

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

April 20, 2010

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 20th of April, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.

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

Board Members Present: Ramon Montano
Dr. Patrick E. Romero
Elaine V. Luna
Gabriel V. Lucero

Also Present: Superintendent, Richard Romero
Associate Superintendent, Lee Ette Quintana
Myrna Garcia, Finance Director
Molly Salman, Student Representative

Lydia Flores	Frances L. Martinez	Eddie King
Elaine Baca	Tire J. Vigil	Kevin Balciare
Jane L. Chavez	Gloria M. L. Pacheco	Frank Splendoria
Janet Remenyik	Diane Garcia	Chris Olivas
Brandie Lopez	Michaela Vigil-Lujan	
Don Pace, Las Vegas Optic Reporter		
Maricela Hidalgo, Recorder		

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

Gabriel Lucero – Present
Elaine Luna - Present
Ramon Montano – Present
Dr. Patrick E. Romero - Present
Phillip Vigil – Absent

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Ramon Montano played an audio from KNMX radio station in honor of Mr. Bernie Allingham, sports radio broadcast who recently passed away.
- Bilingual Director, Lydia Flores, recognized Michaela Vigil-Lujan, student, for being the winner of the district Concurso de Deletreo.
- Committee for Better Schools, Frank Splendoria and Janet Remenyik presented for consideration the "Scholastic Bowl" competition.
- Richard Romero presented a plaque to yearbook sponsor, Diane Garcia and student editors, Brandie Lopez and Chris Olivas, for having the 2010 RHS Yearbook inducted into the Walsworth Publishing Company's "Gallery of Excellence" Award.
- Parent, Maricela Hidalgo, discussed concerns over mandatory student dues at Robertson High School.

DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS:

1. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Out of State Travel Request for Tom Conklin: Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Out of State Travel request for Tom Conklin to attend the 2010 U.S. department of Education Reading Institute in Anaheim, CA on July 19-21, 2010, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Gabriel Lucero. Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Discussion and Consideration to Approve Out of the Country Travel Request for Rene Romero, Erica Encinias and Angela Benavidez:

Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Out of the Country Travel Request for Rene Romero, Erica Encinias and Angela Benavidez, to participate in an Immersion Program in Oaxaca, Mexico on June 3-17, 2010, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Gabriel Lucero. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Superintendent, Richard Romero informed the Board that the following items were being presented and recommended for board approval:

A. Minutes

- 1) Work Session Meeting Minutes, February 11, 2010
- 2) Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2010
- 3) Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 16, 2010

B. Financial Report

- Student Nutrition Report
 - Status of A+ Grill
 - Delinquent Student meal payments
- Athletics Revenue / Expenditure Reports
- Bills for Payment / Student Activity
 - Utilities Report: Electric, Natural Gas, Mike “Mateo” Electric
- Monthly Expenditure Report
- BARS:
 - Internal Transfers
 - BAR# 069-000-0910-0048-D: Decrease, 21st Century Community Learning Center, taken from travel, supplies and materials, instructional support and excess benefits in administration.
 - BAR# 069-000-0910-0050-I: Increase, Title II-08-09 Carryover and 09-10 Initial Allocation, Teacher, Principal, Training and Recruitment: to be used for Bilingual Stipends, disability benefits, professional development, supply assets, and teacher travel.
 - SB9 State Match to be used to pay copiers (direct instruction), copiers and fax maintenance, maintenance and repair vehicles.
 - BAR# 069-000-0910-0051-D: Decrease, State Equalization Guarantee taken from salaries and benefits, other professional series, legal PO reduction, contracts interagency, copiers, principals workers comp., librarian vacancy, bond/board election, maintenance other contract services, and rental land and buildings.
 - Federal Stimulus SEG Increase: to be used for Therapist-Contracted, Transportation (Operational), Gasoline, Transportation (13000 Fund) and Food Services A+ Grill salary.
 - Transportation Decrease: (no documentation provided by finance department)

Superintendent Richard Romero is requesting a Student Activity Account report by list of accounts to be included in the month of May.

Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: LeeEtte Quintana, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction gave the following reports:

- District Enrollment total as of April 20, 2010 is 1870.
- Professional Development Trainings for the month of April: International Reading Association conference scheduled for April 25-28, 2010 in which 4 teachers and 2 administrators will attend.

