



MINUTES

Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 • 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 6:33 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.

C. *Pledge of Allegiance*

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

D. *Zia Middle School Jazz Band*

The audience enjoyed a performance by the Zia Middle School Jazz Band under the direction of Jim Blanchard.

E. *Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made by Dr. Connie Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the December 16, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

F. *Approval of Agenda*

Superintendent Rounds requested item V.C.1. Approval of Lease for Municipal Well Site and Related Infrastructure between Las Cruces Public Schools and the City of Las Cruces be removed from the agenda. He stated the item will be brought back to the board for approval at a later date.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Sra. Maria Flores to remove item V.C.1. Approval of Lease for Municipal Well Site and Related Infrastructure between Las Cruces Public Schools and the City of Las Cruces from the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

G. *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; and V.B.1. Approval of Student Out of State Travel. The motion passed unanimously.

School board candidates in the audience were recognized by Dr. Votaw.

II. RECOGNITIONS

A. *Sandra K. Nakamura Professional Development Awards*

Superintendent Rounds recognized Jana Ward, Dusty Dowell, and Dr. Marcy Oxford as the recipients of the Sandra K. Nakamura Professional Development Award as well as finalist Cory Fernandez. Ms. Fernandez was not in attendance.

B. *2014 National Board Certified Teachers*

Superintendent Rounds recognized Martha Erin Barela, Sheryl Barham, Emily K. Gonzales, Maura Kochevar, Susan Leapley, Natalie Peterson, Clara Lopez, Minerva Nicole Sandoval, and Melissa Dugan Selters as the 2014 National Board Certified Teachers.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

A. *Non-agenda items*

Nadia Samaniego, invited by Sra. Flores, shared with the Board her award winning essay with regard to Dr. Martin Luther King in maintaining hope for society.

Karen Bailey of the Doña Ana Community College (“DACC”) Advisory Board presented a brief presentation to board members on the DACC General Obligation Bond.

B. *Agenda items*

None.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. *Progress Update on Data for Teacher Evaluation*

Superintendent Rounds and Tim Hand, Director of Assessment, Accountability & Research, discussed with the Board an update on the data for teacher evaluations. Mr. Hand shared the data tools used to date for teacher evaluations under the new system. There was a discussion with regard to rosters and the distribution of rosters; the Value Added Model implemented by the state; and teachers lacking trust in the system.

2. *Advancement Process for NMTeach Update*

Superintendent Rounds discussed two memorandums received from the Public Education Department dated December 22, 2014 and January 16, 2015, regarding the advancement process in how teachers qualify for licensing. He stated with the new evaluation system, the process has been redesigned. Dr. Marrufo provided a schematic of the advancement process for NMTeach (Year One) to board members which included the PED’s requirements for teacher licensures by Levels I-III, dossier and effective ratings. A discussion ensued with regard to fees imposed by the PED and tying teacher licenses to evaluations.

3. *Certified/Classified Report*

Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo presented the Certified/Classified Report. There were no comments.

V. OTHER REPORTS

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

4. *Board Financial Report*

There were no comments.

5. *Audit Report Ending June 30, 2014*

Mr. Terry Dean, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Technology, shared with the Board the audit report for the District and the Charter Schools prepared by the Moss Adams Accounting Firm. The audit report reflects an unmodified (clean) audit opinion which means the report fairly presents the District’s and Charter School’s financial positions. Auditor Heather Lucero, of the Moss Adams Accounting Firm, also addressed the Board and discussed a brief summary of the audit results and findings for the Board.

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

4. *Request for Approval to Host the 2017 Student Government State Conference by Centennial High School*

Principal Mike Montoya introduced six student representatives from the Centennial High School Student Government who provided a short presentation to board members regarding their desire to

host the 2017 Student Government State Conference. The Conference will be held February 8-11, 2017 and will host approximately 2,500 middle and high school students from throughout the state. There was a discussion with regard to the instructional day missed by students and how to make that up. Superintendent Rounds stated it would be brought to the calendar committee for planning to make it manageable as it is a great opportunity for the students at CHS. Mr. Rounds stated his support of the request. A modified schedule is also an option. Dr. Votaw stated her support as well.

