



MINUTES

Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 • 6:30 p.m.

LCPS Administration Building Board Room • Televised by LCPS.TV

I. INTRODUCTION

A. *Call to Order*

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

B. *Roll Call*

Roll call was taken by Mr. Chuck Davis. Those present:

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

Superintendent Stan Rounds was also in attendance.

C. *Pledge of Allegiance*

President Phillips led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

D. *Performance by MacArthur Elementary Ballet Folklorico Group*

Performance was cancelled by Ms. Carla Ragan, Principal, MacArthur Elementary School.

E. *Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. Dr. Bonnie Votaw abstained from the vote. The motion passed. A second motion was made by Dr. Bonnie Votaw and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 Board Retreat. The motion passed unanimously.

F. *Approval of Agenda*

President Phillips stated that item IV.A. 1. Approval of Las Montañas Charter High School Charter Renewal was removed from the agenda tonight and is tabled for a later date. Dr. Bonnie Votaw requested the removal of consent item VI.A. 2. Third reading and approval of Policy GAA Human Resource Development from the agenda tonight and tabled for a later date.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Bonnie Votaw to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

G. *Approval of Consent Agenda Items*

A motion was made by Dr. Bonnie Votaw and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the consent agenda items, which are consent agenda items V. A. 1. Approval of Bids; V. A. 2. Approval of Budget Increases/Adjustments; V. A. 3. Approval of Property Dispositions; V. A. 4. Approval of Vendor Payments; V. A. 5. Approval of Third Quarter Reports for LCPS, La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School and Las Montañas Charter High School; V. A. 6. Adoption of Resolution to Provide Insurance to Eligible Part-time Employees; V. B. 1. Approval of Student Out of State Travel; and VI. A. 1. Third reading and approval of Policy GBD Family Medical Leave Act. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

A. *Non-agenda items*

None.

- B. *Agenda items*
None.

III. RECOGNITIONS

- A. *National TV Student of the Year*
Superintendent Rounds recognized Las Cruces High School recent graduate, Gabriel Gallegos, as the National TV student of the Year. Gabriel was chosen amongst thousands of media students from across the country and will receive an all-expense paid trip to the 2015 convention in San Diego, California, along with a \$1,000 scholarship. Gabriel plans to attend the University of New Mexico to study journalism/mass communications.
- B. *Las Cruces High School FFA State Champions*
Superintendent Rounds recognized the Las Cruces High School FFA Wildlife Team as FFA state champions. The team competed against 29 other teams from across the state. They will go on to compete at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.
- C. *Las Cruces High School Individual Boys' Golf State Champion*
Superintendent Rounds recognized Davis Chung, a junior at Las Cruces High School, as the state's Individual Boys' Golf Champion. This is a repeat championship for Davis Chung who has been competing since the age of 7.
- D. *Las Cruces High School Boys' High Jump State Champion*
Superintendent Rounds recognized Las Cruces High School junior, Isiah McIntyre, as the Boys' High Jump State Champion. Isiah jumped 6'2" to win the state championship and took second place in the long jump and 300 meter hurdles.
- E. *Las Cruces High School Modernaires Show Choir National Champions*
Superintendent Rounds recognized the Las Cruces High School Modernaires as National Choir Champions. The Modernaires took first place at the national invitational on March 21, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas competing against 10 other choirs from around the nation.
- F. *Mayfield High School Girls' Tennis State Champions*
Superintendent Rounds recognized the Mayfield High School Girls Tennis Team as State Champions. The girls won the state championship on May 10, 2014 in Albuquerque, New Mexico making it the second state championship win in three years for the Mayfield High School Girls' Tennis Team.
- G. *Oñate High School Girls' Hurdles State Champion*
Superintendent Rounds recognized Jennifer Ramirez, a sophomore, at Oñate High School, who won two girls' 5A state track and field championships during the weekend of May 15-17, 2014 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jennifer won both the 100-meter hurdles 300-meter hurdles events and was undefeated for the 2014 track season. She is coached by David Nuñez.
- H. *2014 NMSBA Student Achievement Award*
President Phillips recognized Mrs. Jo Paulson as the 2014 recipient of the NMSBA Student Achievement Award. Mrs. Paulson is a retired LCPS teacher and teacher of the year recipient in 1990. who volunteers reading in a third grade classroom at Desert Hills Elementary School.
- I. *Citizens Bank High School Debit Card Program*
Citizens Bank, through its High School Pride Debit Card Program, has raised more than \$3,400.00 for the five LCPS high schools and the LCPS Foundation. The following are the amounts each high school will receive:
- Mayfield High School: \$1,416.65;
 - Las Cruces High School: \$996.20;
 - Centennial High School: \$397.95;

