



MINUTES

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

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 • 4:00 p.m.
LCPS Administration Building Board Room

I. INTRODUCTION

A. *Call to Order*

Sra. Flores called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

B. *Roll Call*

Roll call was taken by Mr. Ed Frank. Those present:

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

Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing was also in attendance. Mr. Ray Jaramillo, Secretary, was absent, but joined the meeting later in the evening for the vote on Items IV.A.3 and IV.A.4.

C. *Welcome Student Advisor*

The Board welcomed Cameron, student at Centennial High School, to the dais.

D. *Approval of Agenda*

A motion was made by Mr. Frank to approve the agenda; it was seconded by Mr. Castro. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. *Approval of Consent Agenda Items*

A motion was made by Mrs. Dallman and seconded by Mr. Maury Castro to approve consent agenda item V.C.1. Approval of Student Out of State Travel. The motion passed.

F. *Report on June 6, 2017 Closed Session*

Sra. Flores stated that the Board met in Closed Executive Session on June 6, 2017 from 3:06 p.m. to 4:04 p.m. to discuss the Evaluation of the Superintendent and to discuss communications with legal counsel regarding pending litigation, specifically a Special Education Due Process Complaint docketed as DPH 1617-24, including possible settlement, as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. *Announcements*

Dr. Ewing shared with the audience staff members who were a part of the reorganization in changing of titles: Jamie Calderon, Director and Special Advisor to the Board and Superintendent; Gabe Jacquez, Deputy Superintendent; Tiffany Gomez, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership; Dr. Wendi Miller Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning; Dr. Roberto Lozano, Chief Officer of Equity & Social Justice; Ernie Viramontes, Executive Director of Athletics; Glenda Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Special Student Services; Ruby Delgado, Director of Analysis & Research; Ed Ellison, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Todd Gregory, Director of Public Safety.

2. *Budget Update*

Dr. Ewing announced the Special Legislative Session has ended. He thanked Chris Lozano, lobbyist, and his team for their work for the District. Las Cruces Public Schools did not lose additional monies and should receive an additional \$600,000 in revenue.

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

Bruce Hartman, NEA-LC President, reported the union is undergoing a transparent interview process for administrator positions in conjunction with the Superintendent. NEA has conducted two surveys: (1) testing and professional development and (2) climate, culture and bargaining. There was no report by CSEC-LC.

4. *Discussion of Chinese Studies Programs, Dual Credit, and Travel*

Dr. Ewing shared that he has met with New Mexico State University (NMSU) representatives in instituting a Chinese studies program in the District. A more detailed report will be provided to the Board in the near future. Dr. Ewing invited Board members and administrators to visit schools in China for one week. Mrs. Dallman shared her concern with issues regarding certifications of individuals coming to the District from other countries to teach or attend classes. Dr. Ewing is considering the programs to be instituted at Mayfield, Centennial, Oñate and Las Cruces High Schools.

5. *Discussion of Revised Graduation Schedule and Locations*

Dr. Ewing proposed a change to the current graduation schedule for SY 2017-18. The change would include all graduation ceremonies to be held at the Pan Am Center on Friday and Saturday to include Arrowhead Park Early College High School. There were no comments.

6. *Discussion of Annual Football Game Held at NMSU*

Dr. Ewing spoke with regard to including a rivalry game between Oñate High School (OHS) and Centennial High School (CHS) to the annual football game held at New Mexico State University (NMSU) between Mayfield High School (MHS) and Las Cruces High School (LCHS). He stated the President of NMSU and the NMSU Chief of Police are in agreement. The game between MHS and LCHS will begin at 7:00 pm and OHS and CHS will begin 4:00 p.m. Sra. Flores would like to see the two games alternate in times each year. A full presentation will be brought to the Board at an alternative date.

7. *Las Cruces Scholastic Chess Association*

Mr. Manuel Arellano, volunteer, presented on the chess program currently conducted by volunteers in some schools which benefits both the students and the community. He stated there is a lot of interest by students and more volunteers are needed. Mr. Castro commended Mr. Arellano on what he is doing to help kids in the District.

Sra. Flores took a personal point of privilege to recognize Olivia in the audience, who is the recipient of the New Mexico School Boards Association Scholarship Award.

III. OTHER REPORTS

A. *Student Advisor Report*

Cameron, a student at Centennial High School (CHS), shared his support of the newly proposed rivalry football game between CHS and OHS. He reported the Student Advisory Council has new members for the 2017-18 school year. Cameron shared the council is pleased with Dr. Ewing's performance and the transparency with the community. There was also a discussion with regard to testing.

