



MINUTES

Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 • 6:30 p.m.
LCPS Administration Building Board Room • Televised by LCPS.TV

I. INTRODUCTION

A. *Call to Order*

President Dr. Votaw called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. *Roll Call*

Roll call was taken by Mr. 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. Mr. Davis attended telephonically.

C. *Pledge of Allegiance*

President Dr. Votaw led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. *Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall and seconded by Dr. Connie Phillips to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Dr. Connie Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2014 Emergency Board Meeting. Sra. Maria Flores abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

E. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Dr. Connie Phillips and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to remove item VI.A.3.Third Reading and Approval of Policy JLJ Student Nutrition as a consent item from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

F. *Approval of Consent Agenda Items*

A motion was made by Dr. Connie Phillips and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve consent agenda items V.A.1. Approval of Vendor Payments; V.A.2. Approval of Budget Adjustments; V.A. 3. Approval of Property Dispositions; V. B. 1. Student Out of State Travel; VI.A.1. Third Reading and Approval of Policy IHCG K-3 Plus; VI.A.2. Third Reading and Approval of Policy GBGC Employee Assistance and Wellness; VI.A.4. Third Reading and Approval of Policy ADF Wellness for Students and Staff; and VI.A.5. Third Reading and Approval of Policy IHAMD Nutrition Education. The motion passed unanimously.

G. *Report on Closed Session*

The Board went into closed session today from 4:37 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. to discuss property acquisition, the Superintendent's evaluation, personnel issues, and pending legal matters. No other matters were discussed; and no action was taken.

II. RECOGNITIONS

A. *Fall Sports State Champions*

Superintendent Rounds recognized the Centennial High School Girls' Volleyball Team as the 2014 5A Girls' State Volleyball Champions.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

A. *Non-agenda items*

None.

B. *Agenda items*

None.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Rounds took a Personal Point of Privilege to discuss the roofing issue at Dona Ana Elementary School stating the District's intent to file litigation against the roofing company. He also provided an update on the Court Charter School Complex timeline to the Board.

1. *Update on Crossroads Project*

Superintendent Rounds shared an update with the Board on the relocation project at Crossroads. The update included current student enrollment, building conditions, project budget and new construction. Mr. Ken Martinez, of ASA Architects, provided a brief presentation of the renderings of the new construction. There was a brief discussion with regard to playground facilities and bussing for students. Superintendent Rounds stated a move-in date of July 1, 2015.

2. *Certified/Classified Report*

Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo, Associate Superintendent of Human Resource Development, shared the Certified/Classified Report with the Board. Sra. Flores inquired with regard to the two vacant assistant principal positions at Tombaugh Elementary School. Dr. Marrufo stated that both assistant principals are retiring and their positions will be filled. Superintendent Rounds stated a discussion was held in cabinet on how to staff vacant administrator positions. There were no further comments.

V. OTHER REPORTS

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

3. *Board Financial Report*

There were no comments.

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

3. *Head Start Meal Report*

There were no comments.

Sra. Flores stated her concern with the move of the Head Start program to a different location. A discussion ensued regarding the centralization of services at Booker T. and all staff and services at the same site.

C. *Operations*

1. *Construction Projects Report*

There were no comments.

VI. BOARD ITEMS

A. *Old Business*

1. *Third Reading and Approval of Policy JLJ Student Nutrition*

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, stated this policy is presented for a third and final reading. After a discussion of this draft policy at the School Health Advisory Council on December 3, the District received comments from three parents with regard to food not being served as a motivator in the classroom. The comments received from parents are reflected in the policy for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Connie Phillips to approve Policy JLJ Student Nutrition as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Third Reading and Approval of Policy ILBB State Program Assessments*

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, stated that during the second reading of this policy on November 18, 2014, the Board requested a change in the language in the "background" statement to reflect the Board's belief in creating a balance between formal assessments and in-

class assessments. Additional language also includes the requirement that the Superintendent publish annually the district's assessment calendar on the district's web site. Staff is currently working on the revisions to the regulation that accompanies this policy.

A motion was made by Sra. Maria Flores and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve Policy ILBB State Program Assessments as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Second Reading of Policy IKAB Grading and Reporting*

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, stated the revisions requested by staff to this policy and the language added with regard to electronic report cards. The policy will move forward for third reading and approval at the next regular board meeting. The policy will continue to be posted on the district's website for community comments. Dr. Sanchez stated the policy will not go into effect until the 2015-16 academic year.

A discussion ensued with regard to parental access to the student information system. President Dr. Votaw requested a review of the policy in December 2015.

B. *New Business*

1. *First Reading of Policy EB Environmental and Safety Program*

Mr. Dane Kennon, Associate Superintendent of Operations, shared with the Board Policy EB Environmental and Safety Program for its first reading. He stated the policy puts the District in alignment with PED regulations. Mr. Kennon stated the policy will be posted online for public comment and will move forward for a second reading at the next regular board meeting.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Sra. Flores attended a Youth Risk & Resiliency reporting meeting; she toured Las Cruces High School; served Thanksgiving lunch at University Hills Elementary School; attended a GRADS Advisory meeting at Las Cruces High School; and attended a Lego Robotics Competition. Sra. Flores also visited the LCPS Accelerated Preschool Program at New Mexico State University; a Family Child Border Health meeting; an ENGAGE meeting; and a presentation at Oñate High School today.

Mrs. Barbara Hall attended an Advisory Council meeting at Centennial High School; and an honors assembly program at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus.

Dr. Votaw attended a meeting with the Secretary of Education; toured Las Cruces High School; and attended a District Advisory Committee meeting.

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 and made a special note of the special meeting on December 16, 2014.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Dr. Connie Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Dr. Bonnie Votaw, President

Chuck Davis, Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.