

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

August 24, 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 24th day of August 2023.

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

ROLL CALL: Board President Armijo called for roll call:

Board Member Quintana – Present (arrived at 5:38 pm)
Board Member Cordova – Present
Board Secretary Duran – Absent
Board Vice President Romero - Present
Board President Armijo – Present

RECORDER: Marsha G. Archuleta

ALSO PRESENT: L. Larryssa Archuleta, Superintendent

JC Fulgenzi	Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez	John Tiernan	Richard Trujillo
Chaylene Sena	Vanessa Garcia	Paul Gonzales	Ida Sue Gonzales
Christina Gonzales	Mike Yara	Donna Valdez	Roy Herrera

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 as presented. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input

MINUTES:

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – July 20, 2023 – ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting July 20, 2023. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 233 (New) ACB – Nondiscrimination Related to Reproductive or Gender-Affirming Health Care – 1st Reading – Superintendent Archuleta stated she needed further clarification about the policy to see if it relates to students and/or staff. Recommended tabling the item to reference information with legal counsel. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to accept the recommendation to table Policy Advisory 233 (New) ACB – Nondiscrimination Related to Reproductive or Gender-Affirming Health Care as a 1st Reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 234 (New) ACBB – Human Rights Act Protection for Gender or Gender Identity – 1st Reading – Superintendent recommended approval as a 1st reading. ***Motion**

by Board Vice President Romero to accept Policy Advisory 234 (New) ACBB – Human Rights Act Protection for Gender or Gender Identity as a 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 235 (New) B – School Board Elections/Holiday – 1st Reading – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval as a 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to accept Policy Advisory 235 (New) B – School Board Elections/Holiday as a 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 236 EF – Food Services; Regulation EF-R – Food Services – 1st Reading – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval as a 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to accept Policy Advisory 236 EF – Food Services; Regulation EF-R Food Services as a 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Discussion/Action: Policy Advisory 237 JFB – Open Enrollment – 1st Reading – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval as a 1st reading. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to accept Policy Advisory 237 JFB – Open Enrollment as a 1st reading. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- F. Discussion/Action: Transforming Education in New Mexico Six-Year Study – Superintendent Archuleta shared the information regarding the study. Stated that the purpose of the project was to transform New Mexico schools into the highest performing schools in the nation. The study requires selected school districts to undergo a comprehensive audit in the first year which would lead to the development and implementation of a five-year strategic plan. The subsequent five years would focus on implanting the plan to improve student achievement rates. She stated that the plan can be effective but all stakeholders must collaborate to develop a realistic ambitious plan as they work jointly with researchers. Shared that additional funding is needed to substantiate the goals in the plan that will support students. She reviewed the criteria and considerations, responsibility of the school district and parties, statement of work, the performance monitoring, key performance indicators and stakeholders. Superintendent Archuleta recommended tabling the item for further review and discussion. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to accept the recommendation to table Transforming Education in New Mexico Six-Year Study. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- G. Finance Committee – The finance committee met August 23, 2023 and reviewed the July 31, 2023 bank reconciliation reports for the General Fund and Student Activity Fund. No variances were noted between the bank and the general ledger. The Student Activity Fund Balance Report was reviewed as of July 31, 2023.

The committee reviewed the Cash Report by Fund, Budget versus Actual Report by Fund, list of purchase orders, list of donations, Pledged Collateral Report and Supplemental Pay Report. The Bond/SB-9 Report was reviewed.

The committee reviewed to per diem-per capita feeder agreements for Albert Martinez and Florentino Martinez. The committee recommended approval.

The Food Bid for Student Nutrition from July 2023 – December 2023 was reviewed. The committee recommended approval.

Federal revenues collected in July 2023 totaled \$2,721,660; outstanding RFRs as of July 2023 total \$216,775.

Next finance committee meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at 5:15 pm.

