

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

December 21, 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 5:17 pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 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  
Board Member Cordova – Present  
Board Secretary Duran – Present  
Board Vice President Romero – Present (arrived @ 5:19 pm)  
Board President Armijo – Present

**RECORDER:** Marsha G. Archuleta

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

Ovidio Romero	William Korte	Leroy Lujan	Thomas P. Trujillo
Mari Hillis	Juan Carlos Fulgenzi	Samantha Fulgenzi	Christina Gonzales
James Romero	Chris Archuleta	Vanessa Garcia	Paul Gonzales
Kristina Korte	Judith Trujillo	Andrew Trujillo	Richard Trujillo
Mike Yara	Shayla Hillis	Fenicia Ordoñez	Tony Rubin
Chalo M. Benavidez	Walter Maes	Roy Herrera	Guadalupe Herrera
Donna L. Valdez	John Tiernan	Maria Sanchez	Elaine Martinez-Gonzalez
Jonathan Baca	(one name not legible)		

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Leroy Lujan asked that the board motion to table executive session. Stated he knew what was involved in the proceedings of executive session and that politics and political influence should remain absent when making decisions about the future of the educational system. His intent was not to question the salary and potential contract extension of the superintendent. His concern was that there may be an imbalance of power to the incoming board. He urged the board to heed the voices of the community. Asked that one of the board members recuse themselves and step down. Stated that just because the contract was up for discussion the board does not have to take action on the item. Shared that the Superintendent has done a wonderful job.

Paul Gonzales addressed the board stating that as an incoming elected representative of the community, that he is against any contract extension for Superintendent Archuleta. Felt that an extension at this time is unnecessary and inappropriate. Stated that the decision should be made months later after he and Joyce Meserve have had enough time to work with Superintendent Archuleta and an opportunity to evaluate her. Stated they were elected by the community to make decisions on behalf of all students and staff of Las Vegas City Schools. He asked that the board vote no on any contract extension or table the item.

#### **ACCOLADES:**

- A. Jonathan Korte, Robertson High School's Macy's Day Parade Participant – William Korte, Robertson Band Director, shared that Jonathan Korte is the 1<sup>st</sup> participant since 1983 from New Mexico to partake in the prestigious Macy's Day Parade event. Stated that Jonathan is an All State participant and always strives to do his best. Mr. Korte acknowledged all the district's amazing sports and arts programs.
- B. Fall Sports – Football, Cross Country, Volleyball – Vanessa Gonzales, Head Volleyball Coach shared the accomplishments of the volleyball team with a record of 17-12, 75 girls from the high school and middle school programs. The team made it to the semifinals. Lucas Sanchez, Interim Head Football Coach shared the team's achievements throughout the season with a record of 12-3. The team ended the season as the State Runners Up in the championship game.
- C. Maintenance Department – Ben Lujan Award – Superintendent Archuleta shared that the Maintenance Department was awarded the Ben Lujan Award. The award recognized the department for their outstanding work in the operations and maintenance of the facilities throughout the district.
- D. Retiring Board Members – Richard Armijo and Robert Duran III - Superintendent Archuleta recognized and thanked Board Member Richard Armijo and Board Member Robert Duran for their years of dedication and service to the students and staff of Las Vegas City Schools. She expressed appreciation and acknowledged their commitment to the district.

**\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to recess from regular session. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously to recess at 5:51 pm.**

**\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to return to regular session from recess. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously to return to regular session from recess at 6:11 pm.**

#### **MINUTES:**

- A. Discussion/Action: Minutes for Regular Board Meeting – November 16, 2023 - **\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting November 16, 2023. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Finance Committee – The finance committee met December 20, 2023. The committee reviewed the November 30, 2023 bank reconciliation reports for the General Fund, the Student Activity Fund and the Student Activity Fund Balance Report. No variances were noted.

The committee reviewed RFP #2024-100 for Legal Services and recommended the bid be awarded to Cuddy & McCarthy beginning January 2024. The Student Nutrition Food Service Bid #2024-001 was reviewed. The committee recommended approval.



The committee reviewed BARs and recommended ratification for the following: BAR #069-0002324-0023-D Fund 11000 Operational Decrease of \$334,339; BAR #069-000-2324-0024-I Fund 21000 Student Nutrition for \$147,662.91; BAR #069-000-2324-0025IB Fund 27114 Early Literacy & Reading Support for \$50,000; BAR #069-000-2324-0026-T Fund Operational; BAR #069-0002324-0027-T Fund 25153 Medicaid; and BAR #069-000-2324-0028-M Fund 25153 Medicaid. The committee reviewed and recommended approval of the following BARs: BAR #069-000-23240022-I Fund 24118 Fresh Fruit & Vegetables for \$1,018 and BAR #069-000-2324-0029-IB Fund 21100 Universal Free Meals for \$82,331.

The committee reviewed the Cash Report by Fund, Budget versus Actual Report by Fund, list of open purchase orders \$50,000 and above, list of donations, Pledged Collateral Report and Supplemental Pay Report. The Capital Outlay and Bond SB-9 Report was also reviewed.

Federal revenues collected as of November 2023 totaled \$120,260; outstanding RFRs as of November 2023 total \$521,999.

