

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 9, 2013

8:02 a.m.

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Roll Call:    Members Present  
                 Dr. Linda E. Young, President  
                 Deanna L. Wright, Vice President  
                 Lorraine Alderman, Clerk  
                 Erin E. Cranor, Member  
                 Carolyn Edwards, Member  
                 Chris Garvey, Member  
                 Patrice Tew, 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; Pat Skorkowsky, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit; Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division; Stacy Vesneski, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division; Kimberly Wooden, Chief Student Services Officer, Student Support Services Division; Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Rick Baldwin, Director, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Department, Business and Finance Division; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board recognized State Senator Justin Jones who was in attendance at the Board meeting.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Alderman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except move Item 3.02 to precede 3.01.*

*Motion: Cranor    Second: Alderman    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 Edwards for the Office of the President.

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

Trustee Edwards spoke about what she feels is important in moving the Board and the District forward and how her experience would contribute to that movement during this upcoming legislative session and beyond.

Trustee Young spoke about her experience and outreach to the community and what she feels is important in involving members of a diverse community in the legislative process and their schools.

Trustee Cranor asked the nominees to consider the vision of the Office of the Board President being more of an assignment and that the office of Trustee is more important than the assignment as Board President. She also invited the nominees to comment on the idea of having a Trustee serving consistently as the representative on the Council of the Great City Schools in order to build relationships and strengthen the Board's voice in that capacity.

Trustee Young spoke about why she wanted to continue as Board president for a second term. She talked about the diversity of the District and the importance of someone of her background being able to remain in the Office of the President. She agreed with Trustee Cranor's comment regarding a Trustee serving consistently on committees or boards, including the position of president of the CCSD Board of Trustees.

Trustee Edwards spoke about what she has done in an effort to elevate the Board during her leadership as past Board president, and she said she would continue to work with that purpose in mind. She agreed with Trustee Cranor that utilizing the expertise of the Board is very important and that having a Trustee serve on a committee or other board as a representative for multiple years is important.

*Vote for Carolyn Edwards for the Office of the President: Yeses – 4 (Cranor, Edwards, Tew, Wright); Noes – 3 (Alderman, Garvey, Young)*

*The vote passed.*

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

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

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

**APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES—VICE PRESIDENT**  
(continued)

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

Trustee Wright and Trustee Alderman made brief comments about would be important in their focus as vice president of the Board for the students and communities of Clark County.

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

*The vote did not pass.*

*Vote for Trustee Alderman for the Office of the Vice President was unanimous.*

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

Approval on the election of the Office of the Clerk.

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

Trustee Young nominated Trustee Garvey for the Office of the Clerk.

Trustee Garvey commented that although she would be honored to serve as clerk, it should be considered that she has to abide by a work schedule.

*Vote for Trustee Wright for the Office of the Clerk was unanimous.*

**APPROVE ITEMS 2.04 THROUGH 2.07**

Approval of Items 2.04, 2.05, 2.06, and 2.07, respectively, as follows:

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-9: MEETING PLANNING**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy GP-9: Meeting Planning, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 24, 2013, as recommended in Reference 2.04.

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-10: CONSTRUCTION OF THE AGENDA**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy GP-10: Construction of the Agenda, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 24, 2013, as recommended in Reference 2.05.

**APPROVE ITEMS 2.04 THROUGH 2.07 (continued)**

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY B/SL-5: MONITORING SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 24, 2013, as recommended in Reference 2.06.

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 24, 2013, as recommended in Reference 2.07.

Trustee Alderman and Trustee Edwards briefly reviewed the proposed changes being presented in Items 2.04 through 2.07.

After some discussion, the Board decided to revise the new Number 6 in EL-10: Communication and Support of the Board, Reference 2.07, and bring it forward as an amendment at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Garvey asked how the Superintendent would show that he is complying with this directive.

Trustee Alderman said that would be the Superintendent's decision of how he would show that he is doing this.

*Motion to accept Items 2.04 through 2.07 with potential changes to Number 6 in EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board and other minor changes that were noted; namely, changing "customary" to "customarily" in Number 5 of GP-10: Construction of the Agenda; deleting the word "Internal" from EL-7: Emergency Superintendent Succession in the schedule of B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance under September; and adding the word "on" to the sentence in B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, Number 8, letter B, "...the Superintendent performance will be judged **on** in the upcoming school year."*  
*Motion: Edwards    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous*

## **APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Approval on options for addressing school capacity issues including the possibility of adjusting school attendance boundaries, school calendar changes, and additional facility capacity integrating input from community meetings.

