

**GRANTS CIBOLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Guy Archambeau, Member  
Emily Hunt-Dailey, Member  
T. Walter Jaramillo, Vice President  
Francie Lee, President  
Ron Ortiz, Secretary

**Absent:**

None

Lane Widner, Superintendent  
Lorraine Sandoval, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Ron Triplehorn, Lisa Salazar, Steve Maldonado, Delton Martin, Jennifer Griego, Jacqueline Jones, Stevy Elkins, Gary Miller, Lacy Jaramillo, Reyes Jaramillo, Carter Jaramillo, Jackie Sanchez, Beatrice Sprunk, Tina Jaramillo, Romalita Jaramillo, Shandara Mandragon, Toby Jaramillo, Mindy Thayer, Yvette Martinez, Lucinda Tafoya, Johnny Valdez, Tracy Valdez, Amanda Valdez, Sheyanne Carwile, Harry Lee, Jessica Vigil, Vanessa Marquez, Arthur Melendez, Eric Harrigan

Installation of New Board Members: Oath of Office

Guy Archambeau

Francie Lee

T. Walter Jaramillo

Judge Johnny Valdez swore in the two newly elected school board members Francie Lee, T. Walter Jaramillo and he also swore in the reelected school board member Dr. Guy Archambeau

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Guy Archambeau called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There were several changes to the agenda. Superintendent asked to have letter B. removed from VII Actions Items. Francie Lee stated Mr. President, I move to remove Section VI, Item B and my bases is-- Based on paying an attorney an hourly rate, I believe section VI, item B is cumulative and a waste of resources and ask that it be removed from the agenda. We are elected officials, have had many hours of mandatory training, have already attended two conferences, as well as having many other resources and experiences to draw from and

DO NOT believe an attorney is needed to direct our behaviors. The Board attorney acts on our behest, not the other way around.

Mr. President I move to remove portions--or subject matters—as listed for discussion in the Executive Session. Namely the section in item IX Executive Session which states, in part, “setting expectation from new Board Members, and Superintendent-Board relations and receive report on charter school application pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act and best practices for setting expectations for new Board Members and to conduct evaluation of Superintendent at follow on meetings; permissible communications between Board Members and between Board Members and the Administration and/or employees consistent with the Open Meetings Act and Board authorities and regarding Superintendent-Board relations along with section IX item 1. These subject matters need to be removed from the Agenda until we get an opinion from the Attorney General on the appropriateness of placing these items in Executive session. Many of these items are cumulative and should not be discussed behind closed doors, and others are completely irrelevant and inappropriate to our business as an elected School Board. I am sure the Board is aware that any violation of the OMA can result in a misdemeanor conviction and up to a \$500 fine to the individual, not the organization. These items do not seem to fall in line with OMA exceptions. Should the President feel strongly that setting expectations, communication, etc. are items that are worthy of repeat, I ask why are we not discussing Board expectations responsibilities, best practices, Board and Superintendent relations and possible communications during our Proposed Board training scheduled January 26 as listed under Section X Item A in the agenda? as pending or threatened litigation pursuant to section 1015, one eight seven of the community’s act, and under the act, training client privilege in anticipation of and to prevent future litigation. No action will be taken. Only the items listed will be discussed.

Roll call vote: Guy Archambeau Aye, Emily Hunt-Dailey Nay, T. Walter Jaramillo Aye, Francie Lee Aye, Ron Ortiz Aye  
Motion passed.

### **III. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

There were no citizens to address the Board.