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- Advisory Council report was presented to Board of Education by Tina Tapia and Mary Jean Aragon at the Work Session on April 15th, 2010.
- Testing: Both NMAPA and SBA are complete.
- Parent Teacher Conference Participation Data was reviewed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS: Superintendent, Richard Romero, gave the following reports with handouts:

- Las Vegas City Schools Five-Year Budget Projection:
 - o Operational SEG spread sheet
 - o Federal Stimulus SEG spread sheet
 - o Budget Recommendations for 2010-11 spread sheet
 - o Budget overview Power Point

District budget for 2010-2011 is due on May 15th, 2010.

Superintendent, Richard Romero requested a Special Board Meeting for the purpose of discussing and reviewing budget recommendations for the 2010-2011 school year. Date for meeting would be Thursday, April 29th, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.

Report of Personnel Items for the 2009-2010 School Year: Superintendent, Richard Romero, reviewed the following Personnel Report / List of Personnel Changes for information purposes:

I. LICENSED

Resignations: None

Retirement:

Annette Garcia - Special Services Social Worker

Teresa L. Lucero - 7th grade Language Arts Teacher at Memorial Middle School

Recommendations: None

Transfer(s): None

II. NON-LICENSED

Resignations: None

Retirement: None

Transfer(s): None

Recommendations:

Douglas Pandorf - Bus driver/Activity driver

III. COACHES:

Recommendations:

Benny Ortiz - RHS Girls Track Head Coach

Mike Maldonado - RHS Girls Track Assistant Coach

April Ortiz - RHS Girls Track Assistant Coach

Manny Lucero - MMS Girls Track Head Coach

Stephanie Butts - MMS Girls Track Assistant Coach

Mike Boyle - RHS Boys Track Head Coach

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<i>Fabian Trujillo</i>	-	<i>RHS Boys Track Assistant Coach</i>
<i>Aaron Ochoa</i>	-	<i>RHS Boys Track Assistant Coach</i>
<i>John Maldonado</i>	-	<i>MMS Boys Track Head Coach</i>
<i>Estevan Montano</i>	-	<i>MMS Boys Track Assistant Coach</i>
<i>Shannon Aragon</i>	-	<i>RHS Baseball Head Coach</i>
<i>Mike Salazar</i>	-	<i>RHS Baseball Assistant Coach</i>
<i>Mark Ortega</i>	-	<i>RHS Baseball Assistant Coach</i>
<i>Kenny Sandoval</i>	-	<i>RHS Baseball Volunteer Coach</i>
<i>Ryan Klassen</i>	-	<i>RHS Baseball Volunteer Coach</i>
<i>Chris Najjar</i>	-	<i>RHS Softball Head Coach</i>
<i>Adrian Jaramillo</i>	-	<i>RHS Softball Assistant Coach</i>
<i>Judith Trujillo</i>	-	<i>RHS Softball Assistant Coach</i>
<i>Patrick Garcia</i>	-	<i>RHS Softball Volunteer Coach</i>
<i>Juan Carlos Fulgenzi</i>	-	<i>RHS Boys Tennis Head Coach</i>
<i>Randall Garcia</i>	-	<i>RHS Girls Tennis Head Coach</i>
<i>Gene Gurule</i>	-	<i>Golf Head Coach</i>
<i>Aunna Roanhaus</i>	-	<i>Golf Assistant Coach</i>

Resignations: None

IV. OTHER: None

BOARD REPORT:

- Phillip Vigil was on telephone conference call and expressed his support for Superintendent, Richard Romero and extending his contract.
- Elaine Luna shared with the audience the process of evaluation for the Superintendent which included back up documentation and specific information to support extending Richard Romero’s contract and the district’s need for consistency.
- Dr. Patrick Romero opposed a roll over contract for the Superintendent. He expressed the good job Superintendent Romero has done and asked Mr. Romero if he had sought an evaluation from employees who work directly with him.
- Ramon Montano stated that a year ago Mr. Romero began to look at financial cuts with crucial decision that needed to be made and throughout the decision making had been open to discussion. Mr. Romero’s evaluation was open and fair.
- Discussion and Consideration for Approval of Superintendent Richard Romero’s Evaluation and Contract. Contract will be until June 30, 2012.

Elaine Luna moved for approval of Superintendent Richard Romero’s Evaluation and Contract. Seconded by Gabriel Lucero.

