

LAS VEGAS CITY SCHOOLS
"BOARD OF EDUCATION"
Regular Board Meeting

June 20, 2024

A Regular Board Meeting of the Las Vegas City Schools Board of Education was held at the Administrative Building located at 901 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701 at 5:15 pm on the 20th day of June 2024.

A quorum was present: the meeting was called to order by Board President Quintana. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the New Mexico Pledge. Those present were as follows:

ROLL CALL: Board President Quintana called for roll call:

- Board President Quintana – Present
- Board Vice President Gonzales – Present
- Board Secretary Dr. Meserve – Absent
- Board Member Cordova – Present

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Superintendent Dr. Barbara Casey

Public in attendance: Mari Hillis, Elaine Martinez Gonzales, John Tiernan, Kristina Korte, Juan Carlos Fulgenzi, Samantha Fulgenzi, James Garcia, Lita Garcia, Lorenzo Aragon, Thomas P Trujillo, Yvonne Cordova, Melissa Sandoval, David Ulibarri, Shawn Sanchez, Sara A. Sena.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Vice President Gonzales made a motion to approve the agenda for today, June 20th, 2024, seconded by board member Mr. Cordova. Motion is approved Vote 4-0

ACCOLADES:

- A. Athletics- Robertson Golf Team, Coach Garcia. First season for RHS golf with five participants, although there were difficulties with course availability and weather, looking forward to next season.
- B. Athletics- Robertson Softball, Coach Ulibarri. Varsity had a record of 19-12, placed 4th in the state. JV had a record of 8-6. Season suffered two major player injuries, but still placed 4 players in All District and 7 players in State. This year was a rebuilding year, with next season having 7 senior players.
- C. Athletics- Robertson Baseball, Coach Gonzales, who also was named Coach of the year. This season ended with a 2-1 loss at state, had 4 players placed in All District and 5 players in State. One player was named player of the year, there was a loss of 5 senior players.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. El Centro Family Health – not present, tabled till next month, Mr. Gonzales made a motion to table, second by Mr. Cordova, motion passed vote 4-0
- B. New Mexico Forestry – District Ranger presenting. Indicated NM Forestry is interested in possibly purchasing Legion Park Building as it would be economically better than building a new facility. There is funding available for the purchase and feel it would also be better for the community as would be an investment into the community. The building would be utilized as the new district office, and serve as office space and housing for seasonal employees and critical for recruitment and youth training. The 2018 appraisal would need to be redone per federal standards, along with a review of the legal description, which would be a 6–8-month process, if problems are identified then it may take up to a year for the process to be completed, along with any issues involving rezoning the building / area.

PUBLIC INPUT: Thomas P. Trujillo:

Mr. Trujillo, indicated that he continues to be concerned about the district’s consumption in reference to utilities (handout was provided). States he has previous experience with compliance and building assessments and feels the district could benefit by applying for FEMA money, Medicaid funding, CTE programs and being aware of day-to-day activities and behaviors that may lead to increase in cost.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Minutes: discussion approval of minutes for May 13, 2024 Mr. Gonzales made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Quintana, motion passed vote 4-0
- B. Minutes: discussion approval of minutes for May 21, 2024 Mr. Gonzales made a motion to change the minutes to include the name of Larryssa Archuleta, in reference to non-approval of contract, second by Mr. Cordova, motion passed vote 4-0
- C. Minutes: discussion approval of minutes for June 7, 2024 Mr. Gonzales made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Cordova, motion passed vote 4-0
- D. Minutes: discussion approval of minutes for June 10, 2024 Mr. Gonzales made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Cordova, motion passed vote 4-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion: Bond Sale Results, Kaeley Weimerskirch, RBC Capital Markets, tabled
- B. Discussion: Title I Application, Elaine Martinez-Gonzales, presented information in reference to Title I, indicates application was granted at \$642,447.31 which is an increase from last year. This will be utilized for 4.5 FTE’s. Summer, after school programs, homeless or disadvantage student’s programs are also supported. This will also provide school supplies and materials, 1% will go towards parent involvement activities which is \$6,424, other programs supported is foster parents and professional development.
- C. Discussion / Action: Review Board Policies Governing Special Ed, review of procedures and adoption of Assurance Statement, Thomas Trujillo. RAC 4 works with legal services of Walsh Gallegos to put forth procedure manual reflecting required changes and updates, this manual is a 470-page document, which is available for review, along with a 35–40-page summary of ratifications. Assurance statement indicates: The district assures

that it has conducted its annual review of its policy and procedures governing special education. Based on the review the district assured that it has in effect policies and procedures that are consistent with the states policy and procedures and meets each of the conditions of assistance under IDEA part B. The district further assures that throughout the period of the grant award, the district will comply with the requirement of the IDEA part B.

