



MINUTES

Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education Special Meeting (Work Session)

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 • 4:00 p.m.

LCPS Administration Building, Board Room • Recorded by LCPS.TV

I. INTRODUCTION

A. *Call to Order*

Sra. Maria A. Flores called the meeting to order at 4:07 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

Dr. Steven Sanchez, Interim Superintendent, was also in attendance.

C. *Welcome Student Advisor*

There was no Student Advisor in attendance.

D. *Approval of Minutes*

A motion was made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Castro to approve the June 7, 2016 Special Meeting Closed Executive Session, the June 6, 2016 Special Meeting Public Budget Hearing, and the June 14, 2016 Special Meeting Closed Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

E. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Mr. Maury Castro and seconded by Mr. Ed Frank to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

F. *Report on Closed Executive Session of September 6, 2016*

Sra. Flores stated that the Board met in closed executive session from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. to discuss limited personnel matters to consider applicants for the position of superintendent and discuss applicant qualifications as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. No other matters were discussed, and no action was taken. A motion was made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Castro to approve the

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. *LCPS Foundation Presentation*

Betsy Geery, Executive Director, LCPS Foundation, provided informational materials to the Board on the services provided by the Foundation. The audience viewed a short PowerPoint presentation on the mission of the Foundation in supporting the district. The Foundation Celebration of Excellence Dinner, Scholarships, Teacher Grants, Comcast Cares, etc. She asked all board members and LCPS administrators to support the Foundation by monetary donations.

III. OTHER REPORTS

A. Instruction

1. *Recruitment for Student Advisory Committee Update*

Wendi Hammond, Director of Secondary Instruction, provided an update on the recruitment process for the Student Advisory Committee ("SAC"). She stated that four schools have committed to having student representatives and two schools are currently in the process of selecting representatives. SAC meetings will be held the Monday before regular board meetings.

IV. BOARD ITEMS

A. New Business

1. *Policy EB Environmental and Safety Program Discussion and Appointment of Temporary Committee*

An appointment of a temporary committee was discussed to review the Board's currently policy on environmental safety. Committee members selected are Gabe Jacquez, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Bobby Stout, Executive Director Physical Plant Department; Sandy Peugh, Director of Health Services; A Representative from the City of Las Cruces; and Richard Fagerhund, parent. The Committee is to gather information and report its findings to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hall to approve the appointment of a temporary committee to review the currently policy and study conducted by Richard Fagerhund in developing an updated policy for the LCPS. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sanchez stated the committee meetings will be posted on the District's website.

2. *Proposed Work Session with City of Las Cruces Discussion*

Proposed dates for the Work Session with the City of Las Cruces were Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Board members chose October 19, 2016 at 1:00 pm as the available date. Suggested agenda items for the Work Session are community schools initiative, temporary committee regarding environmental and safety measures, and community use of school facilities.

3. *Discussion on Order of Agenda for Student Advisor Report*

Sra. Flores stated she received a request from students on the Student Advisory Committee to move their report on the agenda to be heard after the Superintendent's Report. The Student Advisor Report will now immediately follow the Superintendent's Report on the agenda. Mrs. Wendy Hammond, Director of Secondary Instruction, will advise the students of the new placement on the agenda. The Regulation will be revised to reflect the change.

B. Old Business

1. *Action to Determine the Number of Qualified Applicants to be included in the Pool of Semifinalists for the Position of Superintendent*

Sra. Flores entertained a motion to reduce the pool of qualified applicants to a designated number of semifinalists. Mr. Frank made a motion to reduce the number of qualified applicants to five semifinalists. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Davis-aye; Mrs. Hall-aye; Mr. Castro-aye; Mr. Frank-aye; and Sra. Flores-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Action to Select from the Qualified Applicants a Pool of Semifinalists*

A motion was made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Castro to select Dr. Frank Chiapetti from Gallup, New Mexico; Dr. Gregory Ewing from Marietta, Georgia; Dr. Gregory Rodriguez from Huntsville, Texas; Dr. Arsenio Romero from Roswell, New Mexico; and Mr. Miguel Serrano from El Paso, Texas as the pool of semifinalists for the position of Superintendent.

Sra. Flores stated the finalists for the position of Superintendent will be announced on September 20, 2016 at the Regular Board Meeting.

3. *Adoption of NMSBA Resolutions*

There was a discussion with regard to submitting all proposed resolutions to NMSBA. The resolutions are (1) Requesting the New Mexico Legislature to Enact Gun Reform to Protect Children; (2) Encouraging Innovation and Expanding Access to Early Literacy Experiences for 3 and 4 Year Old Students Modeled After the Successful K-3+ Program; (3) Requesting New Mexico Legislature and the Public Education Department to Recognize the Importance of Full Service Community Schools; (4) Requesting Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability Family Assistance; (5) Requesting the New Mexico Legislature Increase Funding to Public Schools and Provide Adequate Support for Public Schools as Required by Article XII of the New Mexico Constitution; (6) Requesting the Public Education Department and the New Mexico Legislature Consider the Efficacy of Excluding Teacher Attendance in the Adopted Teacher Evaluation System; (7) Promoting Civil Public Discourse; (8) Requesting New Mexico Legislature Change the Opening Day of the Legislative Session to Begin in November for Budget Decisions Related to House Bill 2; (9) Bullying; (10) Requesting the New Mexico Legislature to Revise the Educator Effectiveness Evaluation; (11) Requesting the New Mexico Legislature to Study and Take Action on the Effects of High Stakes

Testing on the Education of the Whole Child; (12) Requesting the New Mexico Legislature to Increase Salaries for Certified Teachers; (13) Request for Adequate Funding to Provide Transportation to Our Students; and (14) Requesting Maintain Funding from the New Mexico Land Grant and Severance Tax Permanent Fund at 5.8 Percent; Requesting the New Mexico Legislature Revise Conditions for Teachers Who Have Retired and Return to Work to Fill Needed Teaching Vacancies as Determined by a Local Education Agency on an Emergency Basis. A motion was made by Mr. Castro and seconded by Mrs. Hall to submit all proposed resolutions to NMSBA with LCPS administration retaining the right to make changes as needed. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Input

Bruce Hartman, NEA-LC Representative, spoke with regard to a survey conducted on certified members regarding teacher attendance and the use of attendance in teacher evaluations.

Sra. Flores took a point of personal privilege extending her condolences to Dr. Sanchez on the recent loss of his mother, Lucy Sanchez.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Hall to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 4:51 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.