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

April 21, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 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 - Present Board Member Quintana – Absent

Board Member Cordova – Present (arrived 5:20 pm)

Board Secretary Duran – Present Board Vice President Armijo – Present Board President Romero – Present

**RECORDER:** Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

William Korte Jonathan Korte Leah Marquez Jonathan Baca Vanessa Garcia Amy Hufnal Christina Gonzales Robin Sena Jeffry Sena Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez Ida Sue Gonzales Thomas Paul Trujillo Gwen Cruz Mari Hillis Patrizia Flores **Christopher Rodriguez** Rita Bustamante Donna Lucero Pat Baca JC Fulgenzi John Tiernan

#### 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. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **ACCOLADES:**

- A. Mikaella Sena, NMAA Scholarship Student Representative Sena was awarded the New Mexico Activities Association scholarship. She met the criteria that included being active in athletics and academics. Superintendent Archuleta stated she is a great role model and representative of the student body and district. She was also awarded admittance to the University of New Mexico BA/MD Program.
- B. Robertson Drama/Theater Beauty and the Beast Amy Hufnal and Jonathan Baca, Theater and Drama Instructors, shared the success of the recent play as performed by the students in their theater and drama class. Stated it was a sold out crowd held in the band room at Robertson; shared that the students had an amazing performance. The play Little Shop of Horrors is slated for the next school year.
- C. Robertson High School English Expo Jonathan Baca, Sponsor, shared information about the recent film the students created and submitted to the New Mexico Film Festival entitled "Till

Death Do Us Part". The English Expo team recently earned a state championship title for Team Dialogue.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Gwen Cruz shared her concerns about the behaviors she observed during the days she was a substitute teacher in the special education classroom. Was concerned that some behavior included outbursts from students and felt more needs to be done to ensure the behavior doesn't escalate and potentially cause injury.

## **MINUTES:**

A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – March 16, 2022 – \*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting March 16, 2022. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion/Action: Policy B-0900 Board Organizational Meeting amendment/2<sup>nd</sup> final reading. Superintendent Archuleta indicated that the change from March to January was the only revision recommended and approved at the previous board meeting. She recommended approval as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading. \*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to accept the revision on Policy B-0900 from March to January as the 2<sup>nd</sup>/final reading of the amended policy. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Discussion/Action: Robertson Red Wave Band request for out of state travel and financial assistance for Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo, Texas April 26-28, 2022 William Korte, Robertson Band Director, shared the information about the festival that promotes musical excellence throughout the southwest. Stated students would have an opportunity to compete as well as participate in the various ensembles. Mr. Korte shared that the dates were changed to April 27-29, 2022. Requested out of state travel and financial assistance to attend. \*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve out of state travel and provide financial assistance to the Red Wave Band with \$100 per student up to \$1,000; bus driver to and from Amarillo, Texas and fuel. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Discussion/Action: E-Rate Award Las Vegas City Schools is looking to collaborate with the State Education Network (SEN) and E-Rate to increase the Internet and Wide Area Network speeds. The current speeds would double with the collaboration. The New Mexico (SEN) would provide an extra layer of security to the network. Until the SEN is set in motion, the district is moving to a month-to-month lease option with Plateau (current internet provider). The district has been with Plateau for the past 5 years with no problems. The month to month option for Internet would allow the district to terminate the agreement once the SEN is running. \*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to accept the E-Rate award for the New Mexico Statewide Education Network collaboration. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Discussion/Action: Rural Low Income Schools Application Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez, Director of Federal Programs, shared that the funding from the application may be used for activities authorized under various programs of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Funding supports recruitment, retention and highly qualified teachers. Stipends for endorsements are paid to approximately 50 teachers. \*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the Rural Low Income Schools Application. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Discussion/Action: Los Niños Playground \$341,802.20 Superintendent Archuleta discussed the playground structure for Los Niños Elementary. The quote the district selected is a structure that would meet the needs of all students; structure has features for any student (students with

