

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

February 17, 2009

The Regular 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 17th of February, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

A quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Patrick E. Romero, President. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were as follows:

Board Members Present: Dr. Patrick E. Romero
Ramon M. Montaña
Elaine V. Luna
Philip E. Leger

Absent: Phillip E. Vigil

Also Present: Mrs. LeeEtte Quintana, Associate Superintendent of Instruction

Aylene Romero- Griego	Myrna Garcia	Jane Chavez
Sandra Madrid	Leslie Damon	Manuel Lucero
Michael Yara	Eddie King	Rene Hidalgo
Sandra Crespín	Briana Hidalgo	Anthony Marquez
Mark Hidalgo	Lydia Flores	Kathy Leger
Joshua Hidalgo	Laureen D. Romero	Renee Leger
Felisha Aragon	Martha Pena	Brenda Ortega
Bob DeVries	Elaine Baca	Jose Billy Martinez
Elizabeth Ratzlaff	Herman Gallegos	Martin Sena
Rikki Giron	Rico Giron	Daniela Montoya
Marisa Baca	Geraldine Baca	Shawn Lujan
Kayla Gonzales	Olivia Ortiz	Sarah Goetsch
Anissa Gallegos	Makayla Valdez	Terri Gonzales
Brenda Ortega	Eddie Trujillo, Judge	Rosanne Pino, notary
Ruby Martinez	Gabriel V. Lucero	Joe Goetsch
Don Pace, Las Vegas Optic	Maricela Hidalgo, Recorder	

Roll Call: Dr. Patrick E. Romero, President, called for a roll call as follows:

Dr. Patrick E. Romero - Present	Philip Leger – Present
Ramon Montaña - Present	Elaine Luna - Present
Phillip Vigil - Absent	

Approval of Agenda: Ramon Montano, moved to approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Patrick Romero, president. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

Oath of Office: Judge Eddie Trujillo presided the oath of office for the newly elected board members Gabriel V. Lucero and Elaine Luna.

Recognition for years of LVCS Board Service to Mr. Philip Leger: Elaine Luna thanked Mr. Leger for sharing his knowledge and skills as well as reminding him that when he walks through the doors he will take with him pride for all his years of service.

Ramon Montano thanked Mr. Leger for his 3 terms of service, plus stated that although sometimes they could disagree at the end all was left on the table and that Mr. Leger was always there for the board and would get the job done.

Dr. Romero mentioned how with the leadership of Mr. Leger there were many improvements in the athletic department and how Mr. Leger enjoyed and was a great supporter of home field advantage.

Ramon Montano presented Mr. Leger with a plaque for his 12 years of dedication and service.

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Philip Leger thanked the Las Vegas City Schools and reminded the audience that it was not an easy position yet it was always an honor to serve. He strived to make the best decisions on behalf of the students, staff and community as well as commented that he had seen many of the improvements not only in the facilities but also in academics. He mentioned some of the top programs of the district such as FFA, BPA, Band, Mariachi, print shop and the recording studio and how he was very proud of all the achievements of the district. He ended by saying he had been fortunate to work for Dr. Compos, Mr. Dominguez, and Mr. Romero as well as giving much credit to all the staff, superintendent and coaches and thanking his family for their support.

Dr. Romero called for a recess at 5:20 P.M. to enjoy refreshments for the newly elected board members and thank you to Mr. Leger while the Mariachi Cardenal played and sang for the audience. Elaine Luna motioned for a recess, seconded by Ramon Montano. Board reconvened from recess at 5:35 P.M.

Public Input: Renee Leger read a letter to Mr. Leger on behalf of his son Philip Leger. Sandra Madrid, principal at Memorial Middle School spoke briefly on the Family Plan at their school site. Ramon Montano made a reminder that schools should request to be put under School presentations and not under Public Input. Bob DeVries, parent at Memorial Middle School endorsed the Family Plan and expressed his concern that this plan may be cut due to budget cuts

Approval of Consent Agenda LeeEtte Quintana, Associate Superintendent, informed the Board that the following items were being presented and recommended for board approval:

A. Minutes

- 1) Regular Board Meeting – January 20, 2009

B. Financial Report

C. Approval of Bills for Payment
- Student Nutrition Report

D. Budget Adjustment Requests –

BAR# 069-000-0809-0037-D: Decrease State Equalization Guarantee
BAR# 069-000-0809-0038-I: Increase Forest Reserve Distribution
BAR# 069-000-0809-0039-IB: Initial Budget Title III Incentives Award

Myrna Garcia, finance director, gave a presentation on the Title I award for Sierra Vista Elementary, Memorial Middle School and Robertson High School. These funds would be used in the areas of supplies and materials, an interventionist, staff development, and professional development. Ms. Garcia also informed the board that bus #48 would be replaced through an independent contractor.

Ramon Montano requested more information for the next study session of the cost and expenditures for the above Title I expenditures.

Ramon Montano moved, to approve the consent agenda, as presented and recommended by LeeEtte Quintana, Associate Superintendent, seconded by Philip Leger. Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS: School presentations and requests for out of state travel and monetary assistance:

1. **Mariachi Cardenal:** Martin Sena, mariachi director, requested out of state travel to take 14 students to attend the Mariachi International Conference in Tucson Arizona on April 21 through April 25, 2009 as well as monetary assistance and transportation.

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2. **Robertson High School MESA:** Donna Ortiz and Martha Pena, sponsors, requested out of state travel to take 6 students to the NASA in Florida on March 25 through 28, 2009 as well as monetary assistance.
3. **21st Century Mariachi Program:** Submitted a letter requesting out of state travel to take students to attend the Mariachi International Conference in Tucson Arizona on April 21st through April 25th, 2009 as well as assistance with transportation.

