



**MINUTES**  
**Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 • 6:30 p.m.  
LCPS Administration Building Board Room • Televised by LCPS.TV

**I. INTRODUCTION**

*A. Call to Order*

President Maria A. Flores called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

*B. Roll Call*

Roll call was taken by Mrs. Barbara Hall. Those present:

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

Superintendent Stan Rounds was also in attendance.

*C. Pledge of Allegiance*

President Flores led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*D. Oñate High School Jazz Band*

The audience enjoyed a performance by the Oñate High School Jazz Band under the direction of Kevin Moreman.

*E. Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to approve the February 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes and the March 12, 2015 Board Retreat Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

*F. Approval of Agenda*

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

*G. Approval of Consent Agenda Items*

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis to remove item VI.B.1.Third Reading and Approval of Policy JLD Guidance and Counseling from consent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall 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.A.4. Approval of Bids; V.A.5. Approval of Request for Waiver; and V.B.1. Approval of Student Out of State Travel. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. RECOGNITIONS**

*A. Nominees for 2015 NMSBA Excellence for Student Achievement Recognition*

Superintendent Rounds recognized Andres Armijo, a Special Education teacher at Alameda Elementary School; Linda Prendez, an Instructional Specialist at Centennial High School; and Mr. Eddie Leon, a technology teacher at Mesilla Park Elementary School as nominees for the 2015 NMSBA Excellence for Student Achievement Award. Superintendent Rounds announced the nominee selected for submittal to NMSBA is Mr. Eddie Leon.

**II. PUBLIC INPUT**

*A. Non-agenda items*

Romejio Martinez, a parent, spoke in regards to the closing of MVTECH.

Andre Gonzales, a Junior at Centennial High School, spoke with regard to student advocacy and round table discussions with board members.

Wendy Alberson, a teacher/parent, and Sarah Glidewell, a parent, spoke in regards to the PARCC assessment.

Marcos Torres, Las Cruces Transportation, spoke with regard to two IPRA requests.

Alexia Alberson, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Picacho Middle School, spoke in regards to her choice to opt-out of the PARCC assessment.

- B. *Agenda items*  
None.

#### IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. *Heath Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Presentation by Oñate High School*  
Superintendent Rounds introduced Stephanie Horst, an advisor, and Stephanie Hesser a student, of the HOSA organization. The HOSA organization is geared to assist students with an interest in the health care field. The presentation included HOSA students participating and volunteering in events and trainings, competitions, and school awards received. HOSA students are certified and trained in CPR and first aid.
2. *Certified/Classified Report*  
Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo presented the report. There were no comments.

#### V. OTHER REPORTS

- A. *Finance: Items #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 were on consent\* and approved earlier in the meeting.*
6. *Approval of Resolution to Conduct Business*  
Mr. Terry Dean, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Technology, shared with the board that the resolution is required when there are new board members or board reorganization in order to conduct business in an orderly manner with regard to bank required signatures.  
  
A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the Resolution to Conduct Business. The motion passed.
  7. *Board Financial Report*  
There were no comments.
- B. *Instruction: Item #1 was on consent\* and approved earlier in the meeting.*
2. *Approval of Head Start Continuation Grant for SY 2015-16*  
Dr. Maria Artiaga, Head Start Coordinator, presented to the Board the history of the grant. She stated Head Start is a federally funded program that allows the district to provide preschool services for 413 students at 11 elementary school sites. Dr. Artiaga shared with the board how the funds are allocated and distributed. The awarded allocation is in the amount of \$2,718,889 which includes training and technical assistance.
  3. *Head Start Meal Report*  
There were no comments.
  4. *Overview of Elementary Science Adoption Process*  
Ms. Lydia Polanco, Director of Elementary Education, shared with the Board an overview of the elementary Science adoption process which included the vision and framework for K-12 science education. A hands-on exploration kit was shared with board members. A discussion ensued with regard to the relationship of the curriculum with the state's requirements.
- C. *Operations*
1. *Approval of LCPS Preventive Maintenance Plan*  
Mr. Dane Kennon, Associate Superintendent of Operations, shared a comprehensive plan for maintenance of district facilities and stated the plan is a requirement by the state in order to obtain capital outlay funds. Mr. Davis stated he was impressed with plan. Superintendent Rounds reported on the cost of maintenance throughout the district and replacement costs.  
  