disabilities, students on 504 plans, injuries that limit mobility) to include ramps, sign language panels, canopies, slides, balcony decks, etc. The current playground structure is outdated and needs to be replaced. Price of the Play and Park Structure totals \$341,802.20; with funding from the legislative session, the district secured \$100,000. Funding from CRSSA and ARP would offset the remainder of the cost. Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval of the purchase. \*Motion by Board Vice President Armijo to approve the purchase of the Play and Park Structure for Los Niños Elementary in the amount of \$341,802.20. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Discussion/Action: Playground Equipment Resolution to the Village of Wagon Mound Superintendent Archuleta shared that the Andres Martinez, Mayor of the Village of Wagon Mound, expressed interest in playground equipment from one of the schools that was closed. Mayor Martinez acknowledged that with the donation the Village of Wagon Mound could update and improve the parks which would benefit their community making them more enjoyable for their residents, community members and visitors. The resolution states that the Village of Wagon Mound accepts the donated equipment "as is" and would be responsible for any cost associated with disassembling, transporting, re-assembling or bringing the equipment up to current safety standards. The district would be released from any liability associated with the equipment. \*Motion by Board President Romero to approve the Playground Equipment Resolution to the Village of Wagon Mound. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Discussion/Action: Preventive Maintenance Plan Juan Carlos Fulgenzi, Director of Support Services Mr. Fulgenzi presented the annual Preventive Maintenance Plan of which included the maintenance performance goals for the upcoming 2022-2023 year and the previously accomplished maintenance goals. Stated that the department has been working diligently to complete the goals in a timely and efficient manner. Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval. \*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve the Preventive Maintenance Plan for 2022-2023. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.
- H. Finance Committee The finance committee met April 20, 2022 at 5:15pm. The committee reviewed the March 31, 2022 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 included the Cash Report by Fund, Revenues and Expenditures Budget versus Actual, list of donations, list of open purchase orders, Pledged Collateral letter, RFR Report, and the Supplemental Pay Report. The Bond Report was reviewed; Capital Outlay Report was provided by Superintendent Archuleta.

Federal revenues collected in March 2022 total \$302,493; outstanding RFRs as of March 31, 2022 total \$549,301. The committee reviewed the following BARs and recommended ratification and approval: BAR #069-000-2122-0028-M Fund 24330 Maintenance BAR; BAR #069-000-2122-0030-I Fund 24106 IDEA-B for \$126,641; BAR #069-000-2122-0031-M Fund 24154 Maintenance BAR; BAR #069-000-2122-0032-M Fund 24154 Maintenance BAR; and BAR #069-000-2122-0033-T Fund 24308 Transfer/Maintenance BAR.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022 at 5:15 pm.

 Discussion/Action: BARs/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards/Donations – \*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to ratify BAR #069-000-2122-0028-M Fund 24330 Maintenance BAR and approve BAR #069-000-2122-0030-I Fund 24106 IDEA-B for \$126,641; BAR #069-000-2122-0031-M Fund 24154 Maintenance BAR; BAR #069-000-2122-0032-M Fund 24154 Maintenance BAR; and BAR #069-000-2122-0033-T Fund 24308 Transfer/Maintenance BAR. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.

- I. Capital Outlay Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. Stated that the hail damage repair at Mike Mateo will cost the \$10,000 insurance deductible; tile will be installed in the gym/cafeteria in June. The district is still waiting to hear if the offset for the design fees for the Sierra Vista Project will be approved. Prep work for the HVAC at Robertson Marr Gym is in progress. The installation is scheduled for the end of May. Las Vegas City Schools was on the April 18, 2022 PSCOC agenda for funding of the Paul D. Henry demolition. Final approval is set for May 2, 2022 in the amount of \$1.1 million.
- J. Audit Committee Report No updated information.
- K. Superintendent's Report:
  - 1. Personnel Report Staff Superintendent Archuleta reported the hire of Gale Cunico, David Kavanaugh and Vita Velasquez; resignation from Sonya Romero and Herbert White.
  - 2. District:
    - a. Student Representative Sena Student Representative Sena reported that the football and volleyball teams scheduled a banquet to honor the players and their successful seasons; Robertson High School Prom is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at the amphitheater and graduation is set for May 27, 2022 at Marr Gym at 10:00 am.
    - b.School updates End of Year Activities Superintendent Archuleta shared the band concert will be May 5 and May 12; Choir concert April 28; Kindergarten graduation at Los Niños will be May 31st. A survey sent to staff seeking their input on the calendar for the 2022-2023 year. 49% voted on a traditional calendar while 51% wanted an extended calendar. Superintendent Archuleta shared information on the opportunities from an extended learning time calendar. She explained the roles and responsibilities, valuing the community, fostering innovation, and the implications of the learning loss.

## **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 Cordova.

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

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

Board entered into executive session at 6:19 pm.

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

ROLL CALL: Board President Romero called for roll call:

Board Member Quintana - Absent 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 7:13 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 next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022 at 5:15 pm. Superintendent Archuleta recommended that the May 19, 2022 meeting be moved to Wednesday, May 18, 2022 due to conflicts in schedules. \*Motion by Board President Romero to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and move the May regular board meeting to May 18, 2022 at 5:15 pm. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Armijo. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Robertson High School Graduation is scheduled for May 27, 2022 at 10:00 am in Marr Gym.
- **C.** New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) 2022 School Law Conference is scheduled for June 2-4, 2022 in Albuquerque, NM.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

\*Motion by Board Secretary Duran to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board President Romero. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

\*Denotes Action Required

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Robert Duran III, Board Secretary

**APPROVED: May 18, 2022**