

**LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1**

**2200 Havasupai Blvd.**

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

**Governing Board Minutes**

January 7, 2020

**ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION:**

1. Routine Opening of Meeting - Call to Order

The special session of the Governing Board of Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 was called to order by Governing Board President, Kathy Cox, in the District Office Boardroom, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona at 4:00 p.m., on January 7, 2020.

1.1 Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection

1.2 ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Cox, President  
Lisa Roman, Vice President  
Nichole Cohen, Member  
John Masden, Member  
Archana Aliyar, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Diana Asseier, Superintendent  
Michael Murray, Director of Business Services  
Aggie Wolter, Director of Special Services  
Brad Gardner, Director of Educational Services  
Jaime Festa-Daigle, Director of Personnel/Technology  
Andrea Helart, Principal, Jamaica Elementary School  
Terry Fleming, Secretary

Others: 5

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Accept Agenda for this Session

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mrs. Roman, to approve Agenda as presented.

3. Action Items

3.1 Election of Governing Board President and Vice President

Mrs. Cox opened the floor for nominations for Governing Board President. Mrs. Aliyar nominated Mrs. Roman for Governing Board President. Mrs. Cox seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

ROLL CALL VOTE for Mrs. Roman as Governing Board President; Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Masden: NO, Cohen: NO, Cox: YES. Mrs. Roman will be the 2020 Governing Board President.

Mrs. Cox opened the floor for nominations for Governing Board Vice President. Mrs. Aliyar nominated Mrs. Cox for Governing Board Vice President. Mrs. Roman seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

ROLL CALL VOTE for Mrs. Cox as Governing Board Vice President; Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Masden: NO, Cohen: NO, Cox: YES. Mrs. Cox will be the 2020 Governing Board Vice President.

3.2 Swearing in of New Governing Board Officers

Mrs. Asseier gave the elected Governing Board President, Mrs. Lisa Roman, and Vice President, Mrs. Kathy Cox, the Oath of Office.

- 3.3 Mrs. Cox passed the gavel to President Roman. Mrs. Roman thanked Mrs. Cox for her year as President and thanked the other board members for their years of service on the board.
- 3.4 Board President Mrs. Roman officially declared the Governing Board Seated and Organized for the 2020 year.
- 3.5 Approval of Designated Day of Each Month for Regular Governing Board Meetings

Mrs. Roman recommended that the Board approve the third (3rd) Tuesday of each calendar month is designated as the regular Board meeting date as per Lake Havasu Unified School District #1 Policy BE – School Board Meetings. To comply with ARS 38-431.02.A2, a Disclosure Statement will be mailed to the Mohave County Board of Supervisors and, if changes in meeting date are made, the Arizona Secretary of State.

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Aliyar, that the Board approve the item as submitted.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Masden: YES, Aliyar: YES, Cox: YES, Roman: YES

- 3.6 Approval of Student Discipline Hearing Officers for 2020

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Governing Board approve Mrs. Becky Goldberg as Hearing Officer for 2020 funded from Medicaid. Mrs. Nancy Iannone-former Board member, will preside if Mrs. Goldberg is unavailable. Mr. Brad Gardner-Director of Educational Services, will preside if Mrs. Goldberg and Mrs. Iannone are unavailable. It is further recommended that the Governing Board, per district policy, continue to meet in Executive Session to hear all Expulsion hearings referred or requested by Administration.

Per Board Policy JKE the board can appoint a hearing officer to oversee discipline suspension hearings. Due to the number of discipline hearings, a hearing officer is needed. Position will be reviewed annually.

Per Job Description for Hearing Officer approved December 12, 2006; II. B. A Hearing Officer will be approved by the Governing Board at the first regular meeting in January of each year.

A Special Services representative will continue to attend any discipline hearing for a Special Education students.

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Aliyar, that the Board approve item 3.6 as presented.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Masden: YES, Aliyar: YES, Cox: YES, Roman: YES

- 3.7 Approval of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for General Contracting Services – Bond Funded Athletic Field and Office Security Construction

Mr. Murray recommended the Governing Board determine that competitive sealed bidding is not advantageous to the district for general contracting services for Phase II of bond funded athletic field projects and front office security construction/enhancements at both Lake Havasu High School and Thunderbolt Middle School. Instead, it is recommended the business office issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R).

Lake Havasu Unified School District #1 voters approved the issuance of bonds in November 2016. The voter pamphlet identified constructing, remodeling, and/or renovating facilities as approved uses of bond funds.

Emc2 was procured to complete the engineering/design of the athletic fields and office security construction/enhancements at both Lake Havasu High School and Thunderbolt Middle School. Due to the size and scope of the projects, competitive sealed bidding limits the selection of a contractor to their submitted price and does not account for contractor experience, time for completion, references, and other criteria that the district feels to be important in the overall success of the project.

A school district can use an alternative project delivery methods, such as Construction Manager at Risk, if it determines in writing that such method is advantageous to the district. The following factors may be used for such determination:

- 1) Cost and cost controls;
- 2) Ability to conduct oral or written discussions with offerors concerning technical and price aspects of their proposals;
- 3) Market conditions;
- 4) Schedule;
- 5) Required specialized expertise; and
- 6) Technical complexity of the project.

This item has been reviewed by purchasing.

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, that the Board approve item 3.7 as presented. Mr. Murray stated that with this RFQ the District can focus on the safety and security of our schools.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Masden: YES, Aliyar: YES, Cox: YES, Roman: YES

#### 5. Adjournment

Mrs. Roman shared that Mr. Craig Bolton, teacher at Lake Havasu High School and previously Thunderbolt Middle School, passed away over winter break. Our condolences to his family.

Next board meeting will be January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cohen requested information on how and what our schools teach about Martin Luther King Day. Mrs. Asseier will gather information and share with the board.

Following a motion by Mr. Masden, seconded by Mrs. Roman, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Masden: YES, Aliyar: YES, Cox: YES, Roman: YES

Video of the entire meeting may be seen on the District website [[www.lhusd.org](http://www.lhusd.org)] under Governing Board.

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Minutes of the Organizational Governing Board meeting of January 7, 2020, are approved as submitted.

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Lisa Roman, Board President

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Kathy Cox, Board Vice President