

**MINUTES - REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM**

The School Board held an Executive Session on Friday, December 19, 2008, at noon in the district office conference room A for discussion of real property acquisition and disposal pursuant to NMSA 1978 section 10-15-1H(8) on the Trinity Relocation Project. No action was taken at this meeting

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The Los Alamos School Board held a Regular School Board meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Boardroom. President, Steve Girrens called the meeting to order at 6:31P.M.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present	Steve Girrens, President
	Joan Ahlers, Vice President
	Kenneth Johnson, Secretary
	Jody Benson, Board Member
	Alison Beckman, Board Member
	Mary McLeod, Interim Superintendent
	Kate Thomas, Assistant Superintendent
	John Wolfe, Director of Business Services
	Cathy McAnally, Recording Secretary

**4. Recognition by the Board**

The Board recognized Ms. Ahlers and Ms. Benson for receiving the New Mexico School Boards Association's Leadership Achievement Award.

**5a. High School Student Council Report**

There was not a Student Council report.

**Presentation by the Youth Mobilizers**

Josh Dolin, Emi Weeks and Annie Chroninger, known as the Youth Mobilizers, made a presentation to the Board based on their recent survey of teens in Los Alamos. The survey asked questions regarding – where teens are getting their money, where are they spending their money and what are they spending it on. The survey was distributed at middle school and high school with the consent of LAHS Principal Grace Brown and the middle school Assistant Principal Gerry Washburn. Prior to the survey, the group met with Kevin Holsapple from the Chamber of Commerce who advised the group to include purchasing items over the Internet in their survey. The Youth Mobilizers provided the Board with a copy of the survey, as well as, a lengthy report of the results. Some of the survey questions were closed-ended questions but some of the questions were open-ended to identify name brands and specific names of stores where teens shop. Of the 1,356 surveys that were distributed, 899 were completed and returned, which represented a 66% return rate.

The survey results indicated that most teens (32%) get their spending money from their parents, followed by 27% who reported that they have a job. The responses indicated that teens spend their money on food, clothing/accessories/gas, music/entertainment, recreation and other. The main obstacles to spending money in Los Alamos included high prices and convenience. 57% of the teens surveyed stated that they purchase items over the Internet. The teens listed the following information on how much money they spend:

- 72% spend \$1 to \$50 per week on food
- 36% spend \$1 to \$50 per week on clothing/accessories
- 23% spend \$1 to \$50 per week on gas
- 47% spend \$1 to \$50 per week on music/entertainment
- 32% spend \$1 to \$50 per week on technology
- 37% spend \$1 to \$50 per week on recreation

A copy of the survey was also given to the County administration and the students hope that this information will be useful in developing the Trinity Site Development.

The Board thanked the students for their work and their presentation. The group plans to return next month to present information to the Board regarding student dropouts in Los Alamos.

## **5b. Public Comment**

Ellen Mills, President of the Teacher's Union, recently attended a union group meeting to work on the union's legislative stance and requested hold harmless in the platform in the funding formula.

## **6. Routine Business/Consent Agenda Items**

### **6.1 Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Ahlers made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda as amended. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

### **6.2 Approval of Minutes: Special School Board Meeting, December 8, 2008, Regular School Board Meeting December 9, 2008, Special School Board Meeting December 16, 2008, and Special Joint School Board/County Council Meeting December 16, 2008**

Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting December 8, 2008, the Regular School Board Meeting December 9, 2008, Special School Board Meeting December 16, 2008, and the Special Joint School Board/County Council Meeting December 16, 2008, as amended. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

### **6.3 Approval of Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs)**

Mr. Wolfe provided the Board with a list including additional BARs for their consideration. Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to approve the BARs dated January 13, 2009. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

### **6.4 Ratification of the December Cash Disbursements**

Ms. Ahlers made a **MOTION** to ratify the December Cash Disbursements. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

## **7. Presentations and Recommendations of the Superintendent**

### **7.1 Trinity Development Project – Open Discussion**

Ms. Ahlers and Dr. McLeod presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Trinity Development Project, called Trinity Place, a much needed development project for our community that the Los Alamos Public Schools and Los Alamos County have partnered to support.

In the first phase of the project, land trades between the school district and the County will occur. The district will convey Parcel A-8-A via quitclaim deed to the County and the County will convey a portion of Parcel L-1 consisting of approximately 7.3 acres by quitclaim deed to the district.

