

MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM  
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD AND WORK SESSION

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

8:02 a.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present

Carolyn Edwards, President  
Dr. Linda E. Young, Vice President  
Deanna L. Wright, Clerk  
Lorraine Alderman, Member  
John Cole, Member  
Erin E. Cranor, Member  
Chris Garvey, Member

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Jeffrey Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit; Pedro Martinez, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit; Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Kimberly Wooden, Chief Student Services Officer, Student Support Services Division; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except move Item 2.05 and Item 2.06 to be discussed in conjunction with Item 3.01.*

*Motion: Alderman Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES—PRESIDENT**

Approval on the election of the Office of the President.

Trustee Wright nominated Trustee Young for the Office of the President.

*Motion to close nominations.*

*Motion: Alderman Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous*

*Vote on Trustee Young for the Office of the President was unanimous.*

## **APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES—VICE PRESIDENT**

Approval on the election of the Office of the Vice President.

Trustee Alderman nominated Trustee Cole for the Office of the Vice President.

Trustee Cranor nominated Trustee Alderman for the Office of the Vice President.

Trustee Cole nominated Trustee Wright for the Office of the Vice President.

*Motion to close nominations.*

*Motion: Garvey    Second: Cole    Vote: Unanimous*

Trustee Cole withdrew from nominations.

Trustee Alderman withdrew from nominations.

*Vote on Trustee Wright for the Office of the Vice President: Yeses – 6 (Edwards, Young, Wright, Alderman, Cole, Garvey); No – 1 (Cranor).*

*The vote passed.*

## **APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES—CLERK**

Approval on the election of the Office of the Clerk.

Trustee Alderman nominated Trustee Cole for the Office of the Clerk.

Trustee Wright nominated Trustee Cole for the Office of the Clerk.

Trustee Cranor nominated Trustee Alderman for the Office of the Clerk.

*Motion to close nominations.*

*Motion: Alderman    Second: Garvey    Vote: Unanimous*

*Vote for Trustee Cole for the Office of the Clerk: Yeses – 5 (Edwards, Young, Wright, Alderman, Cole); Noes – 2 (Garvey, Cranor)*

*The vote passed.*

## **APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION**

Approval on the Superintendent's evaluation.

Trustee Edwards read the memorandum sent to the Superintendent from the Board with regard to the Superintendent's annual evaluation.

**APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION** (continued)

*Motion to accept the Superintendent's performances in compliance.*

*Motion: Cranor    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

Superintendent Jones commented on the progress that he, the Board, staff, and the community have made together thus far. He recognized and thanked staff members for their work and contributions in support of the mission and goals of the District.

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' APPENDIX: DEBRIEFING DOCUMENT**

Approval regarding suggestions for modifications, additions, language changes, deletions, and goals, to the Appendix: Debriefing Document, as requested in Reference 2.07. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Trustee Alderman and Trustee Young explained that they reviewed the debriefing document and attempted to make changes that would make the document more effective and succinct.

Trustee Edwards suggested using the modified document for one year and evaluating how it worked for the Board. She asked if the Board might want to have a goal to conduct their meetings more efficiently.

Trustee Garvey stated that she believed having briefings prior to meetings would help to make the meetings more efficient.

Trustee Alderman said that avoiding repeating the same argument or point of view would aid in keeping the meetings shorter. She suggested placing a type of debriefing document online in order to gather input from the community's point of view.

Trustee Wright suggested adding goals for specific meetings to the document. She suggested considering having a separate agenda posting for the presentation portion of the meeting and one for the business portion of the meeting.

Trustee Cranor commented that she believes this debriefing document captures the role of the Board.

Trustee Edwards shared what she had learned at a Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) meeting regarding board meetings and agendas, which was to adopt the new shorter version of Robert's Rules of Orders for smaller boards; to add to the agenda a suggested motion to those items that require a vote; and to place a timeframe on each agenda item as a suggestion.