- Oñate High School: \$ 354.50; and
- Arrowhead Park Early College High School: \$68.45.

Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation will receive \$194.50.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. *Approval of Las Montañas Charter High School Renewal*

Superintendent Rounds stated that he intends to renew the Las Montañas Charter. He requested the Board table the approval of the Las Montañas Charter High School charter renewal for a later date as information from the state regarding its charter application is still pending.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Bonnie Votaw to table the approval of the Las Montañas Charter High School charter renewal for a later date. Sra. Flores abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

2. *Adoption of Resolution authorizing approval of the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Site Ground Lease, Development Agreement and Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement*

Superintendent Rounds requested the Board adopt the Resolution to move the approval of the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Site Ground Lease, Development Agreement and Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement as presented.

A discussion ensued regarding who the Ground Lease is for, and the roles of contractors. Mr. Herb Torres clarified that the ground lease is with the *development team* for the Court Youth Center, LLC which is GenCon and Studio d' Architects.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Bonnie Votaw to adopt the Resolution authorizing approval of the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Site Ground Lease, Development Agreement and Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement. A roll call vote was taken. Sra. Maria Flores, aye; Mrs. Barbara Hall, aye; Mr. Chuck Davis, aye; Dr. Connie Phillips, aye; and Dr. Bonnie Votaw, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Approval of the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Site Ground Lease*

Superintendent Rounds requested the Board approve the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Site Ground Lease as presented and allow him to complete negotiations and bring the lease back to the Board at a future date for ratification.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Bonnie Votaw to approve the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Site Ground Lease as presented and allow the Superintendent to complete negotiations and to return the item to the board at a future date for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Approval of the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Development Agreement*

Superintendent Rounds requested the Board approve the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Development Agreement as presented and allow him to complete negotiations and bring the agreement back to the Board at a future date for ratification. This agreement allows for the development of the land.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Bonnie Votaw to approve the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Development Agreement as presented and allow the Superintendent to complete negotiations and return the item to the board at a future date for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

5. *Approval of the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement*

Superintendent Rounds requested the Board approve the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement as presented, and allow him to complete negotiations and bring the agreement back to the Board at a future date for ratification. He stated this agreement is specific to J. Paul Taylor only.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Bonnie Votaw to approve the Court Youth Center Charter School Campus Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement as presented and allow the Superintendent to complete negotiations and return the item to the board at a future date for ratification. The motion passed unanimously.

A. *Certified/Classified Report*

Dr. Votaw commented on the brevity of the report and commended the District. There were no further comments.

B. *Administrators' Academy*

Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo, Associate Superintendent of Human Resource Development, provided a short presentation on the Administrator's Academy stating the academy was held over the course of the 2013-14 school year with 42 principals and assistant principals attending. The academy focused on needs identified by administrators.

A discussion ensued regarding the experience level of the participants. Dr. Marrufo shared that participating administrators were in the first to third year of their current assignment.