Mr. Weiler presented the survey results of the school capacity planning options.

Mr. Baldwin presented three zoning proposals developed by the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) for consideration.

Trustee Edwards commented that there may need to be a combination of options considered.

The discussion included the use of operational dollars versus capital revenue dollars for each of the options presented; how satellite schools would impact zoning; the cost for each of the options and how the housing market would affect zoning; concern that portable schools would never become permanent facilities; and potential operational costs incurred due to additional staff to accommodate additional students on campuses.

Trustee Edwards suggested considering staggered start times to alleviate heavy traffic on school campuses if portables are added. She also suggested considering vacant office space buildings to be used as school campuses.

**RECESS:** 10:38 a.m.

**RECONVENE:** 10:46 a.m.

## **APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

(continued)

Concerns were expressed regarding adding portables to campuses for safety reasons because of the number of people and the amount of traffic.

The discussion continued with costs of building a new school versus funding portable schools, the stability of any rezoning decision, and the availability of charter schools.

## **BOARD MEMBER LEAVES**

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 11:24 a.m.

## **APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

(continued)

Discussion continued regarding which options are feasible to be considered today, including adding portables to campuses and rezoning.

## APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

(continued)

Public Hearing

Senator Jones expressed concerns with the proposal of installing pop-up schools or portable schools that a permanent facility would never replace them. He said he did not believe the information presented at the town hall meeting with regard to portables was comprehensive.

David Gomez spoke in opposition to the addition of portables on campuses for safety reasons.

*Motion to consider – “Add portables to existing campuses that can handle additional portables with possible attendance boundaries changes.”*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

*Trustee Edwards noted that a caveat to this option is that a year-round calendar may be considered.*

*Motion to remove from discussion – “Construct portable schools until funding is available to build a permanent school,” and to ask that staff continue to pursue this as an option in the future.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

*Motion to remove from discussion – “Create 5<sup>th</sup>-grade centers at campuses with capacity.”*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Yeses – 5 (Young, Alderman, Cranor, Edwards, Tew); No – 1 (Wright)*

*The motion passed.*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

*Motion to review and bring back to the Board for discussion – “Eliminate/relocate selected programs.”*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

*“Motion to move forward with the proposed attendance zone changes brought forward by AZAC and any others that may arise as a result of these options, and exclude a total District rezoning at this time.”*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

*Motion to consider – “Implement year-round calendar, consider whether this is necessary based on review of other options and bring information back to the Board.”*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

**APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**  
(continued)

*Motion to remove from discussion – “Double sessions at schools with a population of more than 1,200 students.”*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Cranor    Vote: Unanimous*  
*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

*Motion to encourage staff to consider utilizing existing buildings to address space needs in a cost effective manner and to provide safety to students and to bring those recommendations back to the Board.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous*  
*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

*Motion to encourage staff to look at developing a specialized elementary school in the southwest part of the valley that would serve that area.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Cranor*

Trustee Cranor said there have been requests for this in more than just the southwest area of the valley.

*Trustee Edwards modified her motion to be to direct staff to look at whether or not specialized schools could address overcrowding and address other issues in other parts of the valley and bring that information back to the Board.*

*Trustee Cranor did not agree that this motion was within the realm of the agenda item.*

*Trustee Edwards withdrew her original motion.*

*Motion that staff look at this as a concept and bring this information back for discussion.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Alderman*

Trustee Alderman asked whether it would be possible to identify and open a specialized school in time for the 2013-2014 school year. She said that if this was not a possibility, having staff do this would be unnecessary at this time.

*Trustee Edwards withdrew her motion.*

Trustee Wright mentioned looking into private-public partnerships (P3s) collaboration for facilities usage.

## **TURNAROUND SCHOOLS UPDATE**

Presentation and possible discussion on Turnaround Schools.

The Board agreed to have this presentation bought back at a later date.

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

Trustee Edwards said she would like to bring the concept of a specialized elementary school back for discussion.

Trustee Cranor requested that the issue of parent choice within the public school system be addressed.

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

Superintendent Jones asked if the Trustees would consider a special meeting on Friday, January 18, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. for discussion of employee labor relations.

The Board and Superintendent agreed to hold the special meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., at the Education Center.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 12:22 p.m.

*Motion: Alderman    Second: Edwards    Vote: Unanimous  
Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*