*Motion to adopt the debriefing document for a year's evaluation.*

*Motion: Young    Second: Cole    Vote: Unanimous*

## **APPROVE ITEMS 2.05, 2.06, AND 3.01**

Approval of Items 2.05, 2.06, and 3.01 respectively, as follows:

### **BOARD REVIEW OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S POLICY**

#### **E-1: VISION STATEMENT**

Approval regarding suggestions for modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to E-1: Vision Statement, as requested in Reference 2.05. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

#### **APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S POLICY E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Approval regarding suggestions for modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to E-2: Academic Achievement, as requested in Reference 2.06. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

#### **APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – 2010-2011 AND THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK**

Approval regarding the monitoring report for Ends Policy E-2: Academic Achievement – 2010-2011 and the School Performance Framework.

Trustee Edwards explained that her intent in bringing these items forward was to have a discussion regarding the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) as a monitoring report in relationship to E-1: Vision Statement and E-2: Academic Achievement; whether the School Performance Framework (SPF) captures what needs to be captured in comparison to the QAF, which seems to capture more than what is needed; what in the QAF is important to maintain to continue to monitor; what in the QAF is less important; and whether or not the Board wants to change the policies at all.

Trustee Wright spoke positively about the changes to the language in E-1: Vision Statement and E-2: Academic Achievement and said she believed it captured the intent of the Board.

Trustee Cranor said she also agreed with the revised language to these policies and said she believes E-1: Vision Statement captures what she is interested in as a parent and what she wants for all students. She expressed support of the QAF as a tool for identifying trends and comparing data. She said she looks forward to using the SPF in reshaping education moving forward. She said she would like to see the data in the QAF remain available for those who use it as a planning tool.

Trustee Alderman commented that the QAF does not capture what is working, what is not working, and what is being done to change those things that are not working, and was not an effective tool for evaluating the Superintendent. She said that for that reason she looks forward to moving toward using another framework.

## **APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – 2010-2011 AND THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (continued)**

Trustee Garvey agreed that it is a useful tool for looking at trends but said it does not capture the usefulness of a program.

Trustee Young added that she supports the revised policies, and she does like the QAF. She said she believes a more user-friendly document is needed for those who may prefer, such as parents or community members.

Trustee Cranor suggested that perhaps the Board might be able to receive some data that support the decision to keep certain programs or items that are being continued. She offered a proposed language change to E-1: Vision Statement to read, "...and contribute in a diverse global society."

Trustee Cole said he likes the SPF and stated that flexibility is important in allowing the school administrators the latitude to help their particular students be successful.

*Motion to start the process to modify E-1: Vision Statement with the proposed change to the beginning statement as stated by Trustee Cranor.*

*Motion: Cranor    Second: Cole    Vote: Unanimous*

*Motion to start the process to modify E-2: Academic Achievement with the proposed change to the beginning statement as stated by Trustee Cranor.*

*Motion: Wright    Second: Garvey    Vote: Unanimous*

## **AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Cole suggested having a presentation that explained the District's financial risks and what coverages are in place for those risks.

Trustee Garvey requested an update on the special education transportation.

Trustee Cranor stated that the Audit Advisory Committee had requested an update on the financial reporting instrument that is potentially being developed, and that they would want that update to also come to the Board at a future time.

Trustee Wright requested an update on the anti-bullying initiative, including what programs are being used in other schools along with some reporting data.

Trustee Cole said he had asked the members of the Student Advisory Committee make a presentation to the Board regarding anti-bullying efforts.

Trustee Edwards shared that a committee is presently working on reviewing the anti-bullying policy language and will be coming forward to the Board for approval at a later time.

### **DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Trustee Cranor said she and Trustee Alderman have been discussing holding a community linkage meeting focused on English Language Learners (ELL).

Trustee Edwards reminded everyone that a Mega Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting was scheduled for March 14, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. She said the locations for the Mega PAC meetings would be maintained at Bonanza High School in March and at Valley High School in October.

Trustee Young asked if staff could review options for using school buses to help bring people to the community linkage meetings who do not have transportation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

David Gorczyca spoke about some negative comments and behavior by a staff member toward his daughter who attends West Career and Technical Academy (WCTA) and what has been done to reach a resolution.

**ADJOURN:** 10:01 a.m.

*Motion: Cole    Second: Young    Vote: Unanimous*