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President, Ramon Montano called for a roll call as follows:

Gabriel Lucero	Yes
Elaine Luna	Yes
Dr. Patrick Romero	No
Phillip Vigil	Yes
Ramon Montano	Yes

- Ramon Montano spoke about the Region III Meeting recently attended by the LVCS Board of Education in Mora School District and expressed the need to thank them for their hospitality.
- Dr. Patrick Romero spoke of representing the district during the award ceremony of the Magna Award Honorable Mention for the RHS FFA organization. Recommended to keep in mind Michell Aragon and the 21st Century Community Learning Center for next year's nomination.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Student Representative, Molly Salman gave the following report:

- Informed the Board of Education of the safe and successful RHS Prom.
- DWI testing was done after the prom to ensure safety for the students.
- Prior to the prom, the RHS National Honor Society sponsored a Prom Closet which was also a success.
- Presentations have been given to the students at RHS such as: the dangers of DWI, visit by Miss New Mexico and a motivational speaker on goal setting.

Ramon Montano exited the room at 7:40 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of Agriculture Education Welding Shop Improvements to existing baffle system and exhaust/ventilation system:

Kevin Balciare gave a presentation to the Board of Education on the current welding system at RHS which has not been put into operation due to the lack of an exhaust system.

Vice President, Gabriel Lucero requested a motion to Approve the Agriculture Education Welding Shop Improvement to the existing baffle system and exhaust/ventilation system.

Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Agriculture Education Welding Shop Improvement to the existing baffle system and exhaust/ventilation system, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the Bid packet for RHS student parking lot paving project:

Kevin Balciare gave a presentation to the Board of Education on the different phases for paving the RHS student parking lot.

Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Bid packet for the RHS student parking lot paving project, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the Bid packet for Mike “Mateo” Sena Elementary handicap accessible bathroom project:

Kevin Balciare gave a presentation to the Board of Education on the improvements including automatic sensors for flushing and hand washing to be installed.

Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Bid packet for Mike “Mateo” Sena Elementary handicap accessible bathroom project, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the Final Revisions to the Facility Master Plan Project and status of PSFA approval:

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Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Final Revisions to the Facility Master Plan Project and status of PSFA approval, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of NEECT: IDEA Memorandum of Understanding:

Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the memorandum of understanding between the North Eastern Early Childhood Transition Team and the Las Vegas City Schools to establish respective regulations, policies and procedures, aligned with IDEA 2004 for the 2010-2011 school year, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the School Calendar for 2010-2011:

Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

Possible changes would be eliminating 3 beginning in-service days for purposes of budget considerations.

7. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of ECC Request for April 29th, 2010 as a Kinder Transition Day:

According to Associate Superintendent for Instruction, Lee Ette Quintana, there is not enough contact hours to have a full Kinder Transition Day and is looking for a different plan for next school year. Item will be tabled at this time.

8. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the State Bilingual Multicultural Education Funding Application for 2010-2011:

Bilingual Director, Lydia Flores gave a brief presentation on the State Bilingual Multicultural Education Funding Application for 2010-2011.

Elaine Luna moved for approval of the State Bilingual Multicultural Education Funding Application for 2010-2011 for all schools in the district, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Dr. Patrick Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of the Title III English Language Acquisition Application for 2010-2011:

Bilingual Director, Lydia Flores gave a brief presentation on the Title III English Language Acquisition Application for 2010-2011.

Dr. Patrick Romero moved for approval of the Title III English Language Acquisition Application for 2010-2011 for all schools in the district, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and Consideration for Approval of Desktop Computers Bid for Student Computer Lab:

Elaine Luna moved for approval of the legal notice of the Desktop Computer Bid for Student Computer Lab, as presented and recommended by Superintendent, Richard Romero. Seconded by Dr. Patrick Romero. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion of the Finance Advisory Committee:

Superintendent, Richard Romero informed the Board of Education that invitation letters had been sent out to local businessmen and would have the initial meetings soon.

12. Discussion of Course Credit Advisory Committee:

Superintendent, Richard Romero informed the Board of Education that invitation letters had been sent out and is seeking parent participation.

13. Discussion of Athletic Advisory Committee:

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Discussion of the Athletic Advisory Committee will be postponed until Ramon Montano is present.

14. Discussion of Review of Athletic Policy in Multi Sports:

Discussion of the Review of Athletic Policy in Multi Sports will be postponed until Ramon Montano is present.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

FUTURE PLANNING:

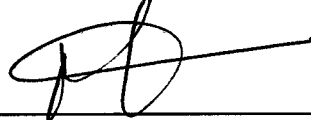
- The NMSBA School Law Conference will be on June 4-5, 2010 in Albuquerque, NM
- Reminders of upcoming NMSBA deadlines will be addressed as they arise.
- Dr. Patrick Romero will be attending a NALEO Conference in Anaheim, CA the last week of April 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Education did not enter into Executive Session at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Patrick Romero moved to adjourn, seconded by Elaine Luna. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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Ramon Montano, President



Dr. Patrick E. Romero, Secretary

Approved: May 18, 2010