0044-I Fund 25171 CYFD \$46,582; BAR #069-000-2021-0045-I Fund 31100 Bond \$5,057,110; BAR #069-000-2021-0046-I Fund 24308 \$1,964,530; BAR #069-000-2021-0047-T Fund 24101 Voided; and BAR #069-000-2021-0048-M Fund 24101 Maintenance BAR. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
 2. Discussion/Action: 2021-2022 Operational Budget - ***Motion by Board Secretary Romero to approve the 2021-2022 Operational Budget. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- R. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. Stated that projects slated for this school year are complete. The Los Niños Elementary project is approximately 99% complete. The last portion in the administration area of the school is scheduled to be complete by June 29, 2021. A meeting on June 14, 2021 is scheduled with the Public Schools Finance Authority (PSFA) for the demolition funding for Paul D. Henry. Upcoming projects at Robertson High School include resurfacing the track for instructional and athletics. The Sierra Vista Elementary Request for Proposal will be prepared and but concern lies with the rising costs of construction.
- S. Audit Committee Report – Mari Hillis, Director of Finance, inquired if the board had any additional questions in relation to the audit presentation that was provided earlier from auditor Chris Garner. No questions or discussion.

T. Superintendent's Report:

1. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the resignations of Ramon Ortega, Javier Medina and Casey Taylor; and the retirement of Eugene Garcia, Charmaine Griego, Geralyn Montoya, Raymond Parks, Manuel Romero and Bernadette Trujillo.
2. District Update – Superintendent Archuleta shared that the staff and students at Memorial Middle Schools had a ceremony honoring recent/former teacher Patricia Pace that passed away. Members of Ms. Pace's family, students and staff were present as they planted a tree and flowers in honor of her commitment to the students and her passion to education. A Senior parade honoring the class of 2021 Robertson graduates took place prior to the meeting. Robertson High School graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 21 at 10 am at the Marr Gym. Short cycle assessments are complete. Training for principals is ongoing from Frontline CANVAS for teacher observations. The Project Based Learning summer session for students in grades 7-12 is set for June 1 – June 17th for students that need credit recovery. Edgenuity is the tool/platform that is supported by the state that students will utilize during the summer session. Students in grades Kindergarten – 6th grade will be in school until June 11th as part of the K-5 Plus Program. Governor Lujan Grisham will visit with staff and students at Los Niños Elementary participating in K-5 Plus.

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 Secretary Romero 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 Vice President Armijo.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Duran called for roll call:

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

Board entered into executive session at 6:42 pm.

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

ROLL CALL: Board President Duran called for roll call:

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

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 7:06 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; 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:

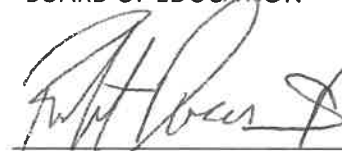
- A. Robertson High School Graduation is scheduled for May 21, 2021 at 10:00 am at Mike Marr Gym.
- B. New Mexico School Boards Association Virtual Law Conference is scheduled for June 3-5, 2021.
- C. Superintendent Archuleta asked if the next regular board meeting date could be moved to the following week due to a family commitment conflict. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2021 at 5:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

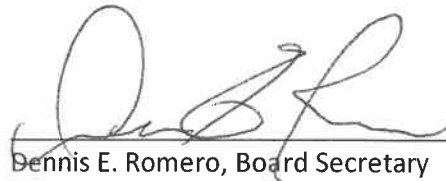
***Motion by Board Member Lujan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Romero. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:10 pm.**

****Denotes Action Required***

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Robert Duran III, Board President



Dennis E. Romero, Board Secretary

APPROVED: June 24, 2021