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Macaluso officially D60 superintendent

Decision greeted with standing ovation

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Having led Pueblo City Schools (D60) since the departure of Constance Jones back in July 2016 — albeit on an acting and later interim basis — Charlotte Macaluso was officially named D60



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superintendent Monday. The unanimous decision came during a spe-

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cial meeting, which also saw Macaluso's contract approved. That pact will run through June 30, 2019, with a base annual salary of \$180,000.

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ovation and sustained applause from a roomful of colleagues, family and friends, with the board members themselves standing in recognition of Macaluso's achievement.

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During the 14-day waiting period that preceded the board's action, Macaluso said she was inundated with congratulatory emails. Additionally, two "meet and greets" allowed her to visit with students, parents, staff and community members.

"At the end of the 14 days, as I reflected upon that experience, I was filled with a great sense of hope," Macaluso said. "Because no matter who I encountered or talked with, everybody is interested in ensuring that we advance our organization

in the best interest of kids."

When asked if she envisioned herself leading the district, Macaluso said, "It's never been about my plan. My plan has always been to be of service to others. However, I believe strongly in what God's plan is and I know wholeheartedly that God has called me to this journey."

She then pledged to work diligently and tirelessly, "always in the best interest of our kids."

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