



MINUTES

Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

I. INTRODUCTION

A. *Call to Order*

Sra. 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 and Analyssa Martinez, Student Advisor, was in attendance.

C. *Pledge of Allegiance*

Sra. Flores led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. *Vista Middle School Sixth Grade Ensemble Choir*

The audience enjoyed a short performance by the Vista Middle School Sixth Grade Ensemble under the direction of Irene Comer.

E. *Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made by Mr. Maury Castro and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the September 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

F. *Approval of Agenda*

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

G. *Approval of Consent Agenda Items*

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro 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.B.1. Approval of Student Out of State Travel; and V.B.2. Approval of Head Start Program Governance and Management Responsibilities. The motion passed unanimously.

II. RECOGNITIONS

A. *Comcast Cares Day Check Presentation to Jornada Elementary School*

A check was presented by Comcast in the amount of \$18,026.68 for the Comcast Cares Day held at Jornada Elementary School on April 25, 2015. Mr. Bobby Stout, Physical Plant Department Executive Director, and Mr. John Christopher, New Mexico State Director Comcast, were also recognized with plaques from the LCPS Foundation for their continued and tireless efforts in support of the Comcast Care Days initiative.

B. *New Mexico Teacher of the Year*

David Morales, Teacher at Mayfield High School, was selected as the 2016 New Mexico Teacher of the Year. In addition to teaching Social Studies at Mayfield High School for the past 11 years, Mr. Morales also teaches in the English Language Learner Summer Academy, Credit Recovery Night School, and teaches history with the LCPS Virtual Learning Academy. He is also the Assistant Varsity Coach for the Lady Trojan Soccer Team. With this recognition, Mr. Morales is eligible for the National Teacher of the Year award and will represent the State of New Mexico in meeting with President Obama next spring. Mr. Morales thanked board members, Superintendent Rounds, the Mayfield High School Administration, his colleagues, students and family for his recognition.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

Sherry Noland, teacher at Las Cruces High School, spoke regarding the closing of student based health centers. Dr. Earl Nissen, teen pregnancy advocate, spoke regarding the cancellation of the contract for school based health centers and stated his concerns. Dr. Nissen stated he is hopeful that NMSU School of Nursing can pick up the contract to continue the school based health centers. Ellen Williams, LCPS Director of Health Services, also spoke with regard to the closing school based health centers, stating students are not without overall health care. She also stated that school nurses are the hub of overall health care at the schools and are available; they will do referrals if needed. Mrs. Williams stated possible solutions are in play and students are in good hands.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. *Approval of Resolution and Proclamation of Special Capital Improvements Tax*

Superintendent Rounds stated approval of the upcoming tax election would not result in a tax rate increase to taxpayers; it is a level of taxation over time for a duration of six years. The Special Capital Improvements Tax Election will be held on Feb 2, 2016. A motion to was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to approve the Resolution and Proclamation of Special Capital Improvements Tax. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Frank-aye; Mr. Davis-aye; Mrs. Hall-aye; Mr. Castro – aye; and Sra. Flores-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Directing Special School Election*

A motion to was made by Mr. Ed Frank and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Directing Special School Election. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Frank-aye; Mr. Davis-aye; Mrs. Hall-aye; Mr. Castro-aye; and Sra. Flores-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Certified Classified Employee Report*

Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo, Chief Human Resource Development Officer, presented the report. There were no comments.

V. OTHER REPORTS

A. *Finance: Items #1, #2, #3 and #4 were on consent* and approved earlier in the meeting.*

5. *Approval of Property Dispositions-Textbooks*

Mr. Terry Dean, stated a list of textbooks that are outdated, non-adopted and no longer a service to the District has been reviewed. Textbooks have been identified and marked for disposal and were traded ~~in~~ for credit with the publisher. A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to approve the disposition of the textbooks. The motion passed.

6. *LCPS First Quarter Report*

For the quarter ending September 30, 2015, the District received \$60,932,127.22 in revenue and expended \$67,256,574.73. The Operational cash balance as of September 30, 2015, was \$25,793,483.28. Mr. Dean stated the report has been reconciled and submitted to the Public Education Department.

7. *Board Financial Report*

There were no comments.

Personal Point of Privilege: Superintendent Rounds recognized NMSU Chief of Police Steven Lopez and Boy Scout Troops 180 and 184 in the audience. Mr. Lopez stated the boys are working towards a communications badge.

B. *Instruction: Items #1 and #2 were on consent* and approved earlier in the meeting.*

3. *Sonoma Elementary School Tech Initiative*

Sonoma Elementary School is working on 1-to-1 technology device initiative where every student is provided with a technology device. Paul Estep, teacher, stated he helps support student and staff in technology endeavors providing formal and impromptu trainings. A video on physical weathering highlighting students was viewed by the audience. Levi, a third grade student, shared with the Board his thoughts on every student at all schools being provided with an iPad device. He stated he likes using the apps and it encourages him to read more. Levi's mom shared his successes in using the iPad in a learning environment and said it is a wonderful resource.

