



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

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 • 4:00 p.m.
LCPS Administration Building Board Room

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Call to Order

Mrs. Barbara Hall called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Mr. Chuck Davis. Those present:

- Mrs. Barbara Hall, Vice President/Acting President
- Mr. Chuck Davis, Secretary
- Sra. Maria Flores, Member
- Maury Castro, Member
- Ed Frank, Member

Superintendent Stan Rounds was also in attendance.

C. Adoption of Agenda

A request was made to move agenda item V. Public Input to the beginning of the agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to move item V. Public Input to the beginning of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Sra. Maria Flores to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to recite the pledge of allegiance. The motion passed.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Procedures in Developing and Adopting Policies

Mrs. Jo Galvan Nash, Director of Policy Development, provided a brief overview for the Board on developing and updating Board policies. Ms. Galvan stated the development of board policies is an ongoing process and requires board action each year. Each policy requires three readings before the Board prior to approval. A listing of LCPS policies was provided by category. There was a discussion with regard to the policy development process and the policy on assessments.

Mr. Castro would like to visit the process of the assessment policy at a future board meeting.

B. Review of NMTEACH Evaluation Components

Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo, Associate Superintendent of Human Resource Development, provided an overview on the five areas of the NMTEACH Educator Effectiveness System: Background of the Educator Effectiveness System, Teacher Evaluation Framework, School Leader Framework, Professional Development in LCPS for NMTEACH, and NMPED Resources. There was a discussion with regard to teacher absences and its effect on the teacher’s rating for their evaluation. A discussion also ensued regarding the language agreed to in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with regard to teacher absences. Mr. Davis requested more discussion at a future work session. Superintendent Rounds stated he understands the Board’s perils and concerns with regard to the NMTEACH Educator Effectiveness System as well as those of staff and community members and offered to write a white paper on the NMTEACH system and Value Added Model.

III. OTHER REPORTS

A. Finance

1. Review of District Budget and Funding Sources

Mr. Terry Dean, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Technology, provided an overview of the budget process and funding sources to educate and inform the Board on the money that is available to the district. A discussion ensued with regard to the timeline of the educational budget amount at the legislative session. Certain types of money are designated for specific purposes.

B. Instruction

1. Educational Plan for Student Success

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, provided an overview of the Public Education Department requirements for districts and schools on the development of the Educational Plan for Student Success. Board members were also provided a summary of the LCPS 2014-2015 educational plan strategies, goals and actions. A discussion ensued with regard to the research of successful educational plans in place in other districts and the possibility of implementing such plans in the district.

C. Operations

1. None.

IV. BOARD ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Election of Board Officers

Mrs. Hall opened the floor for nominations of a slate officers for the positions of president, vice president and secretary. Slate A nominated by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mr. Davis was for herself as president; Chuck Davis for vice president; and Maria Flores for secretary. Slate B nominated by Maury Castro and seconded by Mr. Ed Frank was for Maria Flores as president; Chuck Davis as vice president; and Barbara Hall as secretary. Sra. Flores withdrew her name as a candidate for the office of secretary in Slate A. Slate A was amended to reflect Mr. Ed Frank as a candidate for secretary. There were no other nominations; Mrs. Hall closed the floor for nominations. The slates were voted on in order that they were received.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to accept the slate of Barbara Hall-president, Chuck Davis-vice president; and Ed Frank-secretary. A roll call vote was taken. Barbara Hall-aye; Chuck Davis-aye; Maria Flores-nay; Maury Castro-nay; and Ed Frank-nay. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Mr. Ed Frank and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to accept the slate of Maria Flores-president, Chuck Davis-vice president, and Barbara Hall-secretary. A roll call vote was taken. Barbara Hall-aye; Chuck Davis-aye; Maria Flores-aye; Maury Castro-aye; and Ed Frank-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The gavel was passed to President Flores who chaired the remainder of the meeting.

B. Old Business

1. None.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Patrick Sanchez, President of NEA-LC, spoke in regards to the NMTEACH evaluation components, particularly teacher absences.

Margaret Sanchez Mayes, a parent, spoke in regards to state mandated testing.

Joanna Esquibel, a retired teacher; Brandi Snyder, a teacher; and Patty Littlejohn, a community member, all spoke in regards to the mandated PARCC assessment. Parents Sylvia Green, Vanessa Baez and Charlotte Christian also spoke in regards to the PARCC assessment as well as students Mercedes Hernandez, Monica Maldonado and Gabriel Trujillo.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

1. Committee Reports

Mrs. Hall attended a DAC meeting. Sra. Flores spoke in regards to the student protest, students exercising freedom of speech and the PARCC assessment. Mr. Davis spoke in regards to a policy enforcing the reorganization of board officers and advised that he has asked Dr. Sanchez to develop such a policy for the Board's consideration.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.