

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, March 6, 2013

8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Carolyn Edwards, President
Lorraine Alderman, Vice President
Deanna L. Wright, Clerk
Erin E. Cranor, Member
Chris Garvey, Member
Patrice Tew, Member
Dr. Linda E. Young, 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; Kirsten Searer, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff; Staci Vesneske, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division; Jhone Ebert, Chief Technology Officer, Technology and Information Systems Services Division; Kim Wooden, Chief Student Services Officer, Student Support Services Division; Amanda Fulkerson, Chief Communications Officer, Communications Office; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Dan Wray, Director, Technology and Information Systems Services Division; Greg Halopoff, Director, Central Information Student and Human Resources Services, Technology and Information Systems Services Division; Andre Denson, Associate Superintendent, SEOAC Cochair; Leslie Arnold, Assistant Superintendent, Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement; Ken Turner, Special Assistant to 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; Robert L. Green, Dean and Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University, SEOAC Cochair; and Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Cranor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except move Item 5.01 to precede Item 2.01 and move Items 3.04 and 4.01 to precede Item 3.01.

Motion: Cranor Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Jones formally informed the Board of his resignation as CCSD Superintendent of Schools.

The Trustees expressed gratitude for Superintendent Jones' commitment to the students in Clark County and his leadership in CCSD.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Frank Hawkins expressed appreciation for Superintendent Jones' leadership during his tenure at CCSD.

Sylvia Lazos said that while she is disappointed that Superintendent Jones is leaving the District, she is looking forward to continuing the work that the Superintendent has led up to now.

Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, thanked Superintendent Jones for his support and leadership.

APPROVE LEGISLATION

Approval regarding state and federal legislation which may affect education, including, but not limited to, reports of current legislative issues and events; the development of the District's legislative goals, platform, and courses of action; the establishment of the District's position on proposed legislation; and guidance to District representatives in the legislative process.

Mrs. Haldeman said she did not have any specific updates at this time.

APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 46

Approval related to Assembly Bill 46 and issues related to a legislative solution regarding the role of the Board of School Trustees in providing educational facilities for students.

Mrs. Haldeman gave a brief description of Assembly Bill (AB) 46, written specifically for the benefit of the Washoe County School District. She discussed how a similar bill would impact CCSD.

Trustee Edwards expressed concern with giving one county abilities that the other counties do not have.

Trustee Alderman said she is concerned that this option has not been fully vetted through the community. She suggested asking for the ability to bring a specific tax to the voters and taxpayers as an alternative to a bond or a PAYGO program.

APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 46 (continued)

Mrs. Haldeman clarified that this is not tied to any specific tax increase, and if the Board were given this authority, they would then have the opportunity to engage the public when bringing any resolution forward to increase taxes.

Trustee Young expressed concern with taking the authority away from constituents as seen from the perspective of community members, and she said she would like to give constituents a fair opportunity to decide for themselves.

Trustee Cranor said she is interested in this solution that Washoe County has discovered, and she would like time to consider other solutions to CCSD's specific situation.

Trustee Garvey also expressed an interest in watching how this bill progresses for Washoe County, but said she believes the community members should have input.

Trustee Edwards agreed with the need for community input. She suggested that there needs to be an agenda item to discuss similar options more broadly than this agenda item allows.

Trustee Cranor spoke about the various restrictions imposed on the Board when attempting to communicate with the public, such as time constraints and costs. She asked what options the Board has when the time comes to communicate with the public if the Board decided to pursue this.

Mr. McDade said those restrictions are in statute, and statute can be amended but not at the District level. He added that the interpretation of the statutes differs between individuals interpreting it so clarification of the statutes would be helpful as well.

After further discussion, the Board directed Mrs. Haldeman to simply have a discussion with legislators regarding pursuing a similar bill in the interest of CCSD.

RECESS: 9:41 a.m.

RECONVENE: 9:51 a.m.

Trustee Edwards asked to hear Item 3.02 at this time.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEOAC) UPDATE

Approval on the Superintendent's Educational Opportunities Advisory Council (SEOAC) recommendations to the Superintendent, addressing the charge to mitigate and remedy overrepresentation by gender, race/ethnicity, or disability in discipline-related actions and/or special education placement, as recommended in Reference 3.02.

