



**Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education
Special Meeting (Work Session)
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 • 4:00 p.m.
LCPS Administration Building, Board Room**

I. Introduction

A. *Call to Order*

President Flores called the meeting to order 3:59 p.m.

B. *Roll Call*

Roll call was taken by Mr. Jaramillo. Those present:

- Sra. Maria A. Flores, President
- Mr. Ed Frank, Vice President
- Mr. Ray Jaramillo, Secretary
- Mr. Maury Castro, Member
- Mrs. Terrie Dallman, Member

Dr. Gregory Ewing, Superintendent, was also in attendance.

C. *Welcome Student Advisor*

Mr. Frank welcomed the Student Advisory Council (SAC) member, Evan of Onate High School (OHS), to the meeting.

D. *Approval of Minutes*

Sra. Flores entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Castro made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Jaramillo. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. *Approval of Agenda*

Sra. Flores advised she had received a request to move item III.C.3. Presentation on International Students earlier on the agenda to be heard as the first item under the Superintendent's Report. She also requested to table items IV.A.4. First Reading of Policy ADF Wellness for Students and Staff, item IV.A.5. First Reading of Policy JLJ Student Nutrition, and item IV.A.6. First Reading of Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales and Vending Machines for presentation at the next meeting. Mr. Frank made a motion to move item III.C.3. under the Superintendent's Report and table items IV.A.4. First Reading of Policy ADF Wellness for Students and Staff, item IV.A.5. First Reading of Policy JLJ Student Nutrition, and item IV.A.6. First Reading of Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales and Vending Machines for presentation at the next meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Castro. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Castro made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, and Mr. Frank seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

F. *Report on Closed Executive Session of March 7, 2017*

Sra. Flores reported the board met in closed executive session on May 2, 2017 from 3:38 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. to discuss limited personnel matters as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, specifically so the Superintendent can update the Board regarding the investigations of certified employees, and the termination of a classified employee by the Superintendent; and to discuss communications with legal counsel regarding threatened litigation as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. No other matters were discussed, and no action was taken.

II. Superintendent's Report

A. *Superintendent's Update*

1. *Presentation on International Students*

Dr. Kristian Chervenock shared a presentation with the Board on a New Mexico High School to University Pathway Program for international students that is facilitated through his company, Chervenock International. Mr. Castro inquired how government administration policies have had or will have an influence on this program. Dr. Chervenock stated there had been limited impact to the program at this point, however, they are keeping an eye on any future trends. Sra. Flores questioned if students who participate in the program are considered predominantly upper-class financially, and Dr. Chervenock responded that his program is historically geared towards working-class families.

2. *Announcements*

Dr. Ewing shared he had received an invitation from the Federal Reserve Bank in El Paso, Texas to tour their facilities, and he felt there was no better group to join him than the SAC. He requested Evan share this information with the remainder of the SAC. In closing, he shared that Kaylynn, a student at Vista Middle School, experienced severe medical complications during the previous weeks' track meeting, he sends well wishes to her family, and thanked Las Cruces Public School (LCPS) staff for their quick action.

3. *Budget Update*

Dr. Ewing shared that, though New Mexico Legislation has yet to convene their Special Session, LCPS is proceeding forward with a prepared budget. He advised the expected \$3.5 million monies to be returned to the state is to remain in LCPS accounts, allowing the district to begin the coming fiscal year with the \$7 million they had aimed for. Additionally, 10 teaching positions that were being held have been released to principals for allocation. Mr. Frank questioned when the budget would be shared with the public. Ms. Crystal Valdez, Chief Financial Officer, advised a draft of the budget would be shared with the Board of Education on May 8, 2017; a Budget Town Hall meeting will be held May 9, 2017 for community members; and a finalized budget will be shared at the May 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

4. *NEA-LC/CSEC-LC Report*

Mr. Bruce Hartman, National Education Association (NEA)- Las Cruces President, advised there were no items to report.

Ms. Irma Valdespino, Classified School Employees Council (CSEC)- Las Cruces President, shared a press release from President of the American Federation of

Teachers (AFT) New Mexico, Stephanie Ly, regarding the second round of cuts to K-3+ and bilingual programs. Additionally, she advised she had been working with Ms. Glenda Rodriguez, Director of Special Education, and Dr. Roberto Lozano, Director of Dual Language/Migrant Education, on to development of surveys to identify staff professional development needs, and she thanked them for their continued work.

