

MINUTES - REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM

The School Board held an Executive Session on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. 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, February 10, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. in the Boardroom. President, Steve Girrens called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.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 Los Alamos High School students Lauren Castro, Thomas Kohlrust, Benigno Sandoval, Adam Trujillo, Zakkary Walterscheid and Lindsey Gonzales for being honored by the National Hispanic Recognition Program for their academic accomplishments, including high grade points averages and reading, writing and math scores on the PSAT.

The Board also recognized Los Alamos High School for being named one of nineteen high schools across urban and rural New Mexico named among “America’s Best High Schools” by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The Board recognized Mr. Girrens and Ms. Beckman for the past four years of service on the School Board.

5a. High School Student Council Report

There was not a Student Council report.

The Youth Mobilizers’ presentation on dropouts was postponed until the March meeting.

The adult coordinator for JUNTOS (Joining & Understanding Now, Teens Overcome Separation), a grassroots youth leadership program that is bringing the youth from Los Alamos, Espanola and the Espanola Valley and Pojoaque, introduced three students in the program. The vision of the program is “JUNTOS, a youth-driven initiative to create a new future through unity, by embracing and valuing all people, communities, and cultures.” This is the second year for the program and the students each told the Board about the various activities and how the program has made a difference in his/her life. More information on the program may be found under the JJAB’s, Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, website. The students also provided the Board with a pamphlet containing more information about the program. The Board thanked the students and their sponsor for presenting this information.

5b. Public Comment

A teacher in the district requested that the Board consider a policy that would return leave to former employees when they return to work after a leave of absence or retirement.

6. Routine Business/Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Approval of Agenda

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

6.2 Approval of Minutes: Regular School Board Meeting, January 13, 2009, and the Special School Board Meeting January 22, 2009

Ms. Ahlers made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of January 13, 2009 and the Special School Board Meeting and Work Session of January 22, 2009, as amended. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

6.3 Approval of Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs)

Ms. Ahlers made a **MOTION** to approve the BARs dated February 10, 2009. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

6.4 Ratification of the January Cash Disbursements

Ms. Beckman made a **MOTION** to ratify the January 2009 Cash Disbursements. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

7. Presentations and Recommendations of the Superintendent and Information for the Board

7.1 5-Year Facilities Master Plan

Mr. McLean presented the 5-Year Facilities Master Plan for Board approval as prepared by Mr. Bob Robie with ARC, who has developed the district's past four facilities master plans. This plan is a requirement of the Public Education Department. After thanking Mr. McLean for his work on this plan and for the district, Ms. Ahlers made a **MOTION** to approve the 5-Year Facilities Master Plan for 2008 – 2013. The Board passed the **MOTION** unanimously.

7.2 Preventive Maintenance Report

Mr. Littleton provided a report to the Board on the Preventive Maintenance Plan for the district. He reported a decrease in the number of work orders and the number of calls reporting the lack of heat. The Board thanked Mr. Littleton and his staff for the job they do for the district.

7.3 Superintendent Search

Dr. McLeod told the Board that Mr. Pasquarella, the search consultant for this process, had requested an extension on the recruitment portion of the search to allow more prospective candidates to apply. The Board agreed to make this change in the timeline, which would require that the Board plan a meeting on March 4th to review the applications. Ms. Ahlers requested that both Ms. Beckman and Mr. Girrens continue to be involved in the selection process as non-voting members.

7.4 Trinity Development Project

In the Executive Session prior to this meeting, the Board reviewed the latest documents for this project. Board members stated their disappointment in the recent changes to the documents. Ms. Benson made a **MOTION** to hold a joint School Board and County Council meeting to discuss the Trinity and Airport Basin deals. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

7.5 20-Year Facilities Renewal Plan

Dr. McLeod thanked the district staff for their work on passing the recent bond election and expressed her appreciate to the community for its efforts. She also thanked the Facilities Master Plan committee, which was composed of several staff members, Mr. Girrens, Ms. Ahlers and five community experts, for their groundwork in this effort. Dr. McLeod and Mr. McLean have completed a timeline for the upcoming construction projects. In addition to the current Bond Oversight Committee, an oversight committee including one or more of the community experts will oversee the new bond projects in conjunction with the Superintendent and Mr. McLean.

7.6 Energy Education Program

Mr. Allen Thomas, LAPS Energy Manager, presented a current energy report to the Board. The Energy Education contract will be fulfilled in April since the program has been utilized since August of 2005. Mr. Thomas told the group that during the first six months of the 08/09 school year, the total energy savings is \$134,900 and the three and a half year savings of \$794,320. Mr. Thomas complimented the staff for supporting the program, especially Mr. Littleton's department.

7.7 January Journal Entry Report

Mr. Wolfe reviewed the January Journal Entry report with the Board.

7.8 Second Quarter Expense Report

Mr. Wolfe presented the second Quarter Expense report for the Board's review. He advised the Board that based on legislative budget cuts for the 2008/09 school year, the payment of end of year stipends, the decreases in student enrollment, reduction of the unit value and increased costs to support transportation and food services, the district budget is extremely tight. He also advised the Board that the Budget Committee held its first meeting last week and will continue to meet on a regular basis to build the 2009/10 budget. Dr. McLeod and the district's lobbyist continue to watch House Bill 331, the proposed funding formula, which would affect the budget beginning in the 2010/11 school year.

7.9 First Reading of Policy: Policy 5118 Open Enrollment

Ms. Thomas reviewed changes to the open enrollment policy and after a discussion, Ms. Ahlers made a **MOTION** to approve Policy 5118 Open Enrollment as amended. The **MOTION** passed unanimously.

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Policy Review 1000-4000

The policy review will be added to the February 26th work session agenda, along with a discussion on the usage of Sullivan Field.

9. Board Requested Discussion or Action

The Board reviewed the action item list.

10. Future Business

- 11.1 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
- 11.2 Special School Board Meeting and Work Session, February 26, 2009, Chamisa Elementary at 6 p.m.

The Board scheduled an Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 12th to complete the Superintendent's evaluation.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Girrens adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.

Draft Prepared and Respectfully Submitted
on Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Cathy McAnally, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Attested:

President

Secretary