



MINUTES
Las Cruces Board of Education
Closed Session / Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2013 • 6:30 p.m.
LCPS Administration Building Board Room

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Call to Order

Dr. Connie Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary Chuck Davis:

- Dr. Connie Phillips, President - present
- Señora Maria Flores, Vice President - absent
- Mr. Chuck Davis, Secretary - absent
- Mrs. Barbara Hall, Member - present
- Dr. Bonnie Votaw, Member - present

Superintendent Stan Rounds was in attendance.

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Votaw and seconded by Ms. Hall to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Report on Closed Session

Dr. Phillips reported the Board met in closed session from 5:05 p.m. to 6:26 p.m. to discuss NEA-LC and CSEC-LC bargaining unit negotiations for the 2013-14 school year. No other matters were discussed and no action was taken.

II. Other Reports/Finance

A. Approval of Las Montañas Charter High School 2013-14 Budget:

Terry Dean, associate superintendent for finances and technology, stated the budget submission projected a cash balance of 7.6% of non-recurring revenue in the operational fund; which is up from where they were 18 months ago. The State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) constitutes 94% of the operational fund. He noted the budget is realizing a decrease in SEG funding of 1.2%, equaling \$24,000. Employees will receive a 1.6% average increase, of which 1% was mandated by legislature. Salaries and benefits total 70% of the budget. They are showing a reduction in staff of 1.5 FTE teaching positions and a .5 FTE assistant principal position due to declining student enrollment. Rents and leases portion of the budget totals \$151,000.

Supt. Rounds expressed concerns with the high cost of the charter's facility lease. Discussions continue with Richard Robinson, Las Montañas Charter High School Principal, to find an alternative location for the school; however, it may be necessary for the school to remain in its current facility for another year as the current lease expires June 30. Mr. Dean stated the Public Schools Facilities Authority provides lease assistance to charters with a formula based on student

enrollment. The school has just completed the process of applying for the assistance so the award is not budgeted at this time. The amount budgeted approximates what they school paid this school year in rents and leases. The declining enrollment may have an effect on the award. Mr. Robinson reported the facility lease is \$360,000 annually. The PSFA award received for 2012-13 school year was \$220,000. He said with the current drop in enrollment they are estimating the PSFA to award \$170,000 for the 2013-14 school year.

Dr. Votaw commended Mr. Robinson on improving the cash balance in his budget. Dr. Phillips expressed her continued concern with the lease cost of the facility and urged Mr. Robinson and Supt. Rounds to continue searching for a solution.

A motion was made by Ms. Hall and seconded by Dr. Votaw to approve Las Montañas Charter High School 2013-14 Budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

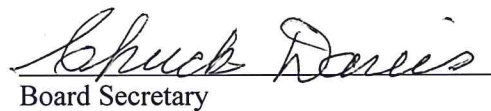
III. PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was received.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Hall and seconded by Dr. Votaw to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:48 p.m.


Board President


Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Brigitte Zigelhofer.