5. *90-Day Report*

Dr. Ewing shared his “Look, Listen, and Learn” 90 Day Report with attendees. He advised the plan came together with three main themes: transform, innovate, and support. He is bringing these themes forward in initiatives for each department at Central Administration. The board expressed their positive impression of Dr. Ewing and the report he presented.

III. Other Reports

A. *Student Advisor Report*

Evan shared that he had personally witnessed a positive shift in overall climate within the school setting. He thanked Dr. Ewing, Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, and board members who attended the Academic Ambassadors Ceremony held at Arrowhead Park Early College High School. He advised the SAC is currently recruiting freshman, sophomores, and juniors to participate in the SAC during SY 2017-2018.

B. *Human Resources Development*

No items were presented or discussed.

C. *Instruction*

Item No. 3 was moved under the Superintendent’s Update earlier in the evening.

1. *Discussion on Textbook Adoption for Social Studies for SY 2017-2018*

Mr. Lane Widner, Instruction Coordinator, presented on the process of textbook adoption for Social Studies for the 2017-2018 school year. The presentation covered School Board policy, committee member selection process, and the publishers that were selected for adoption at each grade band.

2. *Discussion on Removal of Maintenance Bilingual Model for SY 2018-2019*

Dr. Lozano presented on the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) proposed changes to the Bilingual and Multicultural Education regulations and guidelines. There were no questions or comments.

D. *Finance*

1. *Approval of Budget Adjustments*

Ms. Valdez presented a budget adjustment request to move funding from function 2600 Operation and Maintenance of Plant to function 2100 Support Services Students for parent engagement activities. There were no questions or comments. Mr. Frank made a motion to approve the budget adjustment request; it was seconded by Mrs. Dallman. The motion passed unanimously.

E. *Operations*

No items were presented or discussed.

- F. *Technology & Research*
No items were presented or discussed.

IV. Board Items

A. *New Business*

Item Nos. 4, 5, and 6 were removed from the agenda earlier in the evening.

1. *Discussion of Resolution Supporting Ethnic Studies in the Las Cruces Public Schools*
Sra. Flores shared she met with Dr. Nicholas Natividad, of New Mexico State University, on the importance of ethnic studies. She then requested Dr. Steven Sanchez to develop a resolution supporting such studies. She advised the resolution indicates there is a need for ethnic studies in education. She stated that by studying these various topics, students will realize how similar we all are. Mr. Frank stated he is in full support of the resolution and would like to vote on it quickly. Dr. Ewing responded that the resolution will be brought forward for action at the May 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
2. *First Reading of Policy BDF and Regulation BDF-R Student Advisors to the Board and Superintendent*
Jo Galvan, Chief Communications Officer, presented the first reading of Policy BDF and Regulation BDF-R Student Advisors to the Board and Superintendent, and recommended it for two readings before approval. Sra. Flores advised three readings would be preferred to allow adequate timing for student feedback. Mr. Frank questioned the verbiage of “administrator” and the possibility that may not allow teachers or other staff members who wish to participate. Dr. Ewing advised this wording can be updated to “faculty” or “staff member”. Mr. Castro requested a point emphasizing students will not accrue any personal expenses related to SAC participation. There were no additional questions or comments.
3. *First Reading of Policy EBCF Firearms and Weapons on School District Property*
Mr. Gabe Jacquez, Associate Superintendent of Operations, presented the first reading of Policy EBCF Firearms and Weapons on School District Property. There were no questions or comments. Mr. Frank requested the policy be brought forward for approval at the next meeting. Sra. Flores and Dr. Ewing advised this will be brought forward for approval at the May 16, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

B. *Old Business*

No items were presented or discussed.

V. Public Input

Sherri Nolan, Las Cruces High School teacher, shared flyers inviting Dr. Ewing and the Board of Education to the Bulldawg Best Buddies Dimes for Down Syndrome Kickball Event taking place on Friday, May 5, 2017 during the lunch hour at Las Cruces High School.

Sophia, student at Camino Real Middle School, brought forward a request for funding to attend the National Girls Chess Tournament of Champions. She shared she is the first girl to ever represent New Mexico from Las Cruces. She requests assistance with travel expenses, which totals approximately \$1,700.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Castro. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 6:13 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary

Minutes taken by Rebecca Archuleta