Dr. Green and Dr. Denson presented the SEOAC recommendations.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEOAC) UPDATE (continued)

Trustee Edwards asked how this effort would be funded.

Superintendent Jones said a conversation needs to take place regarding how to realign resources to the greatest needs. He explained that as part of the process of moving forward with the recommendations, the next working group would be asked to identify resources necessary to carry out the recommendations, and that information would come back to the Board.

Trustee Young recommended that at each high school, two people be identified as a team that would act as a liaison to the SEOAC.

Trustee Cranor asked about efforts towards reducing underrepresentation for the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program.

Ms. Wooden said the District has made tremendous gains in efforts to reduce the underrepresentation of students in GATE with minority students.

Dr. Denson said that after consideration SEOAC decided not to specifically address GATE.

Public Hearing

Theresa Cooper, SEOAC member, clarified that the committee is not against discipline, and she said the committee would like to see the Board develop some creative ways to discipline.

Frank Hawkins, SEOAC member, expressed the committee's reasons for the recommendations presented.

Dr. Peay, SEOAC member, spoke to evidence to support recommendation Number 8 – Enhance Early Literacy, and the importance of recommendation Number 6 – Define What We Mean by Cultural Competency.

Susie Lee, SEOAC member, spoke to recommendation Number 2 – Reduce Overrepresentation.

Devon Brooks spoke about challenges he and his staff face in his behavioral center, specifically, the need to have data tied to students who have been kept out of school because of a Required Parent Conference (RPC). He said concerning "cultural competency" the students need to see people of authority that look like them to be able to relate to them.

Superintendent Jones provided a proposed outline of work moving forward with this effort.

Motion to accept the recommendations brought forward by SEOAC and for the Superintendent to move forward as outlined.

Motion: Young Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Approval concerning the public rollout of a state-produced School Performance Framework and a comparison between the School Performance Frameworks for the Clark County School District and the Nevada Department of Education, to include approval of the Technical Advisory Panel for Growth – Phase III (TAP3) recommendations, as recommended in Reference 3.01.

Dr. Turner and Ms. Arnold gave an update on the School Performance Framework (SPF) and presented the Technical Advisory Panel's (TAP) recommendations for the Board's consideration.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 11:22 a.m.

APPROVE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK UPDATE (continued)

Superintendent Jones spoke about how the SPF has helped to make visible those students who may not be identified as being at risk because they are in the middle. He said this has also aided staff in focusing on those individuals, as well as continuing to focus on those students that need to catch up.

Motion to approve the TAP recommendations as presented.

Motion: Alderman Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM UPDATE

Presentation and possible discussion on the Student Information System Replacement Project.

Ms. Ebert, Mr. Wray, and Dr. Halopoff presented an update on the student information system replacement. Their presentation included the following: Student Information System Timeline; Planned Costs; Planned Costs: Subscription and Hosting; Planned Costs: Staffing and Services; Planned Costs: Implementation Costs; Planned Costs: Services and Supplies; Planned Costs; SIS Under Budget; Current SIS Estimate; Ongoing Values; Direct Savings; Budget and Value; and Moving Forward.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards asked the Trustees if they were amenable to having the minutes for approval placed on the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Young said she prefers to have the minutes separate from the Consent Agenda items.

Trustee Edwards explained the agenda item would look as it does now, and it would be the first item under Consent Agenda.

There was Board consensus to try this process for three months.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)

Trustee Edwards wondered if there should be a standing superintendent search item on their regular meeting agenda, and she asked if that conversation could be had at the first special meeting.

Mrs. Peterson agreed and Mr. McDade agreed to have that discussion at the special meeting.

Trustee Alderman said she and Trustee Young would like to bring their suggestions for E-2: Academic Achievement to the next work session.

Trustee Edwards said that policy would come forward as well as the diversity policy at the April 3, 2013, Work Session.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Trustee Edwards said there needs to be a special meeting to discuss next steps for the Board with the departure of the superintendent.

The Board scheduled a special meeting to be held on Thursday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. in the board room.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 12:28 p.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.