1. Discussion/Action: BARS/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards/Donations – **\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to ratify BAR #069-000-2324-0023-D Fund 11000 Operational Decrease of \$334,339; BAR #069-000-2324-0024-I Fund 21000 Student Nutrition for \$147,662.91; BAR #069-000-2324-0025IB Fund 27114 Early Literacy & Reading Support for \$50,000; BAR #069-000-2324-0026-T Fund Operational; BAR #069000-2324-0027-T Fund 25153 Medicaid; and BAR #069-000-2324-0028-M Fund 25153 Medicaid. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.**  
  
**Motion by Board Secretary Duran to approve BAR #069-000-2324-0022-I Fund 24118 Fresh Fruit & Vegetables for \$1,018 and BAR #069-000-2324-0029-IB Fund 21100 Universal Free Meals for \$82,331. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Romero. Motion passed unanimously.**
  2. Discussion/Action: Legal Services RFP – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval of the Legal Services RFR. **\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the Legal Services RFP to award the bid to Cuddy & McCarthy beginning January 2024. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously.**
  3. Discussion/Action: Speech Language Pathologist RFP – Thomas Trujillo, Director of Special Education, shared information regarding the RFP for Speech Language Pathology services. Shared that the services would span the remainder of the school year. Board Vice President Romero inquired as to how services are distributed currently while the RFP is in progress. Mr. Trujillo stated that the other Speech Pathologists have distributed the caseloads during the RFP process. **\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the Speech Language Pathologist RFP. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
  4. Discussion/Action: Student Nutrition Food Bid January 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024 – Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval. **\*Motion by Board Member Quintana to approve the Student Nutrition Food Bid January 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Discussion/Action: Norcon CES vendor Boys and Girls Soccer scoreboard - \$32,374.96 – Superintendent Archuleta shared that the scoreboard at the soccer field was in need of replacing due to the age. Stated that throughout the past few years the scoreboard at the baseball field and

communication board at the football field were replaced. Shared that initially New Mexico Highlands University was to assist in funding the cost of the scoreboard as they share the field with the district's soccer teams; however, due to funding they have yet to come forth. The district received a quote from Norcon but the electrical portion needs to be reviewed for a possible change in the location of the scoreboard. Superintendent Archuleta recommended approval.

**\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to approve the Norcon quote for the scoreboard for Boys and Girls soccer in the amount of \$32,374.96. Motion seconded by Board Member Quintana. Motion passed unanimously.**

- C. Capital Outlay – Superintendent Archuleta shared the status of projects throughout the district. The abatement at Mike Mateo Sena Elementary was completed in December in the amount of \$19,350. The playground equipment at Los Niños has arrived however the installation is delayed due to weather conditions. Franken Company is addressing issues with the alarm system at Los Niños. The drawings for the Sierra Vista Project is in progress for a remodel. A coil was replaced in a classroom at Sierra Vista. The final walk through and certification of the HVAC unit at Robertson Mike Marr Gym is not final; 2 units are not working. The gutter project at Robertson and Memorial Middle School is slated to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. The preventive maintenance roof project at Robertson Mike Marr gym is expected to begin in January. A conex unit was set up for the Las Vegas FFA club in the amount of \$4,200. Demolition of Paul D. Henry is in progress and is expected to be complete by the end of January. The bleacher project is expected in March for phase one; phase 2 is expected to be complete after graduation.
- D. Audit Committee Report – Mari Hillis, Director of Finance, stated that the audit was submitted and is in review at the Office of the State Auditor. E. Superintendent's Report:
1. Personnel Report – Staff – Superintendent Archuleta reported the new hires: Vanessa Gonzales and Eloy Lucero; resignation from Roy Herrera and Kaya Long and retirement from Marie Kavanaugh.
  2. District Updates – Superintendent Archuleta shared that the life skills students made snowflakes for the staff. The school sites are showcasing various Christmas activities. Robertson High School is hosting a game night for students and parents. The district's social media presence has increased significantly. Several events took place within the community focusing on arts, crafts and a dinner show from the drama club.

#### **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) to discuss the Superintendent's contract 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) to discuss the Superintendent's contract 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 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 6:46 pm.

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

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 7:35 pm. Board President Armijo stated that the Board of Education convened into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1H (2) (discussion of limited personnel matters) to discuss the Superintendent's contract 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.**

**\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to offer Superintendent Archuleta an extension to her contract for two years until school year 2026-2027 with a responsibility factor of 2.5. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Armijo called for roll call:

Board Member Quintana – No

Board Member Cordova – No

Board Secretary Duran – Yes

Board Vice President Romero – Yes

Board President Armijo – Yes

**Motion passed by a majority vote 3-2. Superintendent Archuleta accepted.**

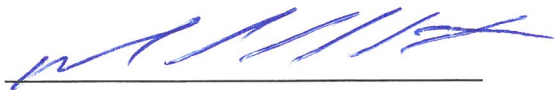
**FUTURE PLANNING:**

A. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024 at 5:15 pm.

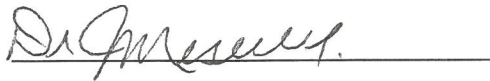
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**\*Motion by Board Vice President Romero to adjourn. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Duran. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:37 pm.**

***\*Denotes Action Required***



Board President



Board Secretary

**APPROVED:**