B. *Human Resource Development*

There were no items on the agenda.

C. *Instruction*

*Item No. 1 was on *consent and approved earlier in the evening.*

2. *AdvancED Systems Accreditation Overview*

Dr. Susana Murphy, Executive Director of AdvancEd, presented a very comprehensive overview on the systems accreditation processes. Currently all six Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) high schools are accredited, and the District is currently looking at a District wide accreditation (K-12). Dr. Murphy shared there is a \$900 annual fee per school plus a \$900 annual fee for the District. It is a five year accreditation process. The presentation will be posted to the LCPS website and emailed to all board members, principals and staff. Principals heard the presentation earlier in the day.

D. *Finance*

There were no items on the agenda.

E. *Operations*

There were no items on the agenda.

F. *Technology & Research*

There were no items on the agenda.

IV. BOARD ITEMS

A. *New Business*

1. *Generaciones Presentation*

Dr. Laura Gutierrez-Spencer presented the mother-daughter program at New Mexico State University which is managed in the Spring semester every year. There was a discussion about a similar program for boys in which Dr. Spencer stated that funding is an issue.

2. *Raices Del Saber Xinachtli Community School Presentation*

Ms. Lucia Carmona, Lead Coordinator for the proposed Raices Del Saber Xinachtli Charter School, presented to the Board a charter school going through the application process. She explained the definition is Raices is the wisdom of the planted seed; roots of knowledge. The program advocates for academic rigor and cultural relevance. A timeline of the process in opening the charter school was shared which is approximately one year. Ms. Carmona would like support from the District in applying to be a charter school. There will be no cost to the District.

Irene Oliver-Lewis, founding member of the proposed Raices Del Saber Xinachtli Charter School, spoke in support of the application process for Raices to become a charter school. Monica Garcia-Telles, parent, also spoke in support of the application.

3. *Authorization of Legal Counsel and Superintendent to Proceed with Legal Strategy as Discussed in Executive Session in the Special Education Due Process Complaint Docketed as DPH 1617-24*

A motion was made by Mrs. Dallman and seconded by Mr. Castro to authorize legal counsel and the Superintendent to proceed with legal strategy as discussed in Executive Session in the Special Education Due Process Complaint Docketed as DPH 1617-24. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Dallman-aye; Mr. Castro-aye; Sra. Flores-aye; Mr. Jaramillo-aye; and Mr. Frank-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Approval of the Evaluation of the Superintendent as Prepared in Executive Session*

A motion was made by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Castro to approve the Evaluation of the Superintendent as prepared in Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Dallman-aye; Mr. Castro-aye; Sra. Flores-aye; Mr. Jaramillo-aye; and Mr. Frank-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Old Business

1. Second Reading of Policy ADF Wellness for Students and Staff

Nancy Cathey, Executive Director of Nutrition Services, shared changes requested from the first were reading were incorporated. There were no comments. The policy will move forward for third reading and approval.

2. Second Reading of Policy JJJ Student Nutrition

Ms. Cathey shared all requested changes from the first reading that were incorporated. There were no comments or questions. The policy will move forward for third reading and approval at the next regular board meeting.

3. Second Reading of Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales and Vending Machines

Ms. Cathey shared the policy will be revised to reflect the correct language regarding vending trucks. The Nutrition Department will follow up with vending trucks to ensure their compliance with District nutrition policy and regulation. Language will be added to the regulation that will require principals to receive approval from Nutrition Services to have vending trucks on the premises at school sites. The policy will move forward for third reading and approval; but not as a consent agenda item to allow for further discussion.

4. Second Reading of Policy EFD Meal Applications, Prices, and Charges

Ms. Cathey presented the requested changes to language that was incorporated to the policy since the first reading and additional language that was added with regard to direct certification for homeless, foster, and migrant children. There was a discussion with regard to the alternative meals language which was removed from the policy after the first reading.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Public input was heard earlier in the evening.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Limited Personnel Matters Related to the Evaluation of the Superintendent, as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act specifically to meet the Superintendent to discuss results of the evaluation process.

The Board left the room at 6:36 p.m. to discuss matters related to the Superintendent's evaluation in Closed Executive Session.

VII. OPEN SESSION

1. Report on Executive Session

Sra. Flores reported the Board met in Closed Executive Session from 6:36 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. to discuss the Evaluation of the Superintendent as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Castro and seconded by Mr. Frank to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Board President

Secretary

Minutes taken by Tina Gonzalez.