V. OTHER REPORTS

A. *Finance: Items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6 were on consent* and approved earlier in the meeting.*

7. *Approval of SY 2014-15 LCPS Budget*

Mr. Terry Dean, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Technology, provided to the Board an in-depth PowerPoint presentation on the 2014-15 LCPS budget. Mr. Dean discussed the final total budget amount of \$327,213,241 which will be increased throughout the year for new grant awards. The budget was broken down into different fund types: Capital Outlay \$59,850,93; Debt Service \$28,577,59; Federal Funds \$21,212,889; General Fund \$195,024,591; and State/Local Grants & Other \$22,547,236.

Dr. Votaw and Sra. Flores both commended Mr. Dean on his presentation.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the SY 2014-15 LCPS Budget. A roll call vote was taken. Sra. Maria Flores, aye; Mrs. Barbara Hall, aye; Mr. Chuck Davis, aye; Dr. Connie Phillips, aye; and Dr. Bonnie Votaw, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

8. *Approval of SY 2014-15 Las Montanas Charter High School Budget*

Mr. Terry Dean, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Technology, provided to the board a short presentation on the 2014-15 Las Montanas Charter High School budget. He discussed with the Board the final total budget amount of \$2,296,374 and stated the budget appears to be reasonable and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the SY 2014-15 Las Montanas Charter High School Budget. A roll call vote was taken. Sra. Maria Flores, aye; Mrs. Barbara Hall, aye; Mr. Chuck Davis, aye; Dr. Connie Phillips, aye; and Dr. Bonnie Votaw, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Instruction: Item #1 was on consent* and approved earlier in the meeting.*

2. *Approval SY 2014-15 IDEA – B Application*

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, requested approval from the Board of the 2014-15 IDEA-B budget application. The application asks for a total budget amount of \$5,306,628 to provide early intervention services for students. The application also states the District's compliance to adhere to applicable state regulations and statutes to use funds for direct services to students as stipulated in their Individual Education Plans, and to provide services to private and local charter schools.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Sra. Maria Flores to approve the SY 2014-15 IDEA – B Application. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Approval of SY 2014-15 Title I, Part C Migrant Application*

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, requested approval from the Board of the 2014-15 Title I, Part C Migrant Application for a regional recruiter/coordinator. Las Cruces Public Schools received an \$80,000 planning grant for the Title 1, Part C Migrant program. Ms. Erlinda Martinez, Director of Federal Programs, stated the program is new based on a state study conducted in the area which identified 20 families in need of services. The regional recruiter/coordinator will work within the Hatch, Gadsden and Las Cruces Public Schools districts.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Sra. Maria Flores to approve the SY 2014-15 Title I, Part C Migrant Application. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Approval of SY 2014-15 Head Start Program Planning, Philosophy and Goals*

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, requested approval from the Board of the SY 2014-15 Head Start Program Planning, Philosophy and Goals. The documents outline the program's planning philosophy and short and long range goals for the Head Start Program. A budget has yet to be established. While notice of funding has not been received from the Public Education Department yet, a possible award could be forthcoming in July, 2014 and as late as October, 2014.

A discussion ensued in regards to the placement of students and staff if funding is not allocated until October. The Head Start staff is being proactive and working with the Human Resources department to assure placement of current employees and have maintained 100% placement of all employees. Students have been recruited for the program; and families will be facilitated to the funding agency should LCPS not receive the funding allocation.

A motion was made by Dr. Bonnie Votaw and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the SY 2014-15 Head Start Program Planning, Philosophy and Goals. The motion passed unanimously.

5. *Approval of the 2014-15 Title III State Bilingual Multicultural Education Funding Application*

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, requested approval from the Board of the 2014-15 Title III State Bilingual Multicultural Education Funding Application. Las Cruces Public Schools received the 2014-15 allocation award of 227,196.00 of Title III funds. The funds will be used to increase English language proficiency and academic achievement for English Language Learners (ELL); and to support teachers, educational assistants, and administrators through professional development activities.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Bonnie Votaw to approve the SY 2014-15 Title III State Bilingual Multicultural Education Funding Application. The motion passed unanimously.

6. *Head Start Meal Report*

There were no comments.

