1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The Board of Education met for a special meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at the Education Center, 1401 North Handy Street.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM
Board members present: Deligianni, Ledesma, Moffat, Ortega, Surridge, Wayland
Board members absent: Trustee Area 1 seat vacant

3. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION
Board President Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Ortega invited the audience to join together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Motion No. 24
It was moved by Mr. Wayland, seconded by Mr. Surridge, and carried by a vote of 6-0 to adopt the September 15th agenda.

6. AGENDA ITEM

Item 7.A. Trustee Vacancy Appointment – Eligible Candidates and Selection Process
On August 13, the Board took action to approve a process and timeline for making a provisional appointment to fill the vacant trustee seat for Area 1. In keeping with the approved timeline, staff placed an advertisement announcing the vacancy and soliciting candidate applications and/or nominations. The application/nomination period was advertised to open August 14, 2015 and close on August 28, 2015. Fifteen candidate applications/nominations were submitted to the Superintendent's office by 4:00 pm on the closing date.

The candidates were provided with the Candidate Information Sheet and Certification of Eligibility (attached). The documents were to be completed and returned by September 4, 2015 at 4:00 pm. The following candidates returned the forms and are eligible for the appointment:

1. Barbara Christiano
2. Andrew Fisher
3. Roberto Flores de Apodaca
4. Christopher Nguyen
To ensure that a provisional appointment is made by September 29, 2015, the Board needs to decide on the process they will use to select the new trustee. A possible process is to:

- Paper screen
- Develop interview questions
- Share the list of questions with Candidates
- Randomly select the order for interviews
- Allow three minutes for Candidate introductions
- Have all questions asked by the same person/moderator
- Allow for a follow-up/clarifying questions by Trustees after all questions are asked

The fiscal impact is up to $500,000 if a trustee is not appointed by the deadline.

**Speakers**

Kris Erickson stated she wanted to impress upon the Board the tremendous decision they have to make to fill the trustee seat and that it is important to choose someone who is truly interested in meeting the student and community needs.

**Board Discussion**

Mr. Ortega opened the item for discussion.

Mr. Christensen clarified that the Board is not required to follow any particular process per the Education Code, other than the fact that the candidate needs to be identified by September 29.

Mrs. Moffat thought the seven bullet points as noted above are good except for paper screening. Going along with the concept of transparency, the bullet points should be followed and include all nine candidates, but not paper screening.

Dr. Deligianni stated she is in favor of the entire process including paper screening.

Mr. Wayland stated he is in favor of the process and agrees with paper screening.

Mr. Ledesma stated that is in favor of paper screening and the paramount question will be regarding support for a bond. He suggested interviewing three, four, or five candidates at the most.

Mr. Surridge agrees that there should be paper screening. Mr. Surridge strongly encouraged candidates to reach out to Board members to learn from them, to gain comfort working with them.
Mrs. Moffat commented that transparency demands that all nine people be seen and heard by the entire community.

Dr. Deligianni stated that she strongly disagrees with using one issue as a “litmus” test for choosing a Board member adding that it is not right to choose someone who will go with the majority; what about those who voted against the bond; they, too, deserve representation.

Mr. Surridge agreed with Dr. Deligianni.

Mr. Ortega stated that based on the majority of the Board’s comments, there will be paper screening. Mr. Ortega called for a motion to do paper screening. He asked that the Board submit their top candidate, who will be allowed to speak for three minutes, with a vote to follow, to the Superintendent’s Office.

**Motion No. 25**

It was moved by Mr. Surridge and seconded by Mr. Wayland to paper screen the candidates; allow each such candidate three minutes for introduction/presentation; and that the Board vote to select the candidate for the open seat.

**Amended Motion**

It was moved by Mrs. Moffat to amend the motion to eliminate the paper screening process and allow board members to ask additional questions. No second was made. The amended motion failed.

**Amended Motion**

Mrs. Moffat moved to amend the motion on the floor to allow Board members the ability to submit additional questions ahead of time to add to the list of questions that has been developed by staff. No second was made. The amended motion failed.

**Board Discussion**

Mrs. Moffat emphasized that there is a need for transparency – this is an election. There is a need to have the interested candidates’ views and opinion made a matter of public record. She believes that the Board needs to have the ability to interview the candidates.

**Motion No. 25** carried by a vote of 5-1 (No: Moffat).

Mr. Ortega proposed dates for a special meeting to select a candidate for the open seat. The Board agreed to meet on September 21st at 6:30 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mark Wayland
Clerk of the Board