

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

WORK SESSION

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

8:01 a.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present  
Dr. Linda E. Young, President  
Deanna L. Wright, Vice President  
John Cole, Clerk  
Lorraine Alderman, Member  
Erin E. Cranor, Member  
Carolyn Edwards, 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; Pedro Martinez, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit; Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit; Jhone Ebert, Chief Technology Officer, Technology and Information Systems Services Division; Staci Vesneske, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division; Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations Division; Tim Strucely, Director, Planning and Design Department, Facilities Division; Bramby Tollen, Director, Purchasing and Warehousing, Operations Support Unit; Rick Baldwin, Director, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Department, Operations Support Unit; Nicole Rourke, Executive Director, Government Affairs, Community and Government Relations; Brandon Moeller, Coordinator, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Office of the Superintendent; 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.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Adopt agenda.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous  
Trustees Garvey and Wright were not present for the vote.*

**BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Garvey arrived at the Board meeting at 8:02 a.m.

## **BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 8:04 a.m.

## **PLANNING FOR FUTURE CAPITAL NEEDS**

Presentation, update of information, and discussion regarding planning for the District's future capital needs.

Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Strucely, Ms. Ebert, Ms. Tollen, and Mr. Weiler presented the Capital Planning Update. The presentation included the following topics: Enrollment, Education Equity, Facility Condition, Technology Plan, Equipment Requirements, and Economic and Demographic Data.

The Trustees expressed concerns regarding needs in many of the schools and areas across the District.

Trustee Cranor stated that the Audit Advisory Committee expressed the concern that the District needs to work toward world class business operations, such as integrated systems, for example.

Trustee Young asked that West Prep be reviewed again in terms of need, as well as access on school campuses for wheelchair-bound students. She recommended considering amplification systems as an instructional tool. She also mentioned replacement or updating of music and art equipment.

Ms. Tollen said staff was able to repair and replace musical instruments for secondary schools, and that the classroom amplification system is included in the budget and shown on page 16 of 33 of the presentation.

Trustee Alderman asked that any consideration given to special needs and alternative schools also be given to the Education Services Division.

The presentation continued with Economic & Demographic Highlights with Mr. Weiler presenting.

Trustee Garvey expressed concerns, such as the cost to taxpayers for a tax increase, the cost to individuals to address the needs of the schools, and what it would cost a community member for the District to move forward to ensure children's futures are secure. She also asked what types of jobs would be available for people to be able to afford a tax increase.

Superintendent Jones asked that staff be allowed to bring information back to the Board regarding Trustee Garvey's comments.

The Board agreed to that direction.

Trustee Edwards asked what the timeline would be if the District is going to float a bond in November.

## **PLANNING FOR FUTURE CAPITAL NEEDS (continued)**

Superintendent Jones said he would like to first bring options back to the Board and get further direction before developing a timeline.

Trustee Edwards said she believes the discussion needs to take place so that the Board and District can make an informed decision within a timely manner.

Superintendent Jones said staff could bring some potential options and a clear timeline to the Board by the next Board meeting.

There was consensus on the Board for the Superintendent and staff to move in that direction.

Trustee Cole said that as part of the presentation information should be included making the distinct clarification of what funds pay for what needs. He cautioned that if the District asks the voters for a property tax increase, the increase might turn out to be permanent.

Trustee Cranor suggested that part of the discussion should be a summary or review of all incoming revenue streams that are designated capital and how those could impact the \$5.3 billion total cost shown for Summary of Need.

Superintendent Jones clarified that staff would be bringing to the Board what options other than a bond might be available and a timeline if staff were to move forward with asking the voters for approval.

Trustee Edwards said that information should also include some discussion regarding the present appetite of the community in order to gauge whether or not a bond would pass. She said a series of public input meetings should be included in the timeline. She suggested that the discussion should also include the implications for the 9-month or year-round calendar.

