



MINUTES

Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education Special Meeting / Public Budget Hearing

Thursday, June 9, 2016 • 6:30 p.m.

LCPS Administration Building, Board Room • Televised on LCPS.TV

I. INTRODUCTION – President Maria A. Flores

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. 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 in attendance, as was the Board's legal counsel Elena Gallegos.

C. *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Frank made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. *Report on June 9, 2016 Executive Session*

President Flores reported that earlier this afternoon the Board met in Closed Executive Session from 4:05 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. to discuss limited personnel matters related to the evaluation of the superintendent as permitted by the Open Meetings Act. No other matters were discussed and no action was taken.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. *Superintendent's Update*

1. *Public Budget Hearing*

Superintendent Rounds said this meeting includes a public hearing, which is another opportunity for the public to discuss the 2016/17 proposed budget. There have also been previous meetings where the public could provide feedback or ask questions about the budget. The president asked if there were any comments from the audience related to the budget and there were none.

2. *Adoption of LCPS SY 2016-17 Budget with Modifications from the Public Education Department*

The Superintendent said the Board had previously approved the tentative budget for 2016/17 and it was sent to the Public Education Department (PED) for its

modifications and approval. Mr. Terry Dean, CFO, then provided the Board additional information regarding the state's review. He said the review is not complete but it is a multi-stage process, as outlined in a summary he provided to the Board. He said it is unclear as to where the PED is with regard to the process. President Flores asked whether further action is needed from the Board. The Superintendent said although the PED is out of cadence, he recommended the Board approve the final budget as presented as the district waits for modifications made by PED by June 20, 2016. This would reflect the Board's intent to reconfirm their prior approval action.

Mr. Dean also recommended approval. The larger grants (Title I, Title II, IDEA-B) have already been PED-approved, and if other smaller grants get subsequent approval by PED, the Board will be able to ratify them.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis to approve the LCPS 2016-17 budget as presented, with modifications made by the PED followed by local Board ratification of those modifications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castro. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Frank-yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Mr. Davis-yes; Mr. Castro-yes; Sra. Flores-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OTHER REPORTS

A. *Human Resources Development*

1. None

B. *Instruction*

1. None

C. *Finance*

1. None

D. *Operations*

1. None

IV. BOARD ITEMS

A. *New Business*

1. None

B. *Old Business*

1. *Action on Superintendent's Evaluation*

The Superintendent recommended the Board act to temporarily table the Superintendent evaluation process item until the Board and the Superintendent complete their discussions. Mr. Davis recommended the Superintendent evaluation process be temporarily tabled; the motion was seconded by Mr. Castro. A roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Frank-yes; Mr. Davis-yes; Mr. Castro-yes; Mrs. Hall-yes; Sra. Flores-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Remove from the Table Policy ACA/JBA, Title IX/Gender Equity, and Rescission of Policies #480 (Equal Educational Opportunities) and #268 (Federal Grievance)*

Mrs. Hall made a motion to remove the item from the table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. *First Reading of Revised Policy ACA/JBA, Title IX/Gender Equity, and Rescission of Policies #480 (Equal Educational Opportunities) and #268 (Federal Grievance)*

Mr. Frank asked why a previous version of the Policy had a different letter coding. Jo Galván, chief communications officer, said the coding was changed when it was realized that the district already has an ACA policy. The new letter coding is now JB/GBAA, which incorporates the student policies (J series) and employee policies (G series). The content remained the same as previously reviewed by Mr. Frank and Sra. Flores.

One change before the Board is in the Background section, indicating this policy recognizes the other existing policies that uphold non-discrimination. Another change added the words “coach” and “trainer” as additional groups of individuals who need to be cognizant of sexual harassment. Ms. Galván said the Cuddy McCarthy law firm provided the district a summary of what led to the development of a Title IX policy. Plus, Elena Gallegos from the Gallegos Walsh law firm is continuing its review, too.

Mr. Rounds said the Board may want to ensure all policies that relate to Title IX be aligned. President Flores agreed and asked that Gallegos Walsh do a review of all related policies, with particular attention to those dealing with race-, gender- and disability-discrimination. It would then be brought back for another reading. Ms. Galván said the proposed policy will be reposted to the district’s website for public comment.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Amy Simpson stated she continues to have concerns with the budget and the budget process. She also said based on a May 17, 2016 expenditure report, there are high increases in expenditures, as much as \$7.7 million, but with fewer staff, which has a negative affect on students. She also stated there is enough in emergency reserve that is equivalent to 23 teaching positions. She urged the Board to pay close attention to the monthly expenditures. She also wants the Board to review vacancy savings and ensure it’s not an indirect way to increase the cash balance. She also wants unfilled positions to get funded.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Frank. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

—Minutes taken by Jo Galván