

**LOVING MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Loving Board Room

December 13, 2011 5:00 PM

Board Members

Armando Chavez
Rey Armendarez
Olga Onsurez
Francisco Chacon
Lynn Ballard

Guests

Serapio Parraz	Will Bennett	LeAnna Lopez
Don Owen	Pearl Onsurez	Bonnie Granado
Jesse Fuentes	Kim Brinkmeyer	Veronica Anaya
Jackie Borst	LaCresa Walker	Alisa Ogden
Ronnie Calderon	Teresa Rodriquez	April Anaya
Jolene Gonzalez	Kendra Santillan	Monique Aragon

Staff

Dr. Kris Baca, Superintendent
Mary Cherryhomes, Business Manager
Diane Walters, Administrative Assistant

Opening

President, Armando Chavez called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President.

Roll Call

The roll was called with Armando Chavez, Olga Onsurez, Lynn Ballard and Francisco Chacon present. Rey Armendarez was absent.

Agenda

The motion was made by Lynn Ballard and seconded by Olga Onsurez to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Business/Finance

The motion was made by Francisco Chacon and seconded by Lynn Ballard to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Expenses, Revenues, Check List, Investments, Activity Accounts and BAR's as presented by Mary Cherryhomes. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

The motion was made by Lynn Ballard and seconded by Francisco Chacon to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

Programs/Reports/Correspondence

- A. Ben Lujan Maintenance Achievement Award Presentations: The President presented Serapio Parraz, Maintenance Director and Don Owen, Clerk of the Works, the Ben Lujan Maintenance Achievement award. This award is based on skills and commitment to facility maintenance operations at the district level.

- B.** Transportation Report, Jackie Borst, Transportation Director: Ms. Borst updated the board on transportation activities trips. The district loaned Jal our lift bus in return for one of their regular buses until their lift bus is repaired which should be soon. Jackie Borst informed the Board of the proposed move of a bus stop for safety reasons from Brantley and Grandi to Carrasco and Grandi.
- C.** Board Travel: The New Mexico School Boards Association Board Member Institute will be held in Santa Fe from January 27-28, 2012.
- D.** Board Policy Discussion: The Board compared Public Participation at Board Meetings policies from several other districts with Loving Schools' current policy. The consensus of the board that our current policy is adequate.
- E.** New Hires: Suzanne Garza has been hired as district test coordinator and Dean of Students to replace Dr. Martha Carpenter who retired. Annie Hanway has been hired as 21st Century Director to replace Suzanne Garza. Angie Derrick replaced Olga Rodriquez as a cook in the cafeteria.
- F.** Education Reform: Secretary Skandera came to Loving on December 5, 2011 and spoke on education reform. There are three parts to this reform, the first is school grading, with details being worked out; the second reform is no social promotion in 3rd grade if students are not reading at grade level; and the third reform is staff evaluation calling for more alignment within the state on evaluations for teachers and administrators.
- G.** Graduation Speaker: The Superintendent asked the Board to start making recommendations for a graduation speaker so she can check on their availabililty.
- H.** Superintendent's Report
 1. Teacher absences for the month of November have shown a decrease from previous months. Professional development days totaled 52 days for the month by all staff. Most of the professional development is staff working on curriculum with other districts in Artesia.
 2. Student enrollment was compared from the 80th day from 2010 to 2011. The district has had a decrease of 19 students from last year.
 3. Board reports from all Administrators have been provided to the Board. There is a staff in-service on January 3, 2012 and the students will return to school on January 4, 2011.
 4. A letter from the Office of Civil Rights showed that an issue of non-compliance in testing accommodations has been closed as of Nov. 16, 2011 due to the district's diligence in correcting the problem.
 5. Schedules for the second semester at the secondary schools are almost complete.

Action Item

- A.** The motion was made by Francisco Chacon and seconded by Lynn Ballard to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve changing the date of Loving High School's graduation from May 18, 2012 to Saturday, May 19, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** The motion was made by Olga Onsurez and seconded by Lynn Ballard to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to table the first reading of the District Transportation Policies and Procedures until the cover letter is revised to specify the conditions that allow a non-regular bus student to ride the bus. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. The motion was made by Lynn Ballard and seconded by Olga Onsurez to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the State Transportation Department Hazardous Walking Approval Form. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. The motion was made by Lynn Ballard and seconded by Olga Onsurez to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the 2011-2012 Facilities Master Plan Assistance Award in the amount up to \$\$6,859.00. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. The motion was made by Lynn Ballard and seconded by Francisco Chacon to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the continuation of the Clerk of the Works contract. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. The motion was made by Lynn Ballard and seconded by Olga Onsurez to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the contract for a part time social worker. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. The motion was made by Lynn Ballard and seconded by Francisco Chacon to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the out of state travel for board members to attend the National School Board Association Annual Conference in Boston, Massachusetts from April 21-23, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The motion was made by Lynn Ballard and seconded by Francisco Chacon to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 7:02 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President

Board Vice-President

Board Secretary

Board Member

Board Member