4. *Bilingualism/Biliteracy Seal for Diplomas*

Dr. Wendi Miller Tomlinson presented a bilingualism/biliteracy seal the state made available for graduates who have demonstrated proficiency in another language. The seal will be placed on their transcripts and diploma. In the fall of 2014, a task for convened to determine how to implement the seal. Dr. Miller-Tomlinson discussed the different pathways available for students to obtain the seal and stated there are currently 40 students eligible in the class of 2016 for the seal and eligible students are currently still being identified. The seal was signed into law in 2014.

5. *Update on Leading Edge Alternative Program*

Mrs. Andrea Fletcher, Chief Academic Officer, provided a brief presentation on the Leading Edge Alternative Program which included enrollment and staffing. An increase in enrollment is expected at the end of the semester as principals and counselors are working together in identifying students for enrollment into the program. A short video highlighting the program was viewed by the audience. Mr. Frank asked about projected enrollment and Mrs. Fletcher responded the goal is to have 100 students enrolled.

C. *Operations*

1. *Construction Projects Report*

There were no comments.

VII. BOARD ITEMS

A. *New Business*

1. *Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between LCPS and NEA-LC*

Superintendent Rounds stated the Collective Bargaining Agreement was previously ratified by NEA-LC and is before the Board for its ratification tonight. He thanked the negotiating teams in their diligent work in coming to an agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Ed Frank to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between LCPS and NEA-LC. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Frank-aye; Mr. Davis-aye; Mrs. Hall-aye; Mr. Castro-aye; and Sra. Flores-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between LCPS and CSEC-LC*

Superintendent Rounds stated the Collective Bargaining Agreement was previously ratified by CSEC-LC and is before the Board for its ratification tonight. A motion was made by Mr. Maury Castro and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between LCPS and CSEC-LC. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Frank-aye; Mr. Davis-aye; Mrs. Hall-aye; Mr. Castro-aye; and Sra. Flores-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A short video of Superintendent Rounds announcing the finalized agreements with NEA and CSEC was viewed by the audience. Superintendent Rounds stated all LCPS employees will have the three furlough days returned with the granting of furlough restoration days (leave). For certified staff, the furlough days returned will not impact their evaluation through the NM Teach Evaluation process. The video will be posted online.

3. *Review of LCPS Policy Schedule*

Jo Galván, Chief Communications Officer, stated the last review of LCPS Board Policies was conducted in February 2015. She provided a presentation which outlined the number of policies within each classification category, the number of policies that need updating, and the Administration's recommendation for the remainder of this fiscal year on which policies should be brought to the School Board. There are a total of 217 policies of which 32 require an update.

Mr. Davis questioned policies written prior to HB212. Ms. Galvan stated most policies regarding personnel have been revised and shared that the Board's counsel will review personnel policies to see if any need to be updated to align with state statute. If it is a policy that is led by statute, only one or two readings are needed for approval. Sra. Flores asked about Title IX policy and Mrs. Galvan stated counsel will advise. Mr. Davis asked about cancelling policies that are outdated until new policies are in place and Ms. Galván responded the board may rescind their policies.

B. *Old Business*

1. *Review of Regulation FEE School Site Selection*

Jo Galván stated the Board approved a policy regarding School Site Selection in April 2015. Subsequently, the corresponding regulation was drafted and posted online as a draft regulation. At the request of board member Castro, additional language was added regarding conflict of interest and disclosure. The regulation will be posted online with the policy.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER BUSINESS

A. *Board Member Reports*

Mrs. Hall attended the reception for the DACC Nursing Program, and the LCPS Foundation meeting. Sra. Flores attended the LCHS academic ceremony with other board members, Dr. Sanchez's honor at NMSU Hall of Fame Alumni, Institute of Parent Engagement graduation, a celebration at Centennial High School, and visited Central Elementary School.

B. *Student Advisor Report*

Analyssa Martinez stated the Youth Advisory Council changed its name to Student Advisory Council. At the last meeting, the Council discussed scheduling for schools, their budget priority being technology professional development for staff and teachers, as well as additional counselors at schools with a more definitive role for counselors (scheduling vs. therapy). She stated snacks at schools are no longer a budget priority for the council, but they would like to discuss the item more in-depth with Superintendent.

C. *Calendar of Events*

Sra. Flores stated that a calendar of events will be emailed to board members. She announced the emergency meeting by community members regarding school based health centers is scheduled for tomorrow, November 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Sra. Flores also announced that Thursday and Friday will be a celebration of Thanksgiving lunches at schools. Board members are invited. Those interested in attending are to let Terry Dean know.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Board President

Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.