



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

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 • 4:00 p.m.  
LCPS Administration Building Board Room

**I. INTRODUCTION**

*A. Call to Order*

President Dr. Bonnie Votaw called the meeting to order at 4:03 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. Dr. Connie Phillips joined the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

*C. Approval of Agenda*

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

**II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Rounds asked for a Personal Point of Privilege. He shared with the Board the collaboration between LCPS (Mr. Tim Hand) and the Public Education Department with regard to receiving student data to LCPS used in the New Mexico Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation. The data was released to LCPS by the Public Education Department on Friday, December 12, 2014. The District is in the process of disaggregating the data.

*1. None.*

**III. OTHER REPORTS**

*A. Finance*

*1. Approval of General Obligation Bond Sale*

Mr. Paul Cassidy, RBC Capital Markets, joined the meeting by telephone and explained to the Board the bid process which began today to the Board. A summary of bond series 2015 A&B was shared and discussed with board members, as well as Moody's Rating Report. The summary highlighted current rates and included a history of rates. Superintendent Rounds suggested a more in-depth discussion at a future work session with regard to the sale of bonds and the LCPS budget.

A motion was made by Dr. Connie Phillips and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the General Obligation Bond Sale. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Hall – yes; Dr. Phillips – yes; Mr. Davis – yes; Sra. Flores – yes; and Dr. Votaw – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Acquisition of Property*

Mr. Terry Dean, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Technology, shared with the Board the District’s proposal to purchase property located at 1405 S. Solano Drive for the purpose of leasing the property to Las Montañas Charter High School. Mr. Dean stated that a renovation to the proposed facility to house the charter high school is estimated to be \$750, 000 in order to meet the school’s needs. The property located at 1405 S. Solano Drive was appraised at \$2.25 million dollars and LCPS has negotiated a purchase price of \$1.88 million dollars. Superintendent Rounds stated the Las Montañas governing Board of Directors needs to approve a Memorandum of Understanding which compels Las Montañas Charter High School to lease the building for a period of 20 years. He also stated that rates will be negotiated as time passes.

Mr. Richard Robinson, Principal at Las Montañas Charter High School shared with the Board the school’s agreement in leasing the property from LCPS. He stated that the new facility would better meet the school’s needs.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the purchase of property located at 1405 S. Solano Drive contingent upon the Las Montañas Charter High School’s governing board’s approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with LCPS. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Hall – yes; Dr. Phillips – yes; Mr. Davis – yes; Sra. Flores – yes; and Dr. Votaw – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Instruction*

1. *None.*

C. *Operations*

1. *None.*

**IV. BOARD ITEMS**

A. *New Business*

1. *None.*

B. *Old Business*

1. *None.*

**V. PUBLIC INPUT**

A. *Agenda Items*

None.

B. *Non-Agenda Items*

MariEsther Burnham and Johl Krizek, spoke in regards to their parental concerns and issues with the administration at Tombaugh Elementary School. They requested a meeting with faculty and district level administrators to address their concerns.

LeiLani Nava and Alicia Contreras spoke in regards to their support of the changes in administration at Tombaugh Elementary School.

**VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

*1. Committee Reports*

Dr. Phillips shared a statement she prepared that highlights an appreciation for the partnership between LCPS and New Mexico State University (“NMSU”). Dr. Phillips asked for support from board members in submitting the statement to the Las Cruces Sun News. A discussion ensued with regard to the Board’s support of NMSU; and a previous statement by Sra. Flores in the Las Cruces Sun News regarding the institution’s lack of diversity. After further discussion, board members were not in agreement in using language Sra. Flores used in her statement in not recommending LCPS students attend NMSU. Drs. Phillips and Votaw will construct a statement/letter in support of NMSU to be released to the media. Mrs. Leslie Cervantes will provide a copy of the statement/letter to board members. Sra. Flores requested a copy of the Land of Disenchantment article to be sent to board members.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.