Board approved out of state travel for Mariachi Cardenal as well as with \$100.00 per student up to ten students, and transportation. Board approved out of state travel for Robertson High School MESA as well as with \$100.00 for each of the six students. Board approved out of state travel for 21st Century Mariachi Program as well as transportation. Myrna Garcia stated that the finance department would donate \$1000.00 to help with these requests.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Comment/Input on the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Ramon Montano requested a site cost analysis to begin preparing for the operating budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010. Mr. Montano also asked what possible changes would this mean for academics.

Sandra Madrid stated that conversations have begun at the different school sites on expenses at their specific site.

Myrna Garcia informed the board that there had been a cut of \$20.00 per value and that the district is in the red thus far.

B. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Service Agreement between the University of New Mexico (Dream Makers) and Las Vegas City Schools:

Presenters Donna Ortiz and April Ortiz informed the board that there was a change in the language of the Service agreement and requested for this item to be tabled until the next board meeting. Students Anissa Gallegos, Marisa Baca, Sara Goetsch and Daniela Montoya spoke about their experience of receiving CPR certification through this program.

C. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Changes to School Calendar 2008-09:

Philip Leger moved, for approval of Changes to the School Calendar 2008-09 as presented and recommended by Lee Ette Quintana, Associate Superintendent, seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Request for Proposal for Professional Design Services:

Ramon Montano requested for the top 4 architect firms to present before the board at the next work session prior to making a decision. Ramon Montano moved, to table the approval of Request for Proposal for Professional Design Services until after an interview with each firm had been reviewed. Dr. Romero called for a roll call as follows:

Philip Leger – No	Ramon Montano - Yes
Elaine Luna – Yes	Dr. Patrick Romero – Yes

E. Discussion and Consideration to Approve 200 Series Policy; First Reading:

Ramon Montano moved to approve the first reading of the 200 Series Policy as presented and recommended by Lee Ette Quintana, Associate Superintendent, seconded by Philip Leger. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Memorandum Of Understanding between Tri-Country Family Justice Center and the Las Vegas City Schools:

Elaine Luna moved to approve the Memorandum Of Understanding between Tri-Country Family Justice Center and the Las Vegas City Schools as presented and recommended by Lee Ette Quintana, Associate Superintendent, seconded by Ramon Montano. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Las Vegas City Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center and United World College:

Ramon Montano moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Las Vegas City Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center and Untied World College as presented by Lee Ette Quintana, Associate Superintendent, seconded by Philip Leger.

H. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between City of Las Vegas and Las Vegas City Schools:

Ramon Montano stated that there were too many questions and moved to table the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Las Vegas and Las Vegas City Schools until the city could come answer some of the boards questions. Seconded by Philip Leger. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Sick Leave Bank Policy; Final Reading:

Ramon Montano moved, for approval of Sick Leave Bank Policy; final reading, as presented and recommended by Lee Ette Quintana, Associate Superintendent. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Brandyn Jordan, Robertson High School student representative, gave a power point presentation on the Close Up trip to Washington during the inauguration of President Obama.

Ramon Montano thanked Brandyn Jordan for his hard work and job well done on the presentation as well as stating that Brandyn is the caliber of students that come from Las Vegas City Schools.

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Ramon Montano commented that he would like to speak on the training received at the conference but there was not a section for Board Reports. Stated that the board meeting agenda needs to be more specific as well as meetings needing to follow protocol and policy and reading the message prior to section on Public Input.

LeeEtte Quintana, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction gave the following reports: (handout given to board)

- To date there is 13 less students from the 80th day district enrollment count.
- Professional development trainings during the month of January 2009: elementary teachers attended the Santa Fe Bilingual Education Director’s Institute- Best Practices for ELL students, NMAPA test training and Test Security trainings.
- Advisory Council currently working on district 2009-10 calendar.
- Testing Schedule: Woodcock-Munoz and MAP are being distributed. DIBELS have been completed and NMELPA will begin in March.
- DIBELS result graph charts were shared with the board.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS: Richard Romero, Superintendent not present.

Report of Personnel Items for the 2008-2009 School Year Lee Ette Quintana, Associate Superintendent reviewed the following Personnel Report / List of Personnel Changes for information purposes:

I. LICENSED

Resignations: None

Retirement: None

Recommendations: None

Transfer(s): None

II. NON-LICENSED

Resignations: None

Retirement: None

Transfer(s): None

Recommendations:

Ronald Lopez - Activity Bus Driver

Pete L. Tapia - Route Bus Driver

III. COACHES:

Recommendations:

Mike Russo - Boy's C-Team Volunteer
Basketball coach at
Robertson High School

Philip Leger - 7th Grade Basketball coach at
Memorial Middle School

Natasha Romero - Volunteer Cheering Coach

Resignations: None

IV. OTHER: None

Future Planning: There will be reorganization of the board at the next board meeting. Ramon Montano reminded the board members to submit a letter of interest for the position they would be seeking. A section for Board Report will be added to the future agendas. There will be a special board meeting for the purpose of the superintendent's evaluation. Letters will be sent out to the top 4 Design Services Architects to schedule an interview as well as letters of non selection to the other firms.

Executive Session: Board did not retire into executive session

Adjournment: Philip Leger moved, to adjourn, seconded by Ramon Montano. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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Dr. Patrick E. Romero, President


Phillip E. Vigil, Secretary

Approved: _____