

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

August 19, 2021

A Regular Board Meeting of the Las Vegas City Schools Board of Education was held at the Administrative Building located at 901 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701 at 5:15 pm on the 19th day of August 2021.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board President Romero. Board President Romero asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Gabe Estrada a long time board member and the children that were part of the Albuquerque school shooting. Those present were as follows:

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

Mari Hillis	Thomas P. Trujillo	Juan Carlos Fulgenzi	Rita Bustamante
Vanessa Garcia	Ida Sue Gonzales	Christina Gonzales	Donna Lucero
Faith Gelvin	Gwen Cruz	Shawntel Lujan	Pat Baca
John Tiernan			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Gwendolyn Cruz addressed the Board of Education regarding her support of students staying in school. She stated she wasn't against the district but praying for the students' safety. She asked that the board not shut down the schools. She pleaded for the education of "our kids". Stated they need school as the constant in their lives.

MINUTES:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Action: Transportation Bus Drivers rate of pay – Mari Hillis, Director of Finance, shared that at the monthly Finance Committee meeting the committee proposed an increase to the existing contractors and substitute driver's rate of pay. She stated that the committee recommended an increase to \$22.00 per hour for Substitute Bus Drivers for To-and-From routes and Activity Bus Drivers; and increase the existing contractor's rate to \$23.00 per hour.

Superintendent Archuleta stated the increase is needed to remain competitive to the rate of pay in the community and to retain bus drivers. She recommended approval. ***Motion by Board Member Lucero to approve the rate increase to \$22.00 per hour for Substitute Bus Drivers for To-and-From routes and Activity Bus Drivers; and increase to \$23.00 per hour for existing Contractors. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

- B. Discussion/Action: School-Based Health Clinic Bid – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval of the Northeastern Construction bid for the School-Based Health Clinic for \$446,641. ***Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the bid from Northeastern Construction for \$446,641. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Discussion/Action: School Safety Bond – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval of the Sound & Signal bid for the fire panels for \$817,480. ***Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the bid from Sound & Signal for the fire panel for \$817,480. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Finance Committee – The finance committee met August 18, 2021 at 5:15 pm. The committee reviewed the July 31, 2021 bank reconciliation reports for the General Fund and Student Activity Fund. No variances were noted between the bank and the general ledger balances. The Student Activity Fund Balance Report was reviewed as of July 31, 2021 and no variances were noted.

The committee reviewed the Cash Report by Fund, Revenues and Expenditures Budget versus Actual Report, RFR Report, Capital Outlay Report, list of donations, list of purchase orders, Pledged Collateral letter, and the Supplemental/Overtime Pay Report.

The committee reviewed the amended 2021-2022 Bus Contracts for ARM, Orlando Martinez, Moises Gutierrez and William Sanchez which include a proposed increase to \$23.00 per hour. The committee recommended board approval.

The substitute bus driver hourly rate for to-and-from bus drivers and activity bus drivers was reviewed and based on the past increases, a \$22.00 per hour rate was recommended for board approval for Substitute Bus Drivers and Activity Bus Drivers.

A new contract for Matthew Kelly, Speech and Language Pathologist, was reviewed and was approved by the committee. The committee recommended board approval for the contract amount of \$85,167 plus tax.

Per Capita Feeder agreements for fiscal year 2021-2022 were reviewed for Debra Gage, Sara Sena, Berna Madrid and Florentino Martinez. The committee recommended board approval for the Per Capita Feeder agreements.

Two quotes were submitted for review and approval: Sound & Signal quote for the fire alarm for \$817,480 which will be part of the Public School Finance Authority (PSFA) Security Project; and, the School-Based Health Clinic bid from Northeastern Construction for \$446,641. The committee recommended approval of the two quotes.

