

On July 16th, 2014, the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education voted 4-3 to go into Executive Session to discuss Mr. Brooks performance improvement plan. During the discussion, a serious item of concern to Board members was raised and discussed which a confidential personnel matter is.

On July 18th, 2014, the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education voted 3-2 NOT to go into Executive Session. I felt we had a duty to get to the bottom of the matter in the best interest of the school district. I made the decision as Board President to contract with Agnes Padilla, a very reputable outside attorney. I did so only after conferring with the Board's legal counsel to address the concerns raised during our executive session. Prior to doing so, I called each Board member and advised them of the course of the action I was taking. The same statement was read to each Board member.

Each Board member was contacted by 10:30 a.m. the same morning and consented to this course of action. Given that this is a personnel matter concerning Mr. Brooks, it was reasonable to pursue this course of action with consent of each Board member. I then met with Mr. Brooks the same morning and read the exact same statement I had given to Board members. He asked for a copy and I sent it to him. I assured him he could be interviewed by the attorney about the areas of concern.

A report was prepared by our attorney and delivered to me late yesterday afternoon which I wanted to share with Board members immediately. Last night, the Board voted 3-3 on a motion to go into Executive Session which would have allowed us to review it even without Board member Quezada being present. As the meeting closed, I mentioned I would meet with any Board member after the meeting. Board Vice President Duran and Board member Esquivel chose to meet with me to review it. Board member Quezada was working, but has indicated he will review it as soon as he can. The other Board members are free to review it with me as well.

We have scheduled a special meeting on Monday which will include an executive session to discuss the matter with Mr. Brooks. Until that time, it would be inappropriate for me to comment any further