By recommendation of the acting superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Gonzales, motion passed 4-0.

- D. Discussion / Action: IDEA-B application, Thomas Trujillo. First phase was completed which issues assurance statements, this was submitted and approved by the state. Phase II and III entails more on the budget which is still pending allocation of monies from PED. By recommendation of the acting superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Gonzales, motion passed 4-0.
- E. Discussion / Action: Cooking with Kids MOU, Ms. Monte. Program provides hands-on food and nutrition education, helps create positive, healthy food choices, provides trained staff, food and equipment for CWK school day classes/activities, cafeteria promotions, and support classroom teachers through electronic CWK curriculum enrichment activities. Provides afterschool and summer classes/activities/promotions in collaboration with Student Nutrition Department, 21st Learning Community Learning Centers, and/or other appropriate entities. Provides bilingual student materials and take-home materials for participating students (aligned with Common Core State Standards in mathematics and language arts, Next Generation Science Standards and National Health Education Standards). Conducts program evaluation and ongoing program refinement. Initiates contact with principals at participating schools as well as Student Nutrition director for cafeteria promotions. Provides training and technical assistance to Student Nutrition Department as requested and as resources allow. By recommendation of the acting superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Cordova, motion passed 4-0.
- F. Discussion / Action: Audit Contract Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Mari Hillis
Auditors will be in at the end of July or early August for audit due by October under current contract of \$36,000.00. Next year audit services will go out for quotes but will need to be initiated in January and presented on the agenda for that board meeting. By recommendation of the acting superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Cordova, motion passed 4-0
- G. Discussion / Action: Direction on Legal Counsel. There is current RFP for 4 yrs with Cuddy & McCarthy, there is a current \$1,000.00 retainer with Walsh Gallegos, and Ortiz & Zamora contract is allocated for \$60,000 as they are utilized and not on a retainer. Walsh Gallegos specializes in special education matters, Cuddy & McCarthy non-personnel matters and Ortiz & Zamora personnel matters.
Discussion only, no action
- H. Discussion / Action: On following policies H – O all first readings
- h. Policy Advisory 238 BBA Board Powers and Responsibilities
 - i. Policy Advisory 239 BE School Board Meetings
 - j. Policy Advisory 240 BEC-E Executive Session / Open Meetings
 - k. Policy Advisory 241 BEDA Notification of Board Meetings
 - l. Policy Advisory 242 BEDBA Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

- m. Policy Advisory 243 BEDG Minutes
- n. Policy Advisory 244 BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings
- o. Policy Advisory 245 CB Superintendent

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P. Department Presentations – not to exceed 5 minutes

1. Facilities Master Plan – Juan Carlos Fulgenzi. Facilities master plan outline of projects completed or in progress, awarded 63% PSFA at \$43,243 and state share at 37% at \$25,397. Currently working with ARC and NorthStar to schedule FMP Evaluation. Plumbing assessment at Los Ninos is pending, this required due to toilet backup. Bleacher’s work is 95% completed, bottom bank pins need to be moved to extend rows and side curtains will be added to prevent entrance under the bleachers. Warranty is possibly for a period of 10 yrs. A new banner was placed over the small bleacher section, gym floor will be resealed this year, HVAC sensors and end points checked, roof skylights at Marr gym were replaced, new roof placed on Marr field house, pump house electrical, lighting and wall heater repair \$3,140.55. Mike Mateo gym repair \$91,931.15, north wall is eroded due to weather and will require a 7 ft panel with reinforcement. Marr gym flooring should be covered during times of community activity, but due to time constraint and problems with raising basketball hoop it was not covered at graduation.
2. Athletics: Director’s Cup – Juan Carlos Fulgenzi. Last 5 years has been sponsored by NM Activities Association. Selection is made on classification of school; points are awarded for participation and school achievements. Robertson has finished in second place with first going to St. Mikes.
3. Technology Plan – John Tiernan. A three-year strategic plan submitted, with the understanding projects are to meet the school needs. Three year plan includes: internet connectivity improvement, inter-school connectivity, replace network equipment, upgrade wireless security, off site data backup, complete system integration, surveillance system, upgrade to access control system, replacement of student devices and systems, replace copiers, replacement of classroom technology, replacement of telephone system.
4. Federal Programs – Elaine Martinez-Gonzales. Received Title II monies \$77,426.00 which was transferred to Title I to cover positions, materials or programs. Rural low income school allotment of \$36,324 will cover teacher stipends, CTE receives federal funding of \$20,743.00 and state funding of \$98,050.00 for programs in Health, construction, and welding.
5. Safety and Wellness – Michell Aragon Not present, will be added to July’s agenda