The following BARs were approved at the June 24, 2021 meeting as part of the Year-end Clean up BAR: BAR #069-000-2021-0053-T Fund 25153 Medicaid; BAR #069-000-2021-0054-T Fund 11000 Operating; BAR #069-000-2021-0055-M Fund 11000 Operating; BAR #069-000-2021-0056-T Fund 43000 Debt Service and BAR #069-000-2021-0057-M Fund 11000 Operating.

Outstanding RFRs total \$168,292 as of July 31, 2021. Revenues received in July total \$319,124. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021.

***Motion by Board Member Lucero to approve the contract for Matthew Kelly, Speech and Language Pathologist, for \$85,167 plus tax. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

***Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the Per Capita Feeder Agreements for Debra Gage, Sara Sena, Berna Madrid and Florentino Martinez. Motion seconded by Board Member Lucero. Motion passed unanimously.**

- E. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. Stated that the \$10,000 deductible was paid for the insurance deductible for the hail damage at Mike Mateo Sena Elementary. The marquee pedestal at Memorial Middle School is in progress. The last 2 classrooms at Los Niños Elementary are almost complete. The landscaping at Sierra Vista Elementary is in progress. Bids for the design professional for the Sierra Vista project will be reviewed. The track at Robertson will be scheduled for resurfacing in the Spring of 2022. An auction for obsolete inventory is to be determined in the near future. New Mexico Public Education Department updates encourage district/schools to have students remain in person and not remote.
- F. Audit Committee Report – No information or updates available.
- G. Superintendent’s Report:
 - 1. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the hire of Roland Berged, Gregory Buegler, Vanessa Cordova, Margaret Fondy, Brandon Gallegos, Eugene Garcia, Jose Garduno, Bridgette Gonzales, James Leger, Charlotte Lucero, Matthew Luna, Lori Rasco, Joshua Romero, Prescilla Saiz, Jessica Sandoval Pino, Tammy Shutter, Geraldine Silva and Joel Silva. Resignations include Jennifer Lucero-Berged, Pauline Maestas, April Ortiz and Karen Vigil.
 - 2. District Update – Superintendent Archuleta shared that approximately 1,500 pamphlets detailing the numerous projects and improvements throughout the district were distributed to parents and businesses in the community. The PSAT and NMSQT exams are scheduled for October 13 and are free to students. SAT exams will take place in the Fall. Dental services for students are scheduled for September 16-29, 2021. 62% of staff is vaccinated. The district is up 81 students from the end of the 2021 school year. A senior citizen parade is scheduled for August 21, 2021. Superintendent Archuleta was selected to be a mentor to new superintendents in the state. ARP funding plan is due in October.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Education will convene in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters; NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (5) meetings for the discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and collective bargaining sessions at which the policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present specifically the Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement for Certified and Educational Assistants; 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 Member Lucero to convene in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters; NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (5) meetings for the discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the**

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ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Board entered into executive session at 5:53 pm.

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

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 6:12 pm. Board President Romero stated that the Board of Education convened into Executive Session to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters; NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (5) meetings for the discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the policymaking body and a bargaining unit representing the employees of that policymaking body and collective bargaining sessions at which the policymaking body and the representatives of the collective bargaining unit are present specifically the Certified Collective Bargaining Agreement for Certified and Educational Assistants; 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.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Collective Bargaining Agreement for Certified and Educational Assistants – Superintendent Archuleta stated the agreements were not finalized and would be presented at a later date.
***Motion by Board Member Lucero to table the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Certified Staff and Educational Assistants. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

FUTURE PLANNING:

- A. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021 at 5:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

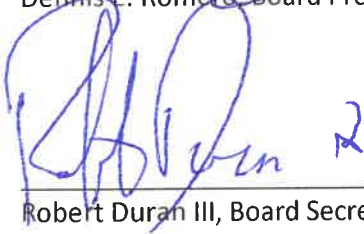
***Motion by Board Member Lucero to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board President Romero. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:13 pm.**

****Denotes Action Required***

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Dennis E. Romero, Board President



Robert Duran III, Board Secretary

APPROVED: September 16, 2021