

## **2021-2022 Board Committees**

### **Audit Committee:**

The audit committee shall evaluate the request for annual financial audit services, recommend the selection of financial auditors, attend the entrance, and exit conferences for annual and special audits, must meet with the external financial auditors at least monthly; after audit field work begins until the conclusion of the audit. Must be accessible to the external financial auditors as requested to facilitate communication with the board and the superintendent, track and report progress on the status of the most recent audit findings, advise the board on policy changes needed to address audit findings, provide other advice and assistance as requested by the board, and be subject to the same requirements regarding the confidentiality of audit information as those imposed upon the board by the Audit Act NMSA1978 Section 12-6-1/12-6-14 and rules of the state auditor.

The board shall appoint one member of the board to serve on the audit committee in addition to the elected committee chair. The board shall also appoint additional audit committee members to consist of one volunteer member who is a parent of a student attending the district, and one volunteer member who has experience in accounting or financial matters.

The Superintendent and chief financial officers shall serve as ex officio members of the audit committee.

### **Bond Committee:**

A group of district staff, teachers, administrators, and community members that review bond project submissions. The bond committee goes through the projects that each of the schools have submitted for request and develops a package to submit to the Board of Education for approval.

### **Community Schools Committee:**

Las Cruces District Public schools approved a resolution to allocate county resources to support the creation, development, and evolution of community schools in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The resolution creates a school family council, funds full-service community schools' coordinators at each community school, and ensures that the school district will complete comprehensive needs assessments to improve essential functions of the strategy.

Community Schools Board: Each party shall appoint three members according to each parties' own rules. The term of each party board member shall be determined by the party making that appointment. Each party shall be entitled to appoint or re-appoint or remove during a party board members term. Any party removing a party board member shall immediately notify the other board members of the name of the new party board member. Each party subject for an approval may assign its employees to serve as support staff for the board upon approval of at least two-party board members of each of the parties. Up to six additional board members may be added to the board as follows: two additional board members from NEA-LC, up to two additional board members from NMSU, and up to two additional board members to represent all nonprofit entities from the nonprofit sector. Additional board members shall have the same rights and powers as party board members except, if otherwise, limited in the agreement upon a majority vote by the board members and may be appointed to serve on the board in a non-voting capacity. Additional board members and non-board members appointed under paragraph 10c & 10d, may be removed by a majority vote of the party board members appointed under paragraph 10a. Only the party board members may vote to remove additional board members and non-voting board members. Party board members may only be removed by the party who appointed that member, according to the party's own rules. The board meetings shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act section 10-15-1/10-15-4 of the NMSA 1978. A quorum of the board shall consist of a civil majority of the then current voting board members.

### **DACC Advisory Board Committee:**

As a branch of New Mexico State University, the community college is governed by the Board of Regents of the university through an operating agreement between the university and the three school districts in Dona Ana County, including Gadsden, Hatch, and Las Cruces. The DACC advisory board comprised of representatives of the three school boards: approve the budget, initiates the Mill Levy/Bond issue elections, and advises the college on program needs.

Typically, the board meets at least four times a year, twice each fall and spring semester, and annually with the NMSU Board of Regents.

### **Equity Council Committee:**

The equity council made up of community members, school personnel, students and parents. The ultimate goal of the council is to make recommendations to the school

administration and school board on how we can best move forward with enhancing the education of the students outlined in the Yazzi/Martinez case.

There will be regular one-on-one meetings with equity council members, check-ins with LCPS staff including Superintendent Ralph Ramos, delegation of work to equity council members, trainings & facilitation of equity council meetings, meetings with other stakeholders, elected leaders, LCPS staff and/or faculty as needed. There will also be quarterly progress reports (both written and verbal). Organizing broader community events and activities, identifying other solutions at the city & county level to support these goals, press events and interviews as needed and approved by LCPS. The progress of the Equity Council will be measured through the following metrics:

- Equity Council follows and accomplishes the metrics set out by NM PED in a timely manner.
- Equity Council builds community support and engagement that represents students and families from a multitude of backgrounds and experiences and that reflects the district population.
- Students that fall in the categories named in Martinez and Yazzie cases and African American students will have additional tools, policies and other resources that will be more responsive to their needs, equitable and allows for more students to thrive and grow.

### **Finance Committee:**

The Finance Committee shall be a committee of the whole board and consist only of board members. In the absents of a quorum, the finance sub-committee may proceed with preforming its committee work as making recommendations to the board and serving as an external monitoring committee. All board members shall be voting members, there shall be no proxy voting at sub-committee meetings. The sub-committee agenda shall have a standing item that permits questions and input from the following: NEA-LC, CSEC-LC, and Equity Council. The sub-committee agenda shall include presentations and or reports from the finance department, including as appropriate from the chief financial officer, director of purchasing and controller. The sub-committee agenda may include public comment at the discretion of the committee chair and the superintendent, and or designee.

Any public comment if not included in the agenda shall be in accordance with policy BEDH, and the finance sub-committee shall make recommendations to the board in the following areas: financial planning (including reviews of the districts revenue and expenditure projections), review of financial statements and periodic monitoring of revenues and expenses, the annual budget preparation, oversight and procurement.

The finance sub-committee may serve as an external monitoring committee on budget and other financial matters.

**LCPS Foundation Committee:**

The Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation that exists for the sole purpose of attracting and managing private gift and project funds to enhance and enrich the educational experiences of the students of the Las Cruces Public Schools. The mission of the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation is to serve as a private partner with the district to provide both public and private funds to the students and staff in the Las Cruces Public School District to support and enhance the educational experiences of students, promote innovation in the classroom, increase community involvement in education and pursue and recognize excellence in teaching and learning.

**New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA) Committee:**

The NMSBA board of directors provide leadership and oversight for the association. Members of the board of directors include the executive board, which are the five state officers, three officers from each of the eight NMSBA region, eight large district representatives from districts with a student's enrollment exceeding 10,000, and all past association presidents who are currently on their local board of education.

(No volunteers needed)

**Re-districting Committee:**

The re-districting committee allocates students appropriately to the capacity of the schools.