Q. Finance Committee:

1. Discussion / Action: BARs/Transfers/Expenditures/Awards/Donations, Mari Hillis. One bar request for appropriation year end clean up, other BARS will be presented in July which will need ratification.

By recommendation of the acting superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Gonzales, motion passed vote 4-0

Donation's list:

Rotary Club	\$2800.00	school supplies
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BTU	\$1500.00	10 / 5 gal paint
William Saiz / Crystal Branch	\$1000.00	State baseball games
NM Land & Title	\$250.00	Summer basketball program
Franken Construction	\$200.00	Girls Summer basketball program
State Farm	\$250.00	Girls Summer basketball program
Elks Lodge	\$300.00	Girls Summer basketball program
Community First Bank	\$500.00	Girls Summer basketball program
Kiddy Campus	\$2500.00	Girls Summer basketball program
		Total of \$12,100.00

By recommendation of the acting superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Cordova, motion passed vote 4-0

2. Discussion / Action: School bus Contracts Fiscal Year 2025. There was a 3% increase in salaries, all buses are paid off, same four contracted drivers will return
By recommendation of the acting superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Cordova, motion passed vote 4-0

R. Superintendent's Report: District Updates

1. School Principal's Report – End of Year Reading and Math Data, comparison to beginning of school year, results not available
2. Staffing

Projects completed: budget reviewed, overview of district staff on status of certifications and non-certified, created a district education plan for student success for PED received 3 satisfactory and 1 exemplary ratings, completed the district information on the PED required website dashboard, completed the civil rights data collection report, reviewed the facility master plan, discovered discrepancies in the bilingual program and worked to correct situation, continued MOU with Luna Community College for dual credit, continued MOU with NMHU for golf course use, renewed all state, federal and district grants, developed pathways and CTE and related courses for RHS, conducted licensure review and audit to ensure that all school personnel are licensed, certified and otherwise qualified for the position they hold district wide, support teacher advancement from level I to level II and from level II to level III, supported employees that are alternative licenses to continue meeting program requirements to obtain full licensure, worked with department heads to assign certified and non-certified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year, prepared and mailed out letters of intent to all district employees, reviewed current policies, social media policies, use of school vehicles, collective bargaining agreement, health, enrollment and transfer student policies, open meetings act status, personnel retention, completed letters of assignment for all school personnel by school and

department, worked with class sponsors and high school counselors to develop agenda for commencement exercises, developed interview process for principals, and assessment of principals at RHS, completed school calendar by committee, emergency supplemental funding application and continuous budget review.

Majority of staffing was completed and the list of transfers and changes in staff placement and moving of monies from operation to Title I completed. There were no cuts affecting essential programs.

Dr. Barbara Casey gave thanks for the opportunity to work with PED and serve RHS in the recent months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Education will convene in closed session pursuant to matters and NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (2) discussion of limited personnel matters NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which public body is or may become a participant.

Entered executive session at 1914, motion made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Gonzales, motion passed vote 4-0

Regular session resumed at 1921, motion made by Mr. Romero, second by Mr. Gonzales, motion passed vote 4-0

FUTURE PLANNING:

- A. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday July 18th at 5:15 pm; changed to Tuesday July 30th 5:15 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Romero to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gonzales, motion passed 4-0, adjourned at 7:21 pm.

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