

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

March 16, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board President Romero. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were as follows:

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

Student Representative Sena - Absent  
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

Christine Gonzales  
Ida Sue Gonzales  
Donna Lucero

Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez  
Rita Bustamante  
John Tiernan

Vanessa Garcia  
Mike Yara

Mari Hillis  
Pat Baca

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**\*Motion by Board Member Quintana to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**

**ACCOLADES:**

- A. Robertson High School English Expo – The students and sponsor were not present.
- B. Robertson Boys Basketball – Coach James Branch and Assistant Coach Adam Bustos shared the successful basketball season records: Varsity team 23-6 and Junior Varsity team 13-4. The Robertson Boys Varsity team won the District 3A State Championship title.
- C. Robertson Girls Basketball – Coach Jose Medina and Assistant Coaches Roy Sanchez, Vanessa Gonzales, Fran Jenkins and Ken Jenkins shared the successful basketball season records: Varsity team 28-1, Junior Varsity team 23-0 and C team 15-1. The Robertson Girls Varsity team won the District 3A State Championship title.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

No Public Input

**MINUTES:**

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – February 24, 2022 – **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting February 24, 2022. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion/Action: Board Reorganization – Board President Romero asked for a motion to reorganize. **\*Motion by Board Vice President Armijo to remain the same and not reorganize with the same board members in the same positions: Board President Romero, Board Vice President Armijo, Board Secretary Duran, Board Member Cordova and Board Member Quintana. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran.**

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

**Motion passed unanimously to remain the same with all board members in the same position.**

- B. Discussion/Action: Consideration of and approval of a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority – Regina Gaysina, RBC Capital Markets, LLC - Regina Gaysina, RBC Capital Financial Advisor, provided the history or assessed valuation for the past five years inclusive of the percentage change for residential, non-residential and growth; history of tax rates; history of residential tax rates; debt management plan for election timing, bond rating and tax rate; bonding capacity; current outstanding debt; outstanding debt by series; the series 2022 GO Bonds time schedule, and the series 2022 ETN time schedule. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve a Resolution Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Discussion/Action: Consideration of and approval of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds - **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve a Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds, Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds, Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority, and Authorizing Other Matters Related to the Issuance of the Bonds. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Discussion/Action: Business Professionals of America request for out of state travel and financial assistance to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas May 4-8, 2022 – The Business Professionals of America (BPA) Sponsor Denette Martinez and students shared a video presentation with the board. The students introduced themselves and the categories they will compete in at the national level. They requested financial assistance for fuel, competition fees and a driver to the airport. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to assist the BPA Team with \$100 per student up to \$1,000; driver to drive the team to the airport and fuel. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Discussion/Action: Las Vegas FFA request for financial assistance for state competition April 5-9, 2022 at New Mexico State University – Mabelle Roybal and students of the Las Vegas FFA Chapter at Robertson introduced themselves and the category that each student will complete in at the state competition in Las Cruces. They requested financial assistance for fuel, competition fees and driver to and from Las Cruces. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to assist the Las Vegas FFA**

**Chapter with \$100 per student up to \$1,000; driver to and from Las Cruces and fuel. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**

- F. Discussion/Action: Policy Service Alert – USDE Office of Civil Rights Fact Sheet – Superintendent Archuleta shared the policy service alert information reminding schools of their obligation under Section 504 to ensure free appropriate public education (FAPE) for students with disabilities, including schools' responsibilities to provide compensatory services for services missed while schools grappled with the challenges of the last couple of school years caused by the pandemic. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to accept and acknowledge the Policy Service Alert from the USDE Office of Civil Rights Fact Sheet. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.**
- G. Discussion/Action: Policy B-0900 Board Organizational Meeting – amendment 1<sup>st</sup> reading – Board President Romero stated that since election laws and dates changed for school districts, the policy needed to be amended to reflect when newly elected officers take their oath of office. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to omit the word March and change it to January of Policy B-0900 Board Organizational Meeting and accept as an amended 1<sup>st</sup> reading with the change. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.**
- H. Discussion/Action: New Mexico School Boards Association Excellence in Student Achievement Award Nomination – The board acknowledged the importance of the staff members that worked so hard during the pandemic and their crucial role in the day to day operations. **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to nominate the Maintenance/Custodial Staff, Transportation Staff, Student Nutrition Staff and Business Office Staff for the award. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- I. Finance Committee – The finance committee met March 14, 2022 at 5:15 pm and reviewed the February 28, 2022 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 and no variances were noted. Additional reports reviewed include the Cash Report by Fund, Revenues and Expenditures Budget versus Actual, Capital Outlay/Bond Report, list of donations, list of open purchase orders, Pledged Collateral letter, RFR Report and the Supplemental Pay Report.

