

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

January 19, 2023

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 January 2023.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Board President Armijo. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board President Armijo asked for a moment of silence for Thomas Sanchez, former educator that recently passed. Those present were as follows:

ROLL CALL: Board President Armijo called for roll call:

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

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez	Billie G. Mathews	Thomas P. Trujillo	Ambrosio Castellano Jr.
Mari Hillis	Pat Baca	Vanessa Garcia	Donna Lucero-Valdez
Christina Gonzales	Michael C. Yara	Juan Carlos Fulgenzi	Arturo Marlow
Cristina Cordova	Rosabelle Hernandez	John Tiernan	Gerald and Andrea Love

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board President Armijo asked to review the agenda and make any adjustments that may be required.
***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATION:

- A. ADVISE Law Firm – Ambrosio Castellano Jr, Attorney shared information about potential compensation through the Hermits Peak Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act passed by Congress. Public entities such as Las Vegas City Schools could make a claim under the Act and be entitled to compensation. Compensation could repay victims of the fire for cleaning, damages, income loss, expenses incurred during the wildfire, debris removal and possibly any future losses. Victims would have to submit claims within two years from November 24, 2022. The Board inquired as whether the district could recuperate funds for the use of facility utilities. Mr. Castellano stated that information would have to be submitted for review and approval but potentially the district could get reimbursed.
- B. Education – Dr. Billie Mathews shared information about various groups of students and their education. She shared statistics on gifted students, dropout rates, misconceptions and myths about student achievement, and poverty rate for high school students. She provided data by gender, race and students with disabilities, English learners, homeless etc. She showed graduation comparison rates from small to large school districts.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

MINUTES:

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – December 15, 2022 – ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting December 15, 2022. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Board Member Quintana and Board Member Cordova abstained from the vote; both were absent for the December 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion: Policy Services Alert – January 2023 U.S. Supreme Court Addresses Censure of Board Members – Superintendent Archuleta shared the information provided by the New Mexico School Boards Association Policy Service. Discussion followed regarding the decision of an appeal from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to the United States Supreme Court in the Houston Community College System v. Wilson.
- B. Discussion: Las Vegas City Schools Capital Outlay Requests – Superintendent Archuleta shared the current Capital Outlay requests from the district to include: bleacher renovation at Robertson Marr Gym for approximately \$625,000; water treatment upgrade and drainage for Mike Mateo Sena Elementary for approximately \$54,000; full science lab at Memorial Middle School for approximately \$310,000; gutters and drainage at Robertson McFarland for approximately \$58,000; water filtration system at Robertson, Memorial Middle, Sierra Vista and Los Niños for approximately \$40,000 and media art upgrade for film making at Robertson for approximately \$80,000. Stated that the requests were decided upon by the administrative team and by priority.
- C. Discussion/Action: Request for out-of-state travel for Robertson Tennis to Seminole, Texas – Juan Carlos Fulgenzi requested out-of-state travel for the boys’ and girls’ tennis teams for February 17 and February 18, 2023 to participate in a tennis tournament in Seminole, TX. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the out-of-state travel for Robertson Tennis to Seminole, TX. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Finance Committee – The finance committee met January 18, 2023 and reviewed and approved the minutes for December 14, 2022. The General Fund and Student Activity bank reconciliation reports as of December 31, 2022 were reviewed and no variances were noted between the bank and general ledger balances. The Student Activity Fund Balance Report was also reviewed as of December 31, 2022. Additional reports reviewed included Cash Report by Fund, Budget versus Actual by Fund Report, list of purchase orders, list of donations, Pledged Collateral Report and Supplemental Pay Report. The Bond & SB9 Report was reviewed; Capital Outlay Report was provided by Superintendent Archuleta.

The committee discussed and recommended approval of the Permanent Cash Transfer Form for \$44,013. Federal revenues collected in December totaled \$24,405; outstanding RFRs total \$1,109,330.

