



MINUTES
Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education
Work Session

Tuesday, October 4, 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. Mr. Davis joined the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

C. Welcome Student Advisor

There was no Student Advisor in attendance.

D. Report on Closed Executive Sessions of September 27, 2016 and September 30, 2016

Sra. Flores stated that the board met in closed executive session on September 27, 2016 from 3:22 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. and on September 30, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 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

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Budget Update

Dr. Sanchez presented an update on the state's budget crisis which affects the educational budget and possible cuts to public education. He provided a table outlining the state senate and house adjustments. Through the senate adjustments, the recommendation is a reduction of \$100 million from the state which would impact LCPS by \$4.5 million. In the house adjustments, the recommended state reduction is \$95.8 million which would impact LCPS by \$2.7 million.

Dr. Sanchez suggested the board contact local legislatures and members of the community to support public education to keep the cuts down in public education. Mr. Castro asked if there was any action to increase revenues. Dr. Sanchez said there were no conversations at this time during the special session, but possibly in

January. Sra. Flores shared her views on the state's budget crisis and its impact on education, stating she finds it "appalling".

2. *Discussion of Voting Locations for 2017 School Board Election*

Brigitte Zigelhofer, Community Outreach Liaison, presented to the board a map of voting locations for school board election on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Districts 1, 2, and 3 seats are up for election. The voting locations chosen are Jornada Elementary School, Mayfield High School, the Doña Ana County Government Center, Thomas Branigan Library, Lynn Middle School, Hillrise Elementary School and University Hills Elementary School, Tombaugh Elementary School, and Las Alturas Fire Department. The declaration of candidacy must be filed on December 20, 2016. A Resolution and Proclamation for Regular School Board Election will need to be adopted by the Board at the November 15, 2016 regular board meeting.

III. OTHER REPORTS

A. Human Resources Development

1. *None.*

B. Instruction

1. *District PARCC Update*

Albert Vega, Executive Director Information Systems and Assessment & Research, provided an update on PARCC for board members providing district wide data in English Language Arts and Mathematics. There was a discussion regarding verticle scales, averages for the district and how the information is disseminated to teachers for instruction. An indiviualized report will be provided to the board.

C. Finance

1. *None.*

C. Operations

1. *Bus Task Force Update*

Gabe Jacquez, Associate Superintendent for Operations, stated the Committee met on September 21, 2016. Items discussed included kindergarten registration forms, timelines and protocols; potential legislative action regarding air conditioning for buses; overcrowding on buses; seating charts and locations of bus stops; and Special Education buses. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2016.

IV. BOARD ITEMS

A. New Business

1. *Procurement Policy Discussion*

Jo Galvan, Chief Communications Officer, reviewed the district's current procurement policy with the board. She stated the policy has been sent to the board's counsel for review and recommendations for updating. Will Manning, Director of Purchasing, will also provide input for the update. Sra. Flores suggested language that the board have more of a say in the selection of vendors through Request for Proposal (RFP) process when it is a vendor that is working closely with them. Mr. Manning stated LCPS guidelines are aligned with the state procurement code. He stated RFP process, it is very in-depth; although there

is nothing prohibiting board members in providing suggestions to the committees. Mr. Castro asked for a copy of a similar policy from another district, specifically Rio Rancho, for use in updating the LCPS policy.

B. Old Business

1. Discussion of Proposed Changes to the Wall of Champions at the Field of Dreams Football Field

The LCPS policy in naming school facilities was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Bump Elliott, community member, shared with the Board that the committee has agreed to only use the posts already in place at the Field of Dreams and place the plaques on them instead of moving the fence and drilling holes. The Wall of Champions would still be renamed “The Rudy Camunez Wall of Champions” and there will be no expense to the school district. The project will be financed solely by fundraising. The approval of the proposed changes will go before the Board at the October 18, 2016 regular board meeting.

Mrs. Hall asked if the board would determine individuals to be honored with the plaques. Mr. Elliot responded that criteria has been developed for the board’s approval and Dr. Sanchez added that language would be included in the regulation for the Board to approve future honorees.

There was a discussion on an additional closed executive session for further discussion of the Superintendent Search Process. Board members will convene on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss matters regarding the search process.

V. Public Input

Leah Salas, Rudy Camunez’s daughter, shared her thoughts that individuals who contribute to and support students in any aspect, not necessarily a part of LCPS, should be considered as honorees. Sra. Flores stated honorees should be tied to athletics.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Castro and seconded by Mrs. Frank to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 5:18 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary