

**LAS VEGAS CITY SCHOOLS
"BOARD OF EDUCATION"
MINUTES**

July 26, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Board Meeting of the Las Vegas City Schools "Board of Education" was held at the Administrative Building – Board Room, in Las Vegas, New Mexico on the 26th of July, 2010 at 4:04 P.M.

A quorum was present; the meeting was called to order by Ramon Montaña, President. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were as follows:

Board Members Present: Dr. Patrick Romero
Phillip Vigil
Gabriel V. Lucero
Elaine V. Luna
Ramon Montaña

Also Present: Superintendent, Richard Romero
Associate Superintendent, Lee Ette Quintana
Myrna Garcia, Finance Director
Lydia Flores, Federal Programs / Bilingual Director
Eddie King, Principal – RHS
Mike Yara, Assistant Principal – RHS
Gilbert Vallejos, Bank of Las Vegas
Don Pace, Las Vegas Optic

ROLL CALL: Ramon Montaña, President, called for a roll call as follows:

Dr. Patrick Romero - Present
Phillip Vigil - Present
Gabriel V. Lucero - Present
Elaine V. Luna - Present
Ramon Montaña - Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Phillip Vigil, moved to approve the Agenda, as presented by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Dr. Patrick Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input.

INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR 2010-2011: Board of Education President, Ramon Montaña discussed the recent decision by the executive office of the Governor, along with the Legislative Finance Committee of the New Mexico Legislature to enact a 3.2% reduction for all public schools in the state. Mr. Montaña pointed out that he asked the Board of Education to convene this special meeting because he wanted to get out in front of this fiscal crisis in order to give the district's administrative team time to meet and discuss the potential budget areas for reduction. He also shared with the community members present that he had contacted the county's legislative delegation and asked them to attend and participate in the conversation.

Superintendent, Rick Romero shared with the Board of Education that the district received a memorandum from the Secretary Designate of the Public Education Department requesting that the district prepare a budget adjustment request in the amount of \$486,186.79, an amount equal to 3.2% of the district's state equalization guarantee. Superintendent Romero stated that the reduction would adjust the SEG the district has received for the fiscal year 2010-2011 from \$15,193,337.10 to \$14,707,150.31. Superintendent Romero stated that he and Myrna Garcia the district's Finance Director had already begun to look within the budget for the savings, but did state that a bulk of the savings would have to come from personnel, and then possibly from programmatic supplies and materials.

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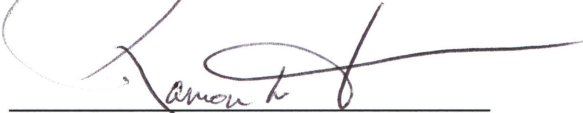
Superintendent Romero also stated that because of State Statute 22-10A-22 – Notice of Reemployment and Termination, the district could not look at any kind of reduction in force since all employees, even though they had not received their contracts yet, had a binding contract with the district by virtue of signing a letter of intent to employ in the spring. This action, requiring all employees who will be employed for the following school year, must receive from the district a letter of intent to employ prior to their last day of employment. As a result, the district would have to look for savings in vacant positions.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK FOR 2010-2011: The San Miguel County Legislative Delegation was invited to participate and share their thoughts on the legislative outlook for fiscal year 2010-2011. No members of the delegation were in attendance.

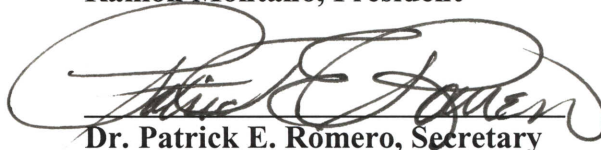
CLOSURE – SYNOPSIS OF MEETING DISCUSSION AND FUTURE CONVERSATIONS: Board of Education President, Ramon Montaña asked the Superintendent to prepare an overview of the district’s budget reduction recommendations for discussion at the next scheduled meeting of the Board on Thursday, August 12, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT: Ramon Montano asked for a motion to adjourn. Phillip Vigil moved to adjourn, seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:55P.M.

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Ramon Montaña, President



Dr. Patrick E. Romero, Secretary

Approved: _____

August 17th, 2010