Federal revenues collected in February 2022 total \$5,669; outstanding RFRs as of February 28, 2022 total \$498,895. The committee reviewed the following BARs and recommended board ratification for BAR #069-000-2122-0019-I Fund 27153 Extended Learning Transportation for \$8,866 and approval for BAR #069-000-2122-0020-I Fund 11000 Operating Fund 1%-ERB Employer Contribution for \$94,147; BAR #069-000-2122-0021-I Fund 13000 1% ERB Employer Contribution for Transportation for \$2,405; BAR #069-000-2122-0022-D Fund 11000 Operational for decrease of \$471,391; BAR #069-000-2122-0023-IB 24183 School Equipment Grant for \$3,600; BAR #069-000-2122-0024 Fund 2100 Student Nutrition Cash Carryover for \$47,273; BAR #069-000-2122-0025-I Fund 22000 Athletics Cash Carryover for \$29,248; BAR #069-000-2122-0026-I Fund 25171 CYFD Cash Carryover for \$42,428 and BAR #069-000-2122-0027-I Fund 25153 Medicaid Cash Carryover for \$25,037.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

- 1. Discussion/Action: BARs/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards/Donations – **\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to ratify BAR #069-000-2122-0019-I Fund 27153 Extended Learning Transportation for \$8,866 and approve BAR #069-000-2122-0020-I Fund 11000 Operating Fund 1%-ERB Employer Contribution for \$94,147; BAR #069-000-2122-0021-I**

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- J. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. Vigil and Associates, Architects, sent the Memorandum of Understanding to the Public Schools Finance Authority (PSFA); the kickoff meeting for the Sierra Vista project will be determined once all signatures are in place. The walk through for the Mike Marr HVAC system will take place March 28, 2022. The district is on the agenda for the upcoming Public Schools Capital Outlay Committee (PSCOC) meeting in April. The district will have zero cost or offset for the demolition of Paul D. Henry if approved. The lease contract for Legion Park is almost complete between the district and the Las Vegas Police Department. The playground estimate for Los Niños is estimated at \$250,000. Next Capital Outlay meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022.
- K. Audit Committee Report – No updated information.
- L. Superintendent's Report:
  - 1. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the hire of Lindsey Sanchez and Tony Torrez.
  - 2. District:
    - a. Student Representative Sena – Student Representative Sena was not present.
    - b. School updates – Superintendent Archuleta shared that the Keeping Up with the Cardinals quarterly newsletter was posted on the website and shared with all staff. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 18, 2022. A community parade is scheduled for March 17, 2022 to acknowledge the championship wins by our student athletes. A survey asking for input for the upcoming school year is available to parents, staff and community on the district website. Free SAT testing is available for students April 19, 2022. The Maintenance of Effort (MOE)/Indicator 13 Report for Special Services was excellent (clean report). Graduation rates show the district percentage is 10 points higher than the state. A meeting on March 23, 2022 with Luna Community College is set to discuss Dual Credit and Concurrent Enrollment. Vecinos Juntos update includes the community celebration and taking blankets and food baskets to the elderly. The district is looking to microfiche archived student and Human Resource records.
    - c. Technology – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the teachers received new touch screen televisions to assist with classroom instruction. Security cameras were upgraded. Teachers are utilizing new document cameras for their instruction.

#### **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 specifically the Superintendent's quarterly evaluation 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 specifically the Superintendent's quarterly evaluation 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 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 6:27 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 8:18 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 specifically the Superintendent's quarterly evaluation 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:**

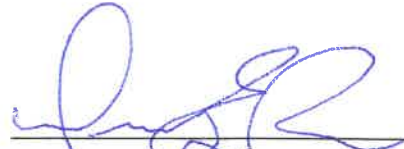
- A. The National School Boards Association 2022 Annual Conference is scheduled for April 2-4, 2022 in San Diego, CA.
- B. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 8:19 pm.**

***\*Denotes Action Required***

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Dennis E. Romero, Board President



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Robert Duran III, Board Secretary

**APPROVED: April 21, 2022**