1. Discussion/Action: BARS/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards/Donations – Superintendent Archuleta stated that no BARs were reviewed.
 2. Discussion/Action: Student Nutrition Food Bid August 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the Student Nutrition Food Bid August 1, 2023-December 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
 3. Discussion/Action: Per Capita Feeder Agreements 2023-2024 – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval. ***Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the Per Capita Feeder Agreements 2023-2024 for Albert Martinez and Florentino Martinez. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- H. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. Stated that the carpet project at Mike Mateo Sena was in progress but will take additional time due to the age of the building. Mooring Company which specializes in older buildings and materials will remove and replace the carpet during the winter break. A quote for the band room at Robertson/Memorial Middle School is in progress. The previous unit installed in 2017 didn't include cooling. The playground equipment funding at Los Niños is awaiting approval from the New Mexico Public Education Department to utilize American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP). A report was submitted to Public Schools Finance Authority (PSFA) to increase square footage in the entrance and kitchen areas at Sierra Vista. District is awaiting the certificate of completion and Test and Balance from Honeywell for the HVAC unit at Robertson Marr Gym. The boys' and girls' bathrooms in the main building at Robertson are scheduled for completion by August 29, 2023. The McFarland parking lot restriping project is complete. The audio system in Marr Gym is complete. The communication board at the Robertson football field is complete. Awaiting the notice of award from PSFA to Northeastern Construction for the demolition of Paul D. Henry. The Forest Service is still interesting in the Legion Park building. Installation of the Safe Haven Defense bullet film is complete. Awaiting quotes on the media room at Robertson. Obtaining quote from CES for the roof preventive maintenance project at Marr Gym. The bleacher project at Marr Gym is slated for September/October for demolition. Northeastern Construction completed the gutter project at Robertson; partial funding was from legislative funds.
- I. Audit Committee Report – Superintendent Archuleta stated that the auditors completed their scheduled audit.
- J. Superintendent's Report:
1. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the new hires: Alicia Arguello, Jennifer Armijo, Martin Garcia, Jessica Gonzales, Juliana Guerin, Guadalupe Herrera, Angelica Lara, Christine Lucero, Brittney Mares, Jalen Martinez, David Munoz, Celia Nelson, Sarai Ortiz, Bhanu Paladi, Jessica Pino, Sarah Roybal, and Shannon Segura Saiz; resignation from Eileen Chavez, Christian Gutierrez, Margarito Herrera, Lindsey Sanchez and Jewell Vigil.
 2. District Updates – Superintendent Archuleta provided district highlights recently shared with the community as it relates to student enrollment numbers, the graduation rate at 83% which is 5 points higher than the state average. Students are offered 35 elective/Career Technical Certificate/Dual Credit and Film courses in addition to the core curriculum. Students earned awards in Science and English Expo competitions. Los Niños Elementary was selected at a model school. Robertson High School missed being a spotlight school by one point. the district has invested over \$124,000 in uniforms/music/instruments and sound equipment. Las Vegas City Schools (LVCS) employs five interventionists that focus on Reading, Math, identified Dyslexia and

attendance. LVCS is 100% staffed in Special Education district wide and 100% for licensed staff. LVCS has a community outreach YouTube channel highlighting storytelling and people from Las Vegas. An Open SciEd Science Grant for the elementary was awarded which offers \$1,800 per teacher and free materials. Per pupil expenditure is approximately \$14,744. Technology Education Tech Notes is approximately \$1 million for student devices and communication board. Los Niños Elementary remodel project was approximately \$13.9 million. A new handicap accessible playground was installed at Los Niños with the assistance of legislative dollars. All school sites have outdoor classrooms (\$250,000). A new HVAC system was installed at Robertson Marr Gym; previous system was over 40 years old (\$1.4 million). FMAR is over 70% in district with a 92% completion rate of work orders. Projects replaced after 20 years include: life skills classrooms, sidewalks for ADA compliance, resurfaced tennis courts, high school track and bleachers. Received funding from HB43 for the demolition of Paul D. Henry (\$1.1 million). Safety and Security include fencing, bullet proof film, cameras, doors, emergency devices for staff, blinds and fire panels. Technology for all staff. LVCS employs 3 certified RNs and 1 Health Assistant, 3 Social Workers, a College and Career Counselor, and an Art Therapy Counselor. Most importantly, monthly staff celebrations are held during the school year. The district is home to 40 state championship teams. During the last 5 years in the NMAA Director's Cup, LVCS finished in the top 4, in 2022 & 2023 LVCS finished in 2nd place (top finish by non-private school in district 3A). Co-Curricular activities consist of 30 clubs and 22 athletic teams.

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 Member Quintana.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Armijo called for roll call:

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

Board entered into executive session at 6:08 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 – Absent
Board Vice President Romero – Yes
Board President Armijo – Yes

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 6:32 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 next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at 5:15 pm

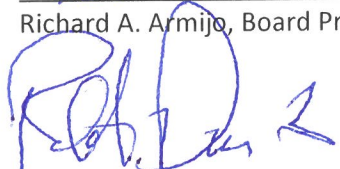
ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion by Board Member Quintana to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:34 pm.

**Denotes Action Required*

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Richard A. Armijo, Board President


Robert Duran III, Board Secretary

APPROVED: September 21, 2023