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Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education Board Retreat

Thursday March 12, 2015 • 9:00 a.m.
Professional Development Center

In attendance: Maria A. Flores, President
Chuck Davis, Vice President
Barbara Hall, Secretary
Maury Castro, Member
Ed Frank, Member

Superintendent Stan Rounds was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to amend the agenda to add the Report on Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously. The agenda was approved as amended.

President Flores stated the Board met in closed session on March 12, 2015 from 9:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. No other matters were discussed; and no action was taken.

The Board retreat began at 11:23 a.m. with President Maria Flores facilitating the meeting.

The outcomes identified for the retreat are to discuss board committees, calendar of board meetings, graduations, student presentations at board meetings, legislative update, clarification on testing and travel reimbursement process for staff and board members and the NMTEACH District Plan.

I. Planning and Development

A. Board Training with Legal Counsel on Employment and Legal Matters

Andy Sanchez, Esq., provided training to the board on its role and duties in district legal matters and employee discharge hearings. He also discussed powers of the board, powers of the Superintendent, PED regulations, the Open Meetings Act, Bill of Rights and Code of Ethics for the board member. There was a discussion with regard to local control of the district's budget and on standardized testing as well as background checks for employment.

B. Board Committees, Calendar of Meetings and Graduations

President Flores circulated the district's policy regarding board assignment on committees. Board members were assigned to the following committees: Audit Committee-President Flores, Ed Frank; City/County Liaison-President Flores; DACC Advisory Board-President Flores, Barbara Hall; Finance Committee-Chuck Davis, Maury Castro; LCPS Foundation Board-Barbara Hall; NMSBA Large District Representative-Ed Frank, Maury Castro; and School Siting Committee-Maury Castro, board member within site district.

President Flores requested a change of date for the regular board meeting in April from April 21, 2015 to April 14, 2015. Board members took this request into consideration and will vote on the

change at the March 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Davis expressed his concern in changing board meeting dates.

President Flores also requested to change agenda setting meeting times from 4:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. A list of the 2015 graduation dates and senior awards dates was circulated. Board members discussed their attendance at graduations and senior awards nights.

C. Student Presentations

President Flores suggested student informational presentations for the board at board meetings specifically by student government groups. Mr. Davis suggested having student presentations at only work sessions and not regular board meetings; he would like to keep the regular board meetings business oriented. Mr. Castro stated he would like to hear from student demonstration groups at the next work session. Leslie Cervantes will help facilitate this process in scheduling student demonstration groups to speak to the Board at a future board meeting.

D. NMTEACH District Plan

Superintendent Rounds shared an overview of the NMTEACH Educator Effectiveness Plan and how teacher attendance is calculated. A board resolution regarding NMTEACH was discussed and will be brought before the board at the March 17, 2015 regular board meeting for approval.

II. Information Sharing

A. Legislative Update

Informational materials were circulated to the Board. No items were discussed.

B. Other

1. PARCC Implementation Update

Jo Galvan, Director of Communications & Policy Development, provided an update regarding the PARCC assessment. The presentation included the number of absences on the day of the student protest as well as opt out numbers. The number of students disciplined for insubordination and disrespectfulness was also discussed as well as make up dates to take the PARCC assessment. Follow up with students and staff was also discussed in the form of a survey. Sra. Flores circulated an article regarding the disadvantage for special needs students in taking the PARCC test.

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Deputy Superintendent, provided an update on the guidance for accelerated students which included issues and solutions in demonstrating competency and the Public Education Department's clarification on demonstrating competency. Dr. Sanchez also distributed to the board Policy and Regulation ILBB District Assessments and Policy IKFC Alternate Demonstration of Competency for their board's review and possible revision/update at a future board meeting. A rubric on measuring a student's competency at the high school level was also distributed and discussed.

2. Travel Reimbursements

Mr. Terry Dean, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Technology, shared with the board the district's policy and the state's regulations regarding travel reimbursements which included costs for meals by itemized receipts only, mileage costs, lodging and tipping.

The following is a list of action items derived from the Board’s retreat:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Person(s) of Responsibility</u>
NMTEACH Resolution	March 17, 2015	Dr. Sanchez
Student Demonstration Groups	Future Board Meeting	Leslie Cervantes

The Retreat adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Maria A. Flores, President

Barbara Hall, Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.