### **IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The board moved on to the election of Board Officers. President Archambeau asked for nomination for President. T. Walter Jaramillo nominated Francie Lee as President, Emily Hunt-Dailey nominated Guy Archambeau to remain as President. The vote from Francie Lee was 3 Aye. Francie Lee was congratulated Francie Lee. Francie Lee took the position of President and asked if there were any nominations for Vice President. France Lee nominated T. Walter Jaramillo as Vice President. There was no other nomination so T. Walter became the Vice President. Ron Ortiz was nominated for Secretary and no other nominations were made for Secretary and Ron became the Secretary of the Board

1. President: Francie Lee
2. Vice President: T. Walter Jaramillo
3. 3. Secretary: Ron Ortiz



## **V BOARD COMMITTEES**

1. Responsibilities; So now we are on to the board committee, and the number one is responsibilities. board committee members. The audit committee is. And we can find the language for that, but in essence, the audit committee is selected annually in order to participate. Have the board participate in the annual audits of the district, and that is a requirement. Typically, we'll have two board members who will be a part of that audit committee. There may be other members of the committee that would include staff or community members. So in this instance, though, we're only considering our board participants in that. The first committee, which is the audit committee, and the audit, it's complex unto itself. The other committees

2. Selection of Board Committee Members

A. Audit Committee – Emily Hunt- Dailey, Guy Archambeau (Interim)

B. Budget Committee – Francie Lee and T. Walter Jaramillo

C. Finance Committee – Francie Lee and T. Walter Jaramillo

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. School Site Presentation; Mt. Taylor Elementary School Principal & Staff Mt. Taylor's presentation by school principal Amanda Valdez, Assistant Principal Vanesa Marquez, Mindy Thayer, Jessica Vigil, Yvette Martinez, Lacy Jaramillo, Lucinda Tafoya presenting about the progress and initiatives at their school. Our school board presentation with how we're doing and what we're doing. Glimpse into our school year. So with keeping in mind we are taking care of students every single day as we come into Mount Taylor. We want every single day from last school year, five school years ago, driving my kids to school. And we're every single day making good decisions, saying our morning message to our girls. And that's how I want any one of our other kids at our building to feel safe, happy, healthy, smart and strong. And recently we've been doing professional developments along those same lines and researching and showing our staff tidbits in our emails. So we found, so assume that school staff care about them, their attendance and individual wellbeing. We want for them to feel welcomed in our school. And we've done a lot to show that we care. We want for them to stay away from substance abuse, violence, emotional distress and suicidal. We want them to eat healthy physical activity and we want them to care about their academics increases and that decreases. We also use technology to communicate with parents. So school feel good about updating parents on Facebook, whether it's notifications or pictures of things that have been happening at the school. They also send text messages, robo calls as reminders. One thing that teachers use a lot of it's real popular is class dojo. That's one way we communicate with parents. Again, we often take pictures in our classroom, take pictures of newsletters, send it out that way. I think we have some teachers that also use their mind app. So that's how we communicate with our families. Another thing we have really focused on is our community and relationships. We have our PTO. We had the meet the teacher day open house. A real big hit this year was our grandparent's day.

Mrs. Valdez presented the data they have a few different points of data. We look at our synergy assessments, which we take at the end of every quarter, which according to our DLP students focus on standards each quarter. So the synergy assessments assess how they did learning those standards, and that's k through 6th grade. At our campus, everybody takes a reading and a math synergy assessment at the end of the quarter. We

also this year just got back star reading and math, which we have many teachers so happy about because it does give great data. All the way through 6th grade.

**B. ~~Basic Board Responsibilities; Andy Sanchez.~~**

C. Legislative Program and Roundhouse Legislator Visit (Feb. 1, 2024) Mr. Widner informed the board about the New Mexico School Board Conference that will be held on Feb 1-3, 2024. He also asked them to get with Lorraine Sandoval to make accommodation for them.

D. Resolutions and application to issue 2024 General Obligation Bonds; Eric Herrigan, Arthur Melendez Eric explained the history of assessed valuation, the history of tax rates, current outstanding debt, plan of finance, election timing, On November 7, 2023 \$20,000,000 of GO Bonds approved by voters. \$10,000,000 to be issued in 2024 \$5,000,000 to be issued in 2026 \$5,000,000 to be issued in 2027. Next bond election planned for November 2031 for up to \$10,000,000. ETN Issued in 2023 for \$1,000,000 through NMFA. Most recent SB-9 Election was held in November 2021. Next Election in November 2025.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consider for approval Resolutions and application to issue 2024 General Obligation Bonds.

