



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

Tuesday, November 4, 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 4:02 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 Dr. Connie Phillips and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

*D. Report on Closed Session*

President Dr. Votaw stated the Board met in closed session from 11:04 a.m. to 12:04 p.m. on October 24, 2014 to discuss the Family Medical Leave Act and legal matters. No other items were discussed; and no action was taken.

**II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*1. NMTeach and Teacher Information Uploads*

Superintendent Rounds shared with the Board that he met with NEA-LC regarding teacher evaluations. NEA-LC has processed a group grievance with regard to teacher evaluations. Superintendent Rounds discussed the three points to teacher evaluations: Classroom observation (25%), multiple measures (25% which includes 10% for attendance), and student performance (50%). Superintendent Rounds also shared that the attendance component and student performance are factors in the filing of grievances.

A discussion ensued regarding the information teachers are required to upload into TeachScape, the NMTeach system for teacher evaluations, the privacy of the documents being uploaded, and the time constraints the additional duty places on teachers.

Board members attending the NMSBA Annual Convention in December will make an effort to make this a topic of discussion at the Convention.

2. *Legislature 2015*

Superintendent Rounds discussed with the Board a summary of the 2014 NMSBA resolutions which include the resolutions endorsed by the District as well as recommendations for the NMSBA committee review.

There was a brief discussion with regard to the possibility of using capital outlay funds to assist in the funding of a competitive swimming pool requested by the City of Las Cruces.

3. *40-Day Count*

Superintendent Rounds stated the 40-Day count is currently slightly less than the 2013-14 school year count. Board members were provided with a summary by school which included membership and FTE totals. Superintendent Rounds also discussed with board members the projected staffing numbers by school versus gross numbers.

4. *Pupil Teacher Ratio Report*

Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo, Associate Superintendent of Human Resource Development, shared with the Board a report which outlined class size by school and grade level. The report also reflected the number of teachers assigned to each school by grade level.

A discussion ensued regarding pupil projections for SY 2015-16. A request was made by Mr. Davis for a more in-depth discussion at a future board retreat or work session.

\*Superintendent Rounds asked for a personal point of privilege to share with board members the voting convenience centers chosen for the February 2015 School Board election for LCPS Districts 4 and 5. The voting centers chosen are Doña Ana County Government Center, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Doña Ana Elementary School, Mesilla Elementary School, Desert Hills Elementary School and Sonoma Elementary School. If there is no opposition for candidacy, the resolution will be amended to use only the Doña Ana County Government Center as a voting location in an effort to save costs. There was also a discussion with regard to Doña Ana Community College's (DACC) voting locations and the use of a separate ballot from DACC in the election as to not have voter confusion. A topic of confusion is the DACC bond versus LCPS bond elections. Superintendent Rounds suggested to board members attending the DACC Single Board meeting on November 6, 2014 that they share their thoughts/concerns in sharing a ballot with DACC at the upcoming election in February 2015.

### **III. OTHER REPORTS**

A. *Finance*

There were no items for presentation.

B. *Instruction*

There were no items for presentation.

C. *Operations*

There were no items for presentation.

**IV. BOARD ITEMS**

*A. Old Business*

There were no items for presentation.

*B. New Business*

*1. PARCC and Mathematics Curriculum Alignment*

President Dr. Votaw welcomed Del Hansen, retired educator and part-time physics instructor at Mayfield High School; Lisa Hufstedler, LCPS Secondary Mathematics Specialist; and Christy Jo Serna, Mathematics Department Head at Onate High School; who addressed the Board with their concerns that the PARCC assessment and its alignment with the Common Core State Mathematics Standards.

There was a discussion with regard to the high effect of discouragement in students with the PARCC assessment and the concern that professional development is not always focused on the content of the PARCC assessment. Superintendent Rounds stated a change in the District's practice will be forthcoming.

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

*1. Committee Reports*

There were no committee reports.

**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 5:39 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.