



MINUTES
Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 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 6:30 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
- Barbara Hall, Secretary
- Mr. Maury Castro, Member
- Mr. Ed Frank, Member

Superintendent Stan Rounds was also in attendance and André Gonzales, Student Advisor, was in attendance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Columbia Elementary School Fifth Grade Choir

The audience enjoyed a short performance by the Columbia Elementary School Fifth Grade Choir under the direction of Mr. Paul Hallsted.

E. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Maury Castro and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall to approve the October 20, 2015 Closed Executive Session Minutes, October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, the November 9, 2015 Board Retreat Minutes, November 17, 2015 Closed Executive Session Minutes and the November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

F. Approval of Agenda

Superintendent Rounds requested the removal of Item IV. A. 1. Discussion and Approval of Policy Waiver for the Country Music Festival from the agenda. He stated the City of Las Cruces rescinded their request to use LCPS facilities at the Joint Work Session held with the City of Las Cruces earlier this morning. A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mrs. Barbara Hall 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.

II. RECOGNITIONS

A. 2015 Agriscience Teacher of the Year

Rachel Knight, Agriscience teacher at Centennial High School, was selected by the National Association of Agricultural Educators as the 2015 Agriscience Teacher of the Year.

B. 2015 Electric Fuel Meet Champions

Vista Middle School was selected as the 2015 Electric Fuel Meet Champions at The New Mexico Middle School Electric Car Challenge. Vista Middle School is the only school representing southern New Mexico for the past four years.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. *Discussion and Approval of Policy Waiver for the Country Music Festival*
Item was removed from the agenda earlier in the evening.
2. *Successory Video*
Superintendent Rounds shared a brief video entitled “I am New Mexico Public Schools” which highlights public education in New Mexico. The video was constructed by the New Mexico School Boards Association.
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, and #3 were on consent* and approved earlier in the meeting.*
 4. *Donation of Electronic Marquee for Alameda Elementary School*
Deborah Rosencrans, Principal at Alameda Elementary School, spoke regarding the donation of an electronic marquee by Citizens Bank. She stated the school partnered with Citizens Bank for the donation. The value of the marquee is \$16,000.00. Upon approval, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in January 2016.
A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Davis and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to accept the donation of an electronic marquee for Alameda Elementary School. The motion passed.
 5. *Donation of Hour of Code Check to Oñate High School*
Jim Schapekahn, Principal at High Oñate School, and Jeff Waugh, teacher at OHS, discussed with the Hour of Code donation of \$10,000 for coding computers. The check presentation will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Oñate High School.
A motion was made by Mr. Ed Frank and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to accept the donation of an electronic marquee for Alameda Elementary School. The motion passed.
 6. *Board Financial Report*
There were no comments.
- B. *Instruction: Item #1 was on consent* and approved earlier in the meeting.*
 2. *Update on Elementary and Secondary Education Act*
Mrs. Andrea Fletcher, Chief Academic Officer, provided an update on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which included a change in title to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under the proposed ESSA, states will be able to develop and submit plans for increasing the achievement of low-income students to Department of Education in order to receive Title I grants. The audience viewed a short presentation highlighting the new components of ESSA which included more local control for districts, a shift in ELL accountability from Title I to Title III, and the support of higher poverty areas by Title II funds. Superintendent Rounds stated the Senate is awaiting ratification of the Act, and the President is expected to sign the Act in January 2016. Updates will be provided to the Board. There was a discussion with regard to the authorization time. Superintendent Rounds will research and provide information to board members.
- C. *Operations*
 1. *Construction Projects Report*
There were no comments.

VII. BOARD ITEMS

- A. *New Business*
 1. *Tech Integration with English Language Learners*
Presenter was not present. Item will be moved to another board meeting in 2016.
 2. *First Reading of Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales and Vending Machines*
Ms. Jo Galván presented the policy for first reading. She stated minor changes were made to the Background Statement and to section IV.A.2 to ensure that outside sales are not in competition with approved marketing contracts with the district. This proposed policy is posted on the district's website for public comment; it also has been sent to the Student Advisory Council for feedback. Sra. Flores suggested adding language regulating food trucks. In response, Ms. Galvan suggested adding language that food trucks provide healthier options in an effort to comply with District food regulations.

3. *First Reading of Business Policy Statement (#500)*

Mr. Terry Dean stated the policy is the same but restated in the new format. Mr. Davis requested adding language regarding fraud and abuse. Mr. Dean responded that the policy in its current form has language regarding internal control which specifically addresses fraud. Mr. Davis said there is no policy stating if fraud is committed, it is a cause for termination. Superintendent Rounds stated the language is in the regulation. Ms. Jo Galván shared there are 20 more fiscal policies coming forward for review which include language regarding fraud. The policy will be posted online for public comment; and brought back before the board for a second reading.

4. *First Reading of Budget Development (#505)*

Ms. Jo Galván stated policy in its new form is more specific in making sure state code and administrative statute is followed in developing and approving the budget. It also states a calendar of timelines is developed and the budget is presented to the community in a town hall meeting. Mr. Castro asked if there any language that precludes board members from speaking with staff regarding the issues in the budget. Ms. Galván will work with Mr. Castro on language to be included. Sra. Flores also suggested adding language that a final draft of the budget be released to board members timely for their review prior to approval.

5. *Review of Policy 510 Acceptance of Grant Awards*

There were no comments. Sra. Flores asked board members to submit any suggest revisions or requested language to Mr. Terry Dean or Ms. Jo Galván for corporation into the policy.

6. *Review of Policy 545 Vandalism Protection Rewards*

There were no comments. Sra. Flores asked board members to submit any suggest revisions or requested language to Mr. Terry Dean or Ms. Jo Galván for incorporation into the policy.

7. *Review of Policy 556 Salvageable Materials*

There were no comments. Sra. Flores asked board members to submit any suggest revisions or requested language to Mr. Terry Dean or Ms. Jo Galván for incorporation into the policy.

B. *Old Business*

1. *Second Reading and Approval of Policy IKF Graduation/Credit Requirements*

Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson presented the policy for second reading and approval and stated the policy allows District to offer a bilingual and biliteracy seal to the diplomas of graduating students who qualify.

A motion was made by Mrs. Barbara Hall and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to approve Policy IKF Graduation/Credit Requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER BUSINESS

A. *Board Member Reports*

Sra. Flores attended a celebration at Mayfield High School honoring David Morales as Teacher of the Year and the NMSBA annual meeting with fellow board members. She presented certificates in Leadership Training from NMSBA to board members. She stated she also attended the Student Advisory Group meeting, the Joint Work Session with the City of Las Cruces with other board members. Sra. Flores extended condolences to the family and students of Coach Grays and wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

B. *Student Advisor Report*

André Gonzales stated the Student Advisory Council discussed food options at schools and the drafting by-laws for the new semester.

C. *Calendar of Events*

Sra. Flores reviewed the calendar with board members and stated a copy was placed in each of their folders.

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 7:39 p.m.

Board President

Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.