



**Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education
Work Session**

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 • 4:00 p.m.
LCPS Administration Building Board Room • Televised by LCPS.TV

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Call to Order

President 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
- Dr. Connie Phillips, Member
- Sra. Maria Flores, Member

Superintendent Stan Rounds was also in attendance.

C. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Update on Student and Staffing Enrollment

Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo, Associate Superintendent of Human Resource Development, provided to the Board updated information regarding student and staffing enrollment. To date, there are 11,956 students enrolled at the elementary school level, 5,645 at middle school level and 7,071 at the high school level for a total enrollment of 24,672 students. To address class size overloads as of August 29, 2014, Dr. Marrufo also shared with the Board a listing of staff reassignments within the District. Superintendent Rounds shared with the Board that eight educational assistant positions will be allocated to address the class size overloads as well. Out of 27 available teaching positions, two have not been filled which can be utilized with the available education assistant positions.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of portables and an overload of students in classes within a specific school and a turnaround school with a music teacher who also serves as the tech expert. Sra. Flores suggested the schools were in need of full time employees (FTEs). Superintendent Rounds will meet with teams to determine support for the schools in providing FTEs. There was a further discussion regarding the additional kindergarten class E. Picacho Elementary School. Mr. Davis inquired with regard to the methodology used in projecting available teaching positions and budgeting for them. Superintendent Rounds explained the process used by Mr. Terry Dean and his staff. Dr. Votaw requested a report on the teacher vs. class ratio for a future Board meeting. Mr. Rounds indicated a plan was presented to the Board in addressing class size and budgetary positions for kinder, 1st and 2nd grades, and will be happy to provide information in a future report.

2. *Assessment Update*

Superintendent Rounds provided to the Board an update on the 2014-15 LCPS Assessment Plan which provides a calendar of assessments for the Discovery, DIBELS, ACCESS and PARCC assessments and defines each assessment. An updated chart of the calendar of assessments is now available and will be provided to the Board through the Weekly pursuant to Dr. Steven Sanchez.

There was a discussion regarding resolutions on the use of end of course of exams and the types of data used for discussion in data meetings at schools. Superintendent Rounds suggested having some teachers provide to the Board their analysis in the data used for discussion in preparing kids for what is being tested at a future work session or board retreat. Dr. Sanchez suggested using a work session or retreat for the board to go to a school and observe a data meeting in action. Sra. Flores would like to see a schedule of testing for an ELL student. Superintendent Rounds suggested doing some simulation on a testing cycle for ELL students and providing it to the Board. Dr. Sanchez will provide a scenario by grade level for the Board.

III. OTHER REPORTS

A. *Instruction*

1. *Report on Advanced Educational Services at the High School Level*

Glenda Rodriguez, Director of Special Education, shared with the Board the performance of High School students on the New Mexico Standards Based Assessment using scaled scores who are identified as gifted. Currently, there are 739 students who are identified as gifted. When compared to scaled scores of all LCPS students, gifted students earn higher scaled scores. Teachers of gifted High School students continue to manage up to 35 students and may be designated to support gifted services in teaching on gifted or core class, assist one period in the Career Resource Center and facilitate one class period for gifted distance learning. Teachers are also called upon to proctor tests such as ACCESS, SBA, and Discovery.

There was a discussion regarding professional development of staff members. Dr. Votaw asked regarding a predicted scale score for gifted students. Mr. Hand responded to the Board that the average scaled score provided in the presentation is quite high and the use of the ACT, SAT, PACT and PARCC assessments are used to get average scaled scores for gifted students. A compilation of 10th graders' ACT test scores will be provided to the board.

2. *Presentation on Technology at East Picacho Elementary School*

The Board and the audience enjoyed a presentation by Cathie Leslie, an educational assistant at East Picacho Elementary School, regarding the technology used which encompasses several different programs.

B. *Operations*

1. *Presentation on South Central Regional Transit District's Pilot Transit Project*

Sharon Thomas, former Mayor Pro-Tem, and Jack Valencia, former City Councilman, distributed a handout of PowerPoint slides to the Board and discussed the Pilot Transit Project (public transportation) which could assist in providing transportation to students by extending routes and providing transportation for after school activities for the Board's consideration. They

asked for an outreach to LCPS staff and parents in advising them of the program. Sra. Flores stated this would provide assistance to impoverished families.

IV. BOARD ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Discussion of Proposed Dates for the Joint Work Session with the City of Las Cruces

The City of Las Cruces has proposed October 30, 2014 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. or December 9, 2014 in the morning, for the Joint Work Session with LCPS. The Board chose October 30, 2014. That date will be conveyed to the City of Las Cruces as a date for the Joint City Work Session.

2. Discussion on Athletic Lightning Policy and Protocols

Superintendent Rounds shared with the Board the Lightning Safety Protocol for all outdoor activities and/or events within LCPS. The protocol outlines the time frame/mileage radius of 10 miles which warrants an area to be cleared and appropriate shelter be sought which is in excess of the time frame/mileage radius of 6 miles which is the current national standard. It also addresses devices and or programs used in determining the distance of lightning storms. A drafting of a board policy in this regard was not recommended at this time; yet inclusion of the protocol into each schools safety program and the District's Safety Plan. A checklist of the schools that have included this protocol into their Safety Plan will be provided to the board at the October regular board meeting.

B. Old Business

1. Discussion of 2015 NMSBA Proposed Resolutions

Board members discussed proposed 2015 NMSBA resolutions and Mr. Chuck Davis distributed to the Board a resolution regarding financial obligation carryover for the Board's consideration. A decision will be made at the September regular board meeting of which selected resolutions will be forwarded to NMSBA for consideration. Board members will provide their notes on the proposed resolutions to Tina Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, no later than September 9, 2014. Copies of the proposed resolutions will be posted on the District's website as well as sent to Board members via electronic mail.

2. Discussion of Board Meeting Conflict Dates

Board members discussed two board meeting dates which conflict with activities on the 2014-15 academic year calendar: December 2, 2014 Work Session, and May 19, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. President Dr. Votaw proposed cancelling the December 2, 2014 Work Session; Sra. Flores suggested combining the December 2, 2014 Work Session and the December 16, 2014 Regular Board meeting to December 9, 2014. It was recommended to move the May 19, 2014 Regular Board meeting with conflicts the Mayfield High School commencement ceremonies to May 26, 2014. The board will vote on change of dates at the September regular board meeting.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1. Committee Reports

Sra. Flores asked to have student input as an agenda topic. President Dr. Votaw stated the Board will have a further discussion in adding components to the agenda at the October Board retreat pursuant to requests received from other entities including NEA to be added as a topic on the agenda. Mrs. Hall attended a LCPS Foundation Retreat and President Dr. Votaw commented on the Community Report.

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 6:11 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.