The committee reviewed the following Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs) and requested ratification for: BAR #069-000-2223-0020-T Fund 24106 IDEA-B and BAR #069-000-2223-0027-M Fund 24308 CRRSA; and, approval for the following: BAR #069-000-2223-0022-IB Fund 27414 Pediatric Autism for \$1,612; BAR #069-000-2223-0023-IB Fund 24355 USDE Emergency Relief Fund Homeless Children & Youth (ARP-HCY I) for \$16,886; BAR #069-000-2223-0024-IB Fund 24350 ARP Homeless Children and Youth for \$1,777; BAR #069-000-2223-0025-D Fund 27405

2020 Bus Cameras for \$9,996 and BAR #069-000-2223-0026-I Fund 11000 Operational for \$109,119.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2023 at 5:15 pm.

1. Discussion/Action: BARS/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards/Donations – ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the Permanent Cash Transfer Form for \$44,013. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion by Board Vice President Romero to ratify BAR #069-000-2223-0020-T Fund 24106 IDEA-B and BAR #069-000-2223-0027-M Fund 24308 CRRSA. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve BAR #069-000-2223-0022-IB Fund 27414 Pediatric Autism for \$1,612; BAR #069-000-2223-0023-IB Fund 24355 USDE Emergency Relief Fund Homeless Children & Youth (ARP-HCY I) for \$16,886; BAR #069-000-2223-0024-IB Fund 24350 ARP Homeless Children and Youth for \$1,777; BAR #069-000-2223-0025-D Fund 27405 2020 Bus Cameras for \$9,996 and BAR #069-000-2223-0026-I Fund 11000 Operational for \$109,119. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. The water treatment system upgrade and drainage for Mike Mateo Sena was submitted as a Capital Outlay request for approximately \$54,000. APIC has been replacing handicap operators and actuators in the high traffic areas at Memorial Middle and Robertson High School. The outdoor classroom canopy at Los Niños will be installed – cost is approximately \$12,150 for the canopy and installation. Kickoff meeting for the Sierra Vista project took place January 17, 2023. An assessment review was conducted January 18, 2023 with a committee consisting of 13 members. Reports will be fully compiled in approximately 3 weeks. The electric boxes at Robertson arrived however Honeywell and PNM discovered the boxes need more power. 4 to 6 weeks is to be expected for the proper power to the installed. Honeywell will continue to cover the cost of the heating of Marr Gym. The demolition project at Paul D. Henry is waiting on the architect and construction company to work together to submit the design to PSFA (Public Schools Facility Authority). Las Vegas Police Department is no longer interested in leasing Legion Park Elementary. Continue working with FEMA regarding the lease of Old Memorial Middle School. Next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2023.
- F. Audit Committee Report – Mari Hillis, Director of Finance, stated that the 2021-2022 audit was approved by the New Mexico State Auditor. Audit firm will be scheduled to present the audit for the February Regular Board Meeting.
- G. Superintendent’s Report:
 1. Student Representative’s Report – Student Representative Hernandez asked for consideration of a second student representative to assist in executing the duties of Student Representative to the Board of Education due to her schedule and commitments.
 2. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the new hire: Kaya Long
 3. District Updates – Superintendent Archuleta shared that the district will be celebrating staff for the January Staff Celebration. The theme for January is “Our Staff is Poppin’”. Staff will be treated to a popcorn treat prepared by the Robertson Culinary Club. The latest edition of the Cardinal Quarterly and Cardinal Connection were released. Current and previous editions can be located on the district website. Report cards for the 2nd grading period were sent to parents. Superintendent Archuleta stated that during the

weekly Superintendent's meeting that discussion included suggestions for the upcoming budget for school year 2023-2024 and insurance premiums for employees. Funding for classroom instruction is included with the State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) funding.

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 Vice President 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 Secretary Duran.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Armijo called for roll call:

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

Board entered into executive session at 6:20 pm.

Motion by Board Vice President Romero to reconvene to regular session from Executive Session. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana.

ROLL CALL: Board President Armijo called for roll call:

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

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 7:04 pm. Board President Armijo 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 2023 Board Member Institute is scheduled for February 2-4, 2023 in Santa Fe, NM.
- B. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2023 at 5:15 pm – Board President Armijo stated that a request was made to change the meeting date from Thursday, February 16, 2023 to Wednesday, February 15, 2023 due to a conflict in schedules. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to change the Regular Board Meeting from Thursday, February 16, 2023 to Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 5:15 pm. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT:

***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova.
Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:06 pm.**

****Denotes Action Required***

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Richard A. Armijo, Board President



Robert Duran III, Board Secretary

APPROVED: February 15, 2023