A motion was made by Dr. Connie Phillips and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve Centennial High School's Request for Approval to Host the 2017 Student Government State Conference. The motion passed unanimously.

5. *Head Start Meal Report*

There were no comments.

6. *Presentation on Common Core State Standards' Comparison to NMSBA*

Lisa Hufstedler shared an extensive PowerPoint presentation on the comparison of the Common Core State Standards to NMSBA. Ms. Hufstedler stated the adoption of the Common Core State Standards and the move to the PARCC assessment has changed the content and structure of assessment and the depth of knowledge being assessed. Students will be required to apply knowledge and skills at a higher level than previously required on the New Mexico Standards Based Assessment. There was a discussion with regard to the use of the PARCC for teacher assessments and the allowance of time for students and teachers to adapt to the new tests. Superintendent Rounds stated the District has offered support to teachers in preparing for the shift to the PARCC assessment and its implementation.

7. *Rio Grande Preparatory Institute Executive Internship Student Presentation*

Kathie Davis, Principal at Rio Grande Preparatory Institute (“RGPI”), introduced Belanise Duarte, a student at RGPI who shared her presentation on her internship at the Adore Salon and Day Spa which focused on her opportunity to attend make-up artist school in Los Angeles, California or cosmetology school upon graduation. Miss Duarte is currently interning at Central Elementary School working with kindergarten and first grade integrated classrooms.

8. *Youth Risk & Resiliency Report*

Dr. Martin Greer discussed the results of the Youth Risk & Resiliency survey highlighting risk behaviors as it pertains to LCPS and in comparison to students throughout the state.

C. *Operations*

1. *Construction Projects Report*

Mr. Davis asked about the construction schedule for the Las Cruces High School project. Superintendent Rounds responded that the project is currently ahead of schedule. There were no further comments.

VI. BOARD ITEMS

A. *Old Business*

1. *Third Reading and Approval of Policy IKAB Grading and Reporting*

Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson presented the policy in two versions for the Board’s approval based on comments received from the comprehensive high school principals, staff and the community after the second reading. Version A allows for the final exam to be calculated as 10% of the final grade and version B allows for the final exam to be calculated as 20% of the final grade. A discussion ensued with regard to the support of the staff at the comprehensive high schools of version A and a third option was suggested by Dr. Phillips of adding the comprehensive high schools to version B. The Board decided to table the approval for a future date after surveying the comprehensive high schools for an option of up to 20% and a minimum of 10% (a version C) and to bring the policy back for approval prior to May 1, 2015.

2. *Second Reading of Policy EB Environmental and Safety Program*

Jo Galvan, Director of Policy Development, stated there were no public comments received from the first reading of the policy. The policy will move forward for a third reading and approval at the next regular board meeting.

B. New Business

1. First Reading of Policy JLD Guidance and Counseling

Dr. Wendi Miller Tomlinson stated the policy was brought back for a second first reading due to the extensive changes requested by the Board. The policy will be posted online for public comment and will move forward for a second reading at the next regular board meeting. There was a discussion with regard to adding language to the policy regarding anti-bullying and imbedding language from the Youth Risk & Resiliency Report. Anti-bullying language is reflected in the regulation; not the policy and Dr. Miller Tomlinson stated the district is working on a common curriculum for advisory.

2. NMSBA 2015 Excellence for Student Achievement Award Discussion

President Dr. Votaw stated the deadline to submit a nominee is March 18, 2015 and would like board members to submit names of persons. An email will also be sent out to schools for recommendations.

Superintendent Rounds introduced Chris Hill of the U.S. Probation Office who is shadowing administrators at LCPS as part of a leadership development program to compare leadership organization structure and innovation.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Sra. Flores attended a dual language performance at Fairacres Elementary School, and the LCHS pre all state concert at NMSU. Mrs. Hall attended a LCPS Foundation meeting, a Dual Language Academy meeting, and the Court Charter School Campus groundbreaking. Dr. Phillips attended a West Side Story production at Oñate High School, and Sunrise Elementary School's 25th anniversary celebration. President Dr. Votaw attended the Dual Language Academy opening and the Music Educators Conference in Albuquerque.

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 which included a closed session scheduled for January 27, 2015 to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Dr. Bonnie Votaw, President

Chuck Davis, Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.