7. *Mayfield High School ENLACE Level Three Class Presentation on Action Research Project*

Mr. David Morales and students from the Mayfield ENCLACE program, presented to the Board a presentation on a collective action research project. Topics included the impacts and stressors of district mandated testing.

C. *Operations*

1. *Construction Projects Report*

Gloria Martinez, Director of Construction, shared with the Board an update on the current construction projects throughout the District including Loma Heights Elementary School, Las Cruces High School, Zia Middle School, Booker T. Washington Elementary School, and Doña Ana Elementary School.

2. *Presentation on LCHS Construction Project Color Pallet*

Mr. Dane Kennon, Associate Superintendent of Operations, introduced Rem Alley, of Rem Alley & Associates, and Nicole Ferrini from Uncommon Design in El Paso, Texas who provided a presentation to the Board on the color pallet for the interior and exterior of Las Cruces High School. LCHS staff provided feedback on the color pallet and is approving of the choice colors.

3. *Annual Update on Safe Routes to School*

Todd Gregory, Safety and Security Coordinator for Las Cruces Public Schools; Dawn Sanchez, Southwest Region Health Promotion Program Manager for the New Mexico Department of Health; and Ashleigh Curry, SRTS Champion; presented to the Board on the coordinated efforts, progress, infrastructure improvements, parent surveys and principal interviews, program expansion and sustainability of the program.

Dr. Votaw shared with the Board her hopes in setting goals and policies in line with the Safe Routes to Schools program.

Calla Rotten, a kindergartner at Mesilla Elementary School, presented to the Board her poster which one first place in the Safe Routes to Schools program.

4. *Addendum to Facilities Master Plan SY 2013-18*

Mr. Dane Kennon, Associate Superintendent of Operations, provided to the Board an addendum to the 2014-18 Facilities Master Plan which includes date changes, prior bond completed projects, and projects on slate to finish within the next four years.

VI. BOARD ITEMS

A. *Old Business: Item #1 and #2 were on consent* and approved earlier in the meeting.*

3. *Approval of Request for Regular Board Meeting change from June 17, 2014 to June 26, 2014*

Due to vacation schedules, a request was made to change the June 17, 2014 regular board meeting to June 26, 2014 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Bonnie Votaw to change the June 17, 2014 regular board meeting to June 26, 2014 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Board Reorganization*

President Phillips opened the floor for nominations for the positions of board president, vice-president and secretary. A nomination was made by Mrs. Hall for Dr. Bonnie Votaw-president; Mrs. Barbara Hall-vice-president; and Mr. Chuck Davis-secretary. Mr. Davis seconded the nomination. Sra. Flores nominated herself as president; Mrs. Barbara Hall-vice-president; and Mr. Chuck Davis-secretary. There was no second to the nomination; the nomination did not move forward.

President Phillips closed the floor for nominations; and opened the floor for motions.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis for the slate of officers: Dr. Bonnie Votaw, president; Mrs. Barbara Hall, vice-president; and Mr. Chuck Davis, secretary. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Barbara Hall, aye; Sra. Maria Flores, nay; Mr. Chuck Davis, aye; Dr. Bonnie Votaw, aye; and President Connie Phillips, aye. The motion passed.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Hall visited the LEAP program; attended the Leader in Me luncheon at Mesilla Park Elementary School; a LCPS Foundation meeting; and a data meeting with Turnaround Initiatives.

Sra. Flores visited the ENLACE class at Las Montañas Charter High School; and attended two Great Conversations at Sunrise Elementary School.

Mr. Davis stated all Board members attended graduations; President Dr. Votaw asked that a review be done of next year's graduation schedule for alternative options of the graduation schedule.

VIII. UPCOMNG EVENTS

A. *Calendar of Events*

President Dr. Votaw shared with the Board that a calendar of events was placed in each board member's folder for their review. Sra. Flores stated that she is not available for the Board retreat scheduled for June 27, 2014 and asked that the Board consider alternative dates.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Sra. Maria Flores to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.