



MINUTES
Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education
Special Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 • 4:00 p.m.
LCPS Administration Building Board Room • Televised by LCPS.TV

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Call to Order

Sra. Flores called the meeting to order at 4:03 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

Sra. Flores welcomed Dr. Gregory Ewing, Superintendent, who was also in attendance.

C. Welcome Student Advisor

Cameron Castillo from Centennial High School was welcomed to the dais.

D. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Maury Castro and seconded by Mr. Chuck Davis to approve the October 4, 2016 Work Session Minutes and the October 11, 2016 Closed Executive Session Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Agenda

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

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Superintendent's Address to Board of Education and Community

Superintendent Dr. Ewing thanked Dr. Steven Sanchez for assisting him in the transition to his new position as Superintendent. He also thanked the unions and board members. Superintendent Dr. Ewing visited University Hills, Oñate High School and Central Elementary School in his first week. He also attended the Las Cruces High School Football State Championship game in Albuquerque. He shared with board members that board meeting packets are now available online to 2012 and stated his next steps in doing some reorganization in Central Office, the possibility of restoring the furlough days to classified staff, an employee of the year for classified staff, and the community schools project.

Superintendent Dr. Ewing stated that central office exists only to support schools.

III. OTHER REPORTS

A. Human Resource Development

1. Classloads Update

Superintendent Dr. Ewing stated that he has asked staff to hold off on moving teachers next semester and that all class changes be made within the first 10 days. Albert Vega and Dr. Elizabeth Marrufo provided an update of current staffing and class load information for the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Superintendent Dr. Ewing stated that he will be meeting with the curriculum directors who will work with principals in the projections of students for staffing.

There was a discussion with regard to the average number of students for middle school which Ralph Ramos, Principal at Camino Real Middle School, stated it was about 300. There was a further discussion with regard

to overages at the high school level. High school principals explained the overages are teachers that have night school classes and additional classrooms. Mr. Eric Fraass, Principal at Mayfield High School, shared the overages at Mayfield are attributed to the scheduling block.

Mr. Frank requested information at the next board meeting that the FTEs allotted in the budget is what is being used. Dr. Marrufo will present.

B. Instruction

1. *None.*

C. Finance

1. *None.*

D. Operations

1. *None.*

IV. BOARD ITEMS

A. New Business

1. Discussion and Approval of Revised Calendar Schedule

Ms. Erlinda Martinez, presented a revised graduation schedule that would save the district a cost of \$10,425.00. She shared that principals were included in the discussion. The proposal is to move the current graduation schedule that reflects high schools graduating over a six day window, to a schedule where graduations are done in a 4 day window.

The proposed schedule reflects high school graduations as follows:

Friday, May 19--APECHS at 6:00 pm at the Las Cruces Convention Center

Saturday, May 20---LCHS at 9:00 a.m., CHS at 1:30 p.m.; Rio Grande Prep at 6:00 p.m. at the Pan Am Center

Monday, May 23 –Ocate High School at 6:00 pm at the Pan Am Center

Tuesday, May 24 – Mayfield High School at 6:00 pm at the Pan Am Center

A motion was made Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Castro to approve the revised SY 2016-17 graduation schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Adoption of Equitable and Safe Place Resolution

Jo Galvan read the resolution aloud to the audience. The resolution provides an equitable and safe place for all students; prohibiting discrimination on the basis, of race, sexual orientation, disability status, marital status, age, pregnancy status, religion or national origin. Superintendent Dr. Ewing said the resolution underscores the legal right of every child regardless of immigration status to receive a public education. He also shared a Supreme Court ruling that prohibits immigration enforcement officers from gathering children from a school.

Ms. Sara Melton and Daisy Maldonado, representatives of CAFÉ, spoke in support of the resolution and stated there is a general trend of bullying in our community. Mrs. Iqbal, community member, also shared her support of the resolution

Mr. Castro would like to add language to the resolution that local governments act in restricting fear. Mr. Frank stated his support of the resolution and getting the document out in the community. Dr. Steven Sanchez applauded the Board for taking this stand. He suggested sharing the information with all school districts and with the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders. Dr. Julie Rice, NMSU educator and LCPS parent, thanked the board for considering the adoption of the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Castro to adopt the Equitable and Safe Place Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adoption of Dual Credit Resolution

Jo Galvan read the resolution aloud to the audience. The resolution asks policy-makers and educators to continue to seek options for high school students to make the transition into post-secondary education or the world of work and that students who participate in dual credit opportunities experience a superior, seamless transition to post-secondary education. Cameron Castillo said the Student Advisory Council is considering taking the issue to the legislature; further stating the Student Advisory Council feels the Public Education Department raising the GPA for dual credit courses inhibits the ability of career and technical students to get into dual credit classes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mr. Frank to adopt the dual credit resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *School Visit Spotlight*

Sra. Flores shared photographs taken at Booker T. Washington Elementary School which highlighted a special program of “Site Words Superstars”.

B. *Old Business*

1. *Second Reading of Policy JFB Open Enrollment/Transfers*

Jo Galvan shared language that was added to the policy that the transfer process will not be utilized by students or adults for an athletic advantage or for a recruiting process. The policy will be brought at the next regular board meeting for third reading and approval.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Mary Parr Sanchez, NEA Representative, stated the NEA is impressed by Dr. Ewing as he identifies himself as a teacher. She spoke about over testing of our students in rating schools or evaluate teachers. Bruce Hartman, NEA Representative, spoke regarding DACA students.

Irma Valdespino, CSEC-LC President, spoke in support of the Equitable and Safe Place resolution, she also thanked Dr. Sanchez for his transparency and open door policy in his leadership of the district. She also thanked Dr. Ewing for visiting with CSEC-LC leadership and stated she is looking forward to working with him. She also spoke in her trust of Dr. Sanchez in his efforts to restore the three furlough days to classified employees. She also thanked Betsy Geery for suggestin a Classified Employee of the Year recognition.

Jo Galvan, Chief Communications Officer, reminded the audience of the staff reception tomorrow evening at Picacho Middle School to greet and welcome Dr. Ewing.

VI. 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 5:50 p.m.

Board President

Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.