

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

January 20, 2022

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board President Romero. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board President Romero asked for a moment of silence in memory of the West Las Vegas High School student that recently passed away. Those present were as follows:

**ROLL CALL:** Board President Romero called for roll call:

Student Representative Sena - Present  
Board Member Quintana - Present  
Board Member Cordova - Present  
Board Secretary Duran – Present  
Board Vice President Armijo – Present  
Board President Romero – Present

**RECORDER:** Marsha G. Archuleta

**ALSO PRESENT:** L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

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| Pat Baca             | Makayla Quintana     | Ali Gonzalez             | Taylor Quintana    |
| Ava Quintana         | Yvonne Cordova       | Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez | Rita Bustamante    |
| Vanessa Garcia       | Juan Carlos Fulgenzi | Donna Lucero             | Christina Gonzales |
| Judge Eddie Trujillo | Ida Sue Gonzales     | Thomas Paul Trujillo     | Gwen Cruz          |
| John Tiernan         | Mari Hillis          |                          |                    |

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:**

The Honorable Eddie A. Trujillo, Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge, swore in Michael A. Quintana and David R. Cordova as the newly elected Board of Education Members to Las Vegas City Schools.

**PRESENTATION:**

- A. 100<sup>th</sup> Win Award – Coach Leroy Gonzalez – Superintendent Archuleta stated that Coach Gonzalez was not available due to a prior commitment. **\*Motion by Board President Romero to table the 100<sup>th</sup> Win Award for Coach Gonzalez. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No Public Input

**MINUTES:**

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – December 16, 2021 – **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting December 16, 2021. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion: Policy Services Alert – Federal Court opinion upholding Oregon mask mandate – Superintendent Archuleta stated that recently the United States District Court for the District of Oregon published a 31-page opinion which dismisses a parental challenge to the constitutionality of mask mandates in the public school district of North Wasco County, Oregon. The Court held that the mask mandate is warranted for several reasons: to protect vulnerable individuals, to reduce school disruption when a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The federal court concluded that the State of Oregon and the local school board have legitimate public interests in all three of such considerations. The federal court noted that there is a rational basis for school officials to implement mask mandates for indoor school activities.
- B. Discussion: Board of Education Committees – Board President Romero stated that with two newly elected members to the board, committee assignment would be reviewed. Stated that retired Board Members Lucero and Lujan served on a few committees and asked if the new board members would volunteer to fill those vacancies. Board of Education Committees include Finance with Board Secretary Duran and Board President Romero, Capital Outlay with Board Vice President Armijo and Board Member Quintana, Audit with Board President Romero and Board Member Cordova, Student/Teacher Appreciation with Board Secretary Duran, Student Health Advisory with Board Vice President Armijo, Property with Board Member Quintana and Board Member Cordova and the West Las Vegas Head Start with Board President Romero.
- C. Discussion/Action: Memorial Middle School Inventory listing of library items – Superintendent Archuleta indicated that since the district's right sizing that took place several years ago, the libraries at the vacated schools needed to be inventoried. A retired librarian has worked thoroughly to review and organize the books. She inventoried books by fiction, non-fiction, paperbacks, out dated teacher materials, encyclopedias, reference materials and class sets. The materials that were deemed unusable or outdated were listed for disposal. Superintendent Archuleta recommended the disposal of the out dated inventory. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the inventory for disposal as recommended by Superintendent Archuleta. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Finance Committee – The finance committee met January 19, 2022 at 5:15 pm and reviewed the December 31, 2021 bank reconciliation reports for the General Fund and Student Activity Fund. 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 reviewed the Cash Report by Fund, Revenues and Expenditures Budget versus Actual Report, Capital Outlay/Bond Report, list of donations, list of open purchase orders \$50,000 and above, Pledged Collateral Letter, RFR Report and the Supplemental Pay Report. Federal revenues collected in December were \$1,912. Outstanding RFRs as of December 31, 2021 total \$653,071.

The committee reviewed the following BARs and recommended ratification of BARs: BAR #069-000-2122-0010-IB Fund 24309 CRRSA Social Emotional Learning \$75,000; BAR #069-000-2122-0011-IB Fund 27405 School Bus Cameras \$9,996 and BAR #069-000-2122-0012-IB Fund 24355 ARP

II Homeless Children & Youth Emergency Relief Fund \$16,886. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

1. Discussion/Action: BARs/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards/Donations – **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to ratify BAR #069-000-2122-0010-IB Fund 24309 CRRSA Social Emotional Learning \$75,000; BAR #069-000-2122-0011-IB Fund 27405 School Bus Cameras \$9,996 and BAR #069-000-2122-0012-IB Fund 24355 ARP II Homeless Children & Youth Emergency Relief Fund \$16,886. Motion seconded Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. She stated that the tile in the cafeteria at Mike Mateo Sena was replaced. The heating unit was received and scheduled to be installed. The marquee signs at Memorial Middle School, Los Niños and Sierra Vista were installed; the footings and conduit were finalized. Prep work for the HVAC at Marr Gym is delayed to the middle of February due to shipping issues. There was a change order at the School Based Health Clinic for the fire alarm system as requested by the Fire Marshal. The funding for the Paul D. Henry demolition has been tabled until March. Interested parties to lease the building and property at Legion Park include the San Miguel Sheriff’s Department and Las Vegas Police Department. Next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022.
- F. Audit Committee Report – Mari Hillis, Director of Finance, reported that the audit is still pending.
- G. Superintendent’s Report:
1. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the hire of Elizabeth Martinez.
  2. District Update:
    - a. Student Representative Sena – Student Representative Sena reported that the Dream Makers held a Toy Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Food Drive. National Honors Society (NHS) is tutoring students. FFA held their annual fruit sales. The NHS, Scholastic Publications and Business Professionals of America all contributed in packing and donating over 100 bags of rice and beans during the holiday season. Robertson Athletics hosted a Holiday Craft Fair. She also shared that as Student Representative to the New Mexico Activities Association the main focus is mental health and suicide prevention. Sena also wants to place suggestion boxes at all school sites that gives students the opportunity to share ways to improve the school year or ideas on what students would like to see at their school.
    - b. COVID updates – Superintendent Archuleta stated that superintendents were reassured school districts that a million tests would be arriving so that districts can continue the process for the Test to Stay testing. Individuals testing positive outside of the district are non-reportable numbers; individuals testing positive on campus are reportable numbers. The district is taking precautionary measures to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Superintendent Archuleta stated that during the recent Superintendent’s meeting that the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED or PED) is adamant about full in-person learning for students.
    - c. Campus updates –The district thanked all employees and shared popcorn with them for the monthly staff celebration entitled “Staff is Poppin’”. Robertson High School students’ art work will be displayed at a local gallery from January 18-31, 2022. The long overdue flooring in McFarland will be replaced. Rita Bustamante, Sierra Vista and Mike Mateo Sena Principal, shared that teachers, counselors and staff have been talking with students about any concerns and issues to improve

the school culture. Improvements in testing are showing students are making progress. Vanessa Garcia, Los Niños Elementary Principal, shared that midyear tests are 80% complete and like Sierra Vista, staff is focusing on mental health and social emotional well-being of students. Juan Carlos Fulgenzi, Director of Co-Curricular Activities, shared that NMAA has left it to the local school districts whether or not spectators will be limited at events. Currently the district has not put any restrictions on the number of spectators allowed or concession sales. Everyone must wear a mask. Changes to athletics schedules will be updated. Tournament events will be modified.

d. Community updates – The district received a grant from the Community Grant Foundation. The Mirrors and Windows Project, spearheaded by Mary Lou Griego and Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez, focuses on the importance of role models and mentors in our culture and lives of our students. Videotaped stories will be available to the students, parents and community that showcase the men and women born in and around Las Vegas. They will meet artists, musicians, teachers, community leaders, entrepreneurs and others that achieved their dreams.

**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 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 Duran 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 Member Quintana.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

Board Member Quintana - Yes  
Board Member Cordova - Yes  
Board Secretary Duran – Yes  
Board Vice President Armijo – Yes  
Board President Romero – Yes

Board entered into executive session at 6:04 pm.

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

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

Board Member Quintana - Yes  
Board Member Cordova - Yes  
Board Secretary Duran – Yes  
Board Vice President Armijo – Yes  
Board President Romero – Yes

**Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 6:37 pm. Board President Romero 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. The 2022 NMSBA Board Member Institute is scheduled for February 2-5, 2022 in Santa Fe, NM.
- B. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:39 pm.

*\*Denotes Action Required*

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Dennis E. Romero, Board President



Robert Duran III, Board Secretary

**APPROVED: February 24, 2022**