Trustee Garvey clarified that she was asking for property tax information for each level of bond usage, the average cost for a person, how long that would be in effect, how the bond would be structured, and what types of jobs would be available for individuals to pay those elevated property taxes.

Trustee Alderman said part of the discussion should be a projection or an outlook of where the District hopes to be in 10 to 20 years with a 20-year bond.

## **UPDATE ON POLICIES REQUIRED BY THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Discussion on five policies required by new legislative action: Assembly Bill 138, Assembly Bill 225, Assembly Bill 229, Assembly Bill 393, and Assembly Bill 455.

Mrs. Haldeman gave an update on policies required by the 2011 legislative session.

## **UPDATE ON POLICIES REQUIRED BY THE 2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (continued)**

Trustee Edwards asked how it is determined whether a bullying incident is valid or invalid.

Mr. Moeller explained that the site administrators make the determination based on the information found during their investigation.

Mr. Martinez said Pat Skorkowsky, Associate Superintendent, Area 2, Instruction Unit, is reviewing all discipline policies and regulations in an effort to apply consistency through the District. He said a team of principles is working with staff, and staff will be coming back to the Board with findings and recommendations.

## **APPROVE CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES**

Approval to determine whether consolidating or sharing services, functions, or personnel with other school districts, is feasible as required by AB 551.

Mrs. Haldeman spoke about the parameters of the bill, what the District is currently sharing with other school districts as well as what may be consolidated in the future. She noted that CCSD is under no obligation under this bill to consolidate services.

There was some discussion regarding offering certain services for a charge to offset the costs to CCSD.

Trustee Cranor asked if a summary of available services for other districts regarding online learning opportunities could be taken to the next (said school boards association in march) Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) meeting.

Superintendent Jones agreed to provide that information to the Board.

Trustee Edwards suggested that perhaps Ms. Ebert could provide a presentation of what opportunities are available.

Superintendent Jones agreed that would be a possibility.

Trustee Young suggested looking at charter schools for consolidating services as well.

## **APPROVE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Approval regarding interim legislative committees and activities

Mrs. Haldeman and Mrs. Rourke provided a legislative update. The topics presented included Mrs. Haldeman's testimony to the New Method for Funding Public Schools Committee, all the handouts of information that were provided to the committee, and an update on the recent Legislative Committee on Education interim meeting.

### **BOARD MEMBER LEAVES THE MEETING**

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 11:20 a.m.

### **APPROVE BILL DRAFT REQUESTS - 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Approval regarding bill draft requests to be submitted for the 77th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature, pursuant to NRS 218D.205.

Mrs. Haldeman presented the bill draft requests (BDRs) for consideration for the 2013 legislative session.

Mrs. Haldeman encouraged the Board members to submit any ideas they might have for BDRs to be presented to the legislation.

Trustee Cranor suggested that there be a standing item on the agenda to bring forth bill draft ideas in the public.

Mr. McDade advised that the easiest solution would be to add the agenda item for every meeting having the ability pull the item at the Board meeting as necessary, giving the public appropriate notice.

Trustee Edwards cautioned that she had asked for that to be done in the past and was advised against it by legal counsel.

Mr. McDade said he would do some research and confer with Mrs. Peterson and give the Board an answer at their next Board meeting.

Trustee Wright questioned whether the BDRs to be submitted would be the Board's or the District's, and she expressed the need for the Board to provide input and decide on the BDRs with the Superintendent as opposed to something that the District develops and informs the Board of.

Mrs. Haldeman offered to provide the schedule of the Interim Legislative Committee on Education meetings so that Board members could attend those meetings and provide their input.

### **BOARD MEMBER LEAVES**

Trustee Cole left the Board meeting at 11:59 a.m.

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

None.

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

Trustee Edwards noted that the state would be making on a decision on their choices for Superintendent of Public Instruction on February 24, 2012.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 12:02 p.m.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous  
Trustees Cole and Garvey were not present for the vote.*