

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

August 15, 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 15th of August 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 State Pledge. Those present were as follows:

ROLL CALL: Board President Quintana called for roll call:

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

RECORDER: Denise Petersen

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Melissa Sandoval

Martha Pena	JC Fulgenzi	Samantha Fulgenzi	Ambrose Castellano	
Julio Garcia	Elaine Gonzalez	Tony Ortiz	Mari Hillis	Lou Ella Marr-Montoya
Mario Salas	Thomas Trujillo			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board President Quintana asked to review the agenda. ***Motion by Board President Quintana to approve the agenda moving Executive Session under Public Input. Motion seconded by Board Vice President Gonzales. Motion passed by unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes for July 30, 2024 Regular Board Meeting ***Motion by Board Vice President Gonzales. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Dr. Meserve. Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

Input by Martha Pena to request the board speak in the microphones during the meeting. Also made a comment on how she appreciates the board meetings going live.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The board of Education will convene in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (7) meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation specifically discussion related to personnel matters.

***Motion by Board Vice President Gonzales**

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ROLL CALL: Board President Quintana called for roll call:

Board Member Romero - Yes
Board Member Cordova - Yes
Board Secretary Dr. Meserve - Yes
Board Vice President Gonzales - Yes
Board President Quintana - Yes

Board entered into executive session at 5:21 pm

***Motion by Board Member Romero to reconvene to regular session from Executive Session. The board of Education convened in closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (7) meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation specifically discussion related to personnel matters, review two-year contracts, and address pending litigation involving Archuleta vs Las Vegas City Schools, no action was taken. Motion seconded by Board Member Cordova.**

ROLL CALL: Board President Quintana called for roll call:

Board Member Romero - Yes
Board Member Cordova - yes
Board Secretary Dr. Meserve - Yes
Board Vice President Gonzales - Yes
Board President Quintana - Yes

Board reconvened to regular session from Executive Session at 6:35 pm. Board President Quintana stated that the Board of Education convened into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1-H (7) meetings subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation specifically discussion related to personnel matters in which the public body is or may become a participant and no action was taken.

FINANCE REPORT:

The Finance Committee reviewed various financial reports including the July 31, 2024 Bank Reconciliation Reports for General Fund, the Student Activity Fund & Balance Report. The committee also reviewed Cash Report, Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actuals Report, the List of Purchase Orders, the Pledged Collateral report, the July 2024 payroll Journal Report and the Capital Outlay. Bond and SB-9 Report. No variances were noted. The Committee recommended the approval of all donations, including \$3,250 for team warm-up for the RHS Girl Soccer, \$1,000 from Quality Care LLC for Wellness Wednesday, \$3,140 from Community First Bank for the Staff Orientation, and \$225 in coffee from Starbucks for staff orientation and backpacks from the Eagles Lodge. The payables included several payment vouchers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- *Motion by Vice Board President Gonzales to approve Item A - Payables on consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Board Secretary Dr. Meserve. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Motion by Vice Board President Gonzales to approve Item B - BARS on consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Board Secretary Dr. Meserve. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Motion by Vice Board President Gonzales to approve Item C - Expenditure/Revenue Report on consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Board Secretary Dr. Meserve. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Motion by Vice Board President Gonzales to approve Item D - Donations on consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Motion by Vice Board President Gonzales to approve one per capita agreement. Seconded by Board Member Romero. Motion passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATION:

Capital Outlay Report: Mr. Fulgenzi presented a capital outlay report highlighting ongoing and completed projects, including repairs and maintenance at various schools. The Board discussed the Facilities Master Plan, which received financial assistance from PSFA. The local share is 63% that's \$43,243 and the state share is 37% which is \$25,397.

24-25 Athletic Handbook: The Superintendent with Mr. Fulgenzi, formed a committee that reviewed and discussed the co-curricular handbook, ensuring alignment with discipline policies and removing any discrepancies. The handbook is about 50 pages long.

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion/Action:

- A. The Superintendent presented the revised Open Meetings Act resolution for the current school year.
***Motion by Board Member Romero to approve 2025-2025 Open Meeting Resolutions - Discussion Action. Seconded by Board Member Cordova. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. The board debated the selection of legal services, ultimately deciding to direct new business to Ortiz and Zamora ***Motion by Board Vice President Gonzales to approve the redirecting of all legal services to Ortiz and Zamora. Seconded by Board Secretary Dr. Meserve. Motion passed by majority vote; Board Member Romero opposed.**
- C. Thomas Trujillo presented the 2024-2025 IDEA B grant application, detailing the allocation and budget for educational assistance salaries and benefits. ***Motion by Board Member Romero to approve the IDEA B grant application Bids. Seconded by Board Secretary Dr. Meserve. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Mr. JC Fulgenzi presented the 2024 - 2025 Preventative Maintenance Plan, which includes maintaining flush waste drain ditches, ensuring safety and 14 other goals. ***Motion by Board Member Romero to approve the 2024-2025M Preventative Maintenance Plan. Seconded by Board Vice President Gonzales. Motion passed unanimously.**
- E. Mr. JC Fulgenzie and the board discussed the MOU with New Mexico Highlands University for the use of the soccer and track field, including responsibilities for maintenance and potential capital improvements. ***Motion by Board Member Romero to approve the Wagon Mound & LVCS Transportation Boundary Agreement. Seconded by Board Secretary Dr. Meserve. Motion passed unanimously.**
- F. The board discussed the FEMA claim with Singleton and Shriver, addressing concerns about procurement, claim separation, and timeline for receiving funds. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Motion by Board Member Romero to approve the third reading of Policy Advisory 238 BBA, 239 BE, 240 BEC-E, 241 BEDA, 242 BEDBA, 243 BEDG, 244 BEDH and 245 CB. Seconded by Board Vice President Gonzales.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Romero raises concerns about registration issues, teacher reassignments, and the safety of having 90 PE students in the gym. He also questions the availability of a life skills teacher and IT department closures. The superintendent addresses the registration issues, attributing them to power school rollover problems and reassignment of key staff members. She also mentions the impact of COVID on staff availability. Registration issues have been resolved and at least 98% of our students are in the system.

LVCS will be establishing a CDL program for students. This will be free of charge for our students and for the district. An MOU will be drafted between LVCS and Rick Vigil for services. Students will earn dual credits and will also earn CDL certification upon completion of a 3-phase program.

HELPMN will be providing 20 paid internships for Robertson High students to begin September. Students interested in participating will earn money and will be placed at NMHU, LCC or City of Las Vegas. Mr. Trujillo and his team will work on creating a course for elective credit upon completion of the internship.

FUTURE PLANNING:

The board plans to schedule a work session/retreat to discuss goals, strategic plans, and the superintendent's evaluation criteria. They aim to find a suitable date for all members.

The board discusses participation in the homecoming parade and the logistics of attending the event.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024 at 5:15 pm

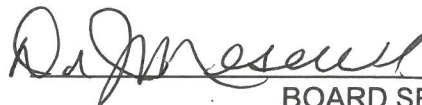
ADJOURNMENT:

***Motion by Board Vice President Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Board Secretary Dr. Meserve. Motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:56 pm**

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