



**Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education  
Special Meeting**

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 • 4:00 p.m.

LCPS Administration Building Board Room • Televised by LCPS.TV

**I. INTRODUCTION**

*A. Call to Order*

Dr. Bonnie Votaw called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

*B. Roll Call*

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

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

Superintendent Stan Rounds was also in attendance.

*C. Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Dr. Connie Phillips and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

*D. Approval of Consent Agenda Items*

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Connie Phillips to approve consent agenda item III. A. 1. Approval of Budget Increases and Adjustments and III. A. 2. Approval of Permanent Transfer of Cash. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Superintendent Rounds recommended the Board approve a two-year contract renewal for Las Montañas with the understanding that Las Montañas apply for state charter in the school year 2014-15 for charter in the 2015-16 school year; and that Mr. Herb Torres continue as Special Master with the cost of his services paid by Las Montañas.

Sra. Flores requested the Board split the vote as there are two separate items: (1) Las Montanas charter renewal and (2) payment of the special master. The Board will entertain two motions. Superintendent Rounds clarified that the Board would need to have three separate votes: (1) a vote on a motion to split the vote; (2) a vote on the motion to approve the request for a two year charter renewal with stipulations set forth; and (3) a vote on the payment for services by the Special Master.

Dr. Connie Phillips recused herself from the vote.

A motion was made by Sra. Maria Flores and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to split the vote for the request for approval of the charter renewal of Las Montañas Charter High School and the payment of the Special Master services. A roll call vote was taken. Sra. Maria Flores, aye; Mrs. Barbara Hall, aye; Mr. Chuck Davis, aye; and Dr. Bonnie Votaw, aye. Dr. Connie Phillips abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the two year charter renewal of Las Montañas Charter High School with the understanding that Las Montañas Charter High School apply for state charter during the 2014-15 school year for state charter for the 2015-16 school year. A roll call vote was taken. Sra. Maria Flores, aye; Mrs. Barbara Hall, aye; Mr. Chuck Davis, aye; and Dr. Bonnie Votaw, aye. Dr. Connie Phillips abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

Sra. Flores stated she believes the cost for the Special Master should be split between the District and Las Montañas Charter High School.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the cost for services by the Special Master be paid by Las Montañas Charter High School. A roll call vote was taken. Sra. Maria Flores, nay; Mrs. Barbara Hall, aye; Mr. Chuck Davis, aye; and Dr. Bonnie Votaw, aye. Dr. Connie Phillips abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

President Votaw asked Superintendent Rounds to share with the Board the administrative changes within the District effective for the SY 2014-15 school year. Mr. Rounds shared the following changes:

Anthony Plaza will be the .5 Assistant Principal at Rio Grande Prep and .5 teacher. A new Assistant Principal for Alameda will be named soon.

Kelly Mahres will be a .5 Assistant Principal at Central Elementary School and will continue to serve the other .5 with Mesilla Elementary School.

Assistant Principal Veronica Moya will move to the Special Education department to pursue a new career in bilingual diagnostics. A search will begin for an Assistant Principal for Monte Vista Elementary.

Gail Estrada and Sarah Finke will be the two new Assistant Principals at Sonoma Elementary. Sonoma is one of the three elementary schools that will receive an additional Assistant Principal based on its size.

Rudy Leos will be the Assistant Principal for Tombaugh Elementary.

Janie Rios, Principal at University Hills Elementary is retiring from LCPS. Her replacement will be named soon.

Vangie Barela is the new Assistant Principal at Valley View.

Dr. Marcy Oxford will be the Dean of Students for Arrowhead Park Medical Academy and will also continue to oversee the Virtual Learning Academy.

Sabina Aguilar, District Testing Coordinator for Accountability, Research and Assessment is retiring from LCPS. Criss Grubbs is the new District Testing Coordinator.

A discussion ensued regarding the NMTech, TeachScape and teacher evaluations.

**III. OTHER REPORTS**

A. *Finance: Item Nos. \*1and \*2 were approved on consent earlier in the evening.*

**IV. BOARD ITEMS**

A. *Preparation of Board retreat agenda*

President Votaw advised the Board of the following items for discussion at the Board's retreat to be held on July 2, 2014: board goals; policy on school siting and implementation of school policies; and an update on National Teacher Certification at Valley View Elementary. President Votaw asked Board members to bring their summer calendars to the retreat to capture vacation schedules and suggested items for future work sessions/board retreats.

Sra. Flores would like a discussion on wrap around services for schools in need – providing social and food services. Wrap around services addresses poverty issues. She would also like a discussion on a new computer literacy program in the schools; a full dual language elementary school and a dual language career cluster at a high school level (particularly Centennial High School). She also asked that the Board revisit policies on testing.

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**

Helen Davis spoke regarding the NEA presentation to the Board on teacher views on testing.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Connie Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.