A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the LCPS Preventive Maintenance Plan. The motion passed unanimously.
  2. *Construction Projects Report*  
Mr. Davis inquired with regard to the Las Cruces High School project timelines. Mr. Kennon stated the project is slated on schedule. Mrs. Hall requested another tour of the facility. There were no further comments.

#### VI. BOARD ITEMS

- A. *New Business*
1. *Approval of NMTEACH Amended District Plan*  
An amendment to Multiple Measure 2 which provides for calculations to begin after 10 sick leave and 2 personal days have been exhausted was discussed. There was also a discussion with regard to faculty

members being granted one additional day of personal leave. Dr. Marrufo will provide to the board the number of employees affected.

Mary Parr-Sanchez and Patrick Sanchez, NEA Representatives, shared with the board the language in the NEA-LC agreement with regard to the additional day of personal leave granted to faculty members. They also stated that NEA is in partnership with the district and Guy Fawkes spoke regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

There was a request to add language with regard to the additional day of personal leave to the plan. Mrs. Hall stated her concern with regard to the suggestive language to be included in the district's plan and the adversity to the Public Education Department. Sra. Flores stated the board is honoring the Collective Bargaining Agreement as negotiated. Amy Simpson, a teacher, provided clarification on the number of days allotted to teachers within the bargaining agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Maury Castro and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the amended NMTEACH District Plan. A roll call vote was taken. Sra. Flores-aye; Mr. Davis- aye; Mrs. Hall-aye; Mr. Castro-aye; and Mr. Frank-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Adoption of NMTEACH Resolution*

The Resolution directs the Superintendent to advise the Public Education Department that leave reported for certified employees who are required to be evaluated under NMTEACH shall begin after the 12 (twelve) days afforded to them under the current Bargaining Agreement are exhausted. Mr. Frank requested a change in the language of "informing" as the board's *intent* and not as an *amendment*. He would like it expressed to the PED that the plan is being implemented as the Board's local direction based on conditions within our district. Mrs. Hall shared her concern of teachers having an excessive amount of days to be absent with the new language suggested by board members.

A motion was made by Mr. Maury Castro and seconded by Mr. Ed Frank to adopt the Board's Resolution on NMTEACH. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Old Business*

1. *Third Reading and approval of Policy JLD Guidance and Counseling*

For the benefit of the new board members, Dr. Miller-Tomlinson provided a concise overview of the revised policy which was originally adopted in 2007. The language contained in the policy conforms to national counseling standards. Mr. Davis requested the addition of language regarding the Superintendent provide a rubric. Dr. Sanchez suggested adding language regarding the rubric being provided on an annual basis which was agreeable to Mr. Davis and board members.

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve Policy JLD Guidance and Counseling with the amended language requiring the Superintendent to provide a rubric annually. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Approval of Calendar Change in Board Meetings*

President Flores requested to move the April 21, 2015 Regular Board Meeting to April 14, 2015 for personal reasons.

A motion was made by Mr. Maury Castro and seconded by Mr. Ed Frank to approve the change to the April regular board meeting dates from April 21, 2015 to April 14, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Second Reading of Policy FEE School Site Selection*

The policy was first reviewed by the Board on February 17, 2015. The policy gives final authority to the Board of Education on selecting school sites. Additional language has been added at the board's request to add a member of the Board of Education to the Committee. The policy will remain posted on the district's website for public comment and will move forward for a third reading and approval at the next regular board meeting.

**VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

President Flores visited an ENLACE class at Onate High School, a lecture with Audrey Amrein Beardsley along with other board members, a Children's Reading Foundation meeting, and has met with several teachers.

**VIII. UPCOMNG EVENTS**

A. *Calendar of Events*

President Flores shared with the Board that a calendar of events was placed in each board member's folder.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Ed Frank to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Board President

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Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.