Then, the district will execute a Master Ground Lease for parcel S-1 (amended) with the County. (S1 is NOW approximately 12.8 acres.) At this point, the district and the County will execute the Airport Basin facilities lease. Dr. McLeod noted that none of the transactions become effective until approval is received from the State Board of Finance.

During “The Initial Term” the district will deposit \$1,500,000 within five days for the demolition of District Parcel S-1 (school buildings only) and will vacate all of parcel S-1, only if the County has entered into a Development Sublease. The district will not vacate the two buildings used for administrative offices until such time as a Development Sublease is executed. The district also takes possession of the leased facilities at Airport Basin and begins to pay the County \$1.00 in annual rent. The County will pay the district \$1.00 in annual rent under the Master Ground Lease.

During “The Development Period” the district, after taking possession of the leased premises at the Airport Basin Facility, will pay the County \$439,340 as annual rent and upon conveyance of Parcel A-8-B from DOE, the district will convey this parcel to the County by quitclaim deed. This is subject to approval by the State Board of Finance. The County will pay the district \$428,053 as annual rent under the Master Ground Lease from funds the County is receiving from Boyer. These funds are deposited with a depository.

During “The Master Ground Lease Term” that begins when the Anchor Tenant opens or at the end of the Development Period (24 months) whichever comes first, the County pays the district \$856,105.69 in annual rent. This is compounded annually and with an increase applied every five years. The District pays the County \$465,711 in annual rent. This is compounded annually and with an increase applied every five years.

Dr. McLeod also reviewed the various sources of income for the district and the restrictions on how that money is spent. She also emphasized that the district’s deal is with the County and not with Boyer or any other developer.

The Trinity Site Development will be the topic at the Board’s work session on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Barranca Mesa Elementary.

## **7.2 First Reading of Policies Bylaw 9341 School Board Meetings**

Ms. Thomas presented Bylaw 9341 with the changes that the Board requested. Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to approved Bylaw 9341 as amended. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

## **7.3 District Quality of Education Survey Questions**

Ms. Thomas presented the questions from last year’s survey and requested that the Board approve the same questions for this year’s survey, Dr. Johnson made a **MOTION** to approve the five questions for quality of education 2009 survey. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

## **8. Information for the Board**

### **8.1 Superintendent Search**

After a discussion, the Board members agreed that the consultant should contact the two incoming board members via phone for a briefing on the Superintendent search.

### **8.2 December Journal Entry Report**

Mr. Wolfe presented the December journal entry report and responded to questions from the Board.

### **8.3 20-Year Facilities Renewal Plan**

Dr. McLeod told the Board that there would be an ad in the local paper tomorrow evening outlining how previous bond money has been spent and how the new bond money will be spent. She also informed the Board that next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the bond committee will be calling parents in the district to remind them to turn in their ballots.

#### **8.4 Agreement with County for use of Aquatic Center**

The current agreement with the County expired in 2004 but has been extended with an escalation clause. The Board directed Mr. Wolfe to renegotiate this agreement.

#### **8.5 Questionnaires for sports at end of each season**

Ms. Thomas told the Board that Vicki Nelms, Athletic and Activities Director, is currently working on this process and this item will be added to a future agenda when Ms. Nelms can attend the meeting. Ms. Brown, LAHS principal, asked the Board several questions regarding this process including the oversight and cost of the survey. The group also discussed including activities in this process.

### **9. Unfinished Business**

#### **10. Board Requested Discussion or Action**

Dr. McLeod requested that two Board members serve on the district's budget committee, which will be developing a variety of scenarios for next year's budget since funding from the state for next year has not yet been determined by the legislature. Dr. Johnson and Ms. Beckman volunteered to serve on the committee. Dates and times for these meetings will be determined at a later date.

The Board scheduled a Special School Board meeting on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in the boardroom to review policies 1000 – 4000.

#### **11. Future Business**

- 11.1 Special School Board Meeting and Work Session, January 22, 2009, Barranca Mesa Elementary Gym at 6 p.m.
- 11.2 Regular School Board Meeting, February 10, 2009, Boardroom at 6:30 p.m.
- 11.3 New Mexico Schools Boards Association's 2009 School Board Member Institute, February 13 and 14, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico

#### **12. Adjournment**

Mr. Girrens adjourned the meeting at 8:11 P.M.

Draft Prepared and Respectfully Submitted  
on Wednesday, January 14, 2009

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Cathy McAnally, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Attested:

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President

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Secretary