President Francie Lee asked for a motion. A motion was made by Ron Ortiz, seconded by Dr. Guy Archambeau to approve the Resolutions and application to issue 2024 General Obligation Bonds

Roll Call Vote: Guy Archambeau Aye, Emily Hunt-Dailey Aye, T. Walter Jaramillo Aye, Francie Lee Aye, Ron Ortiz Aye Motion passed.

**B. ~~Consideration of approval of 3-Year Agreement Cyber Security Agreement~~**

C. Consideration to approve of a donation to Laguna-Acoma High School Athletics from (LDC) Laguna Development Corporation

President Francie Lee asked for a motion. A motion was made by Emily Hunt-Dailey, seconded by Dr. Guy Archambeau to approve of a donation to Laguna-Acoma High School Athletics from (LDC) Laguna Development Corporation

Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Guy Archambeau Aye, Emily Hunt-Dailey Aye, T. Walter Jaramillo Aye, Francie Lee Aye, Ron Ortiz Aye Motion passed.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Bills and Expenditures Report for December 2023

President Francie Lee asked for a motion. A motion was made by Emily Hunt-Dailey, seconded by Dr. Guy Archambeau to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. Guy Archambeau Aye, Emily Hunt-Dailey Aye, T. Walter Jaramillo Aye, Francie Lee Aye, Ron Ortiz Aye Motion passed.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Limited Personnel Matters to review and discuss with the Superintendent, the Superintendents' evaluation instrument and ongoing process, provide feedback on superintendent's performance, setting expectation from new Board Members, and



Superintendent-Board relations and receive report on charter school application pursuant Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Discussion with the School District's Attorney regarding Superintendent evaluation, feedback, best practices for setting expectations for new Board Members and to conduct evaluation of Superintendent at Members and the Administration and/or employees consistent with the Open Meetings Act and Board authorities and regarding Superintendent-Board relations, as Pending or Threatened Litigation pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act and under the Attorney-Client Privilege in anticipation of and to prevent future litigation. No action will be taken and only the items listed will be discussed.

1. ~~Orientation to Process and timeline for Superintendent Evaluation (Andy Sanchez)~~

**XI.**

President Francie Lee recommended the board go into Executive Session to discuss the above

President Francie Lee asked for a motion to go into closed session. A motion was made by Dr. Guy Archambeau, seconded by T. Walter Jaramillo, to go into Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: Dr. Guy Archambeau Aye, Emily Hunt-Dailey Aye, T. Walter Jaramillo Aye, Francie Lee Aye, Ron Ortiz Aye Motion passed.

The time was 8:06 P.M.

The boards came out of closed session at 9:10 P.M.

President Francie Lee asked for a motion. A motion was made by T. Walter Jaramillo, seconded by Ron Ortiz, to reconvene the open meeting session.

President Francie Lee stated that the only items discussed were the above mentioned items as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(8) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll call vote: Dr. Guy Archambeau Aye, Emily Hunt-Dailey Aye, T. Walter Jaramillo Aye, Francie Lee Aye, Ron Ortiz Aye Motion passed

**XII. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS; AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. January 26, 2024 (Proposed) Special Board Meeting Training
- B. January 30, 2024 Special Board Meeting (Executive Session: Superintendent Evaluation) (Proposed)
- C. February 6, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Executive Session: Superintendent Evaluation) D. Feb 1 -Feb 3 20242024 NMSBA Board Institute Santa Fe

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

President Francie Lee recommended that the meeting be adjourned.

President Francie Lee asked for a motion to adjourn A motion was made by Dr. Guy Archambeau seconded by T. Walter Jaramillo, as presented

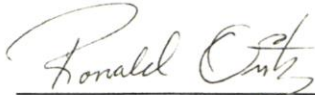
Roll Call Vote: Dr. Guy Archambeau Aye, T. Walter Jaramillo Aye, Francie Lee Aye, Ron Ortiz Aye Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM  
Grants Cibola County School Board

Attested this day of January 30, 2024



Francie Lee, President



Ron Ortiz, Secretary

