

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 7, 2012

8:00 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; Staci Vesneske, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division; Kim Wooden, Chief Student Services Officer, Student Support Services Division; Amanda Fulkerson, Chief Communications Officer, Communications Department; Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division; David Massey, Director of Risk Management, Operations Support Unit; Kim Boyle, Director, Guidance and Counseling, Curriculum and Professional Development Division; Kellie Bucherie, Academic Manager, Autonomous Schools; Christine Gross, Director, Magnet Programs, Superintendent's Schools, Instruction Unit; Misti Taton, Principal, Cashman Middle School, 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; Hilary Martinez, Senior Vice President, Marsh USA, Inc.; Gregg Fleisher, Senior Vice President, National Math and Science Initiative; and Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

## **NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY EXAM CAMPAIGN**

Information and discussion on the Nevada High School Proficiency Exam campaign for 2012.

Ms. Fulkerson gave an overview of the "Prepare & Be There" campaign developed to encourage students to be prepared and to be present to take the High School Proficiency Exam.

## **BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Garvey arrived at the Board meeting at 8:00 a.m.

## **CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Presentation and discussion on the current property and casualty insurance program.

Mrs. Martinez gave an overview of the current insurance coverage plan, which included property coverage, excess liability, excess workers' compensation, media guard, crime, and non-owned aviation liability.

## **THE NATIONAL MATH AND SCIENCE INITIATIVE**

Presentation and discussion regarding the National Math and Science Initiative Advanced Placement program, as recommended.

Superintendent Jones spoke about the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) as it relates to creating more rigorous curriculum and opportunities for students and providing support for students to be prepared to access and be successful in those more rigorous course offerings.

Mr. Fleisher gave an overview of NMSI and talked about a potential direct partnership with CCSD. Mr. Fleisher's presentation included, but was not limited to: NMSI Program Locations; Advanced Placement Training and Award Program (APTAP); Cohort 1 Results; Cohort 2 Results; Cohort 3 Results; CCSD 2011 AP Results Compared to State, U.S., and NMSI Schools; and CCSD 2011 Scores by School.

Trustee Wright stated that the cost of the advanced placement (AP) exams have been a challenge in the past, and she would be interested to learn how the contract for this partnership would be written.

Trustee Edwards commented that it is important to show past data for CCSD on the charts on pages 19 and 20 of 22. She asked about schools that have low participation rates and asked why those schools are not targeted for this program.

Mr. Fleisher explained that all schools are going to benefit from the training, and the goal is to include more schools as the program is continued.

Dr. Turner added that the schools were chosen based on need and on capacity, including ability and willingness to make the changes and show growth.

## **THE NATIONAL MATH AND SCIENCE INITIATIVE (continued)**

Trustee Edwards suggested that there needs to be a policy-level discussion regarding expectations for AP students with regard to the AP exams.

Trustee Young requested that in the future some consideration be given to the students in alternative programs as well.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM INITIATIVE**

Overview of the Middle School Curriculum Initiative. Pedro Martinez, Deputy Superintendent, Clark County School District; Kelly Bucherie, Academic Manager, Clark County School District; Misti Taton, Principal, Cashman Middle School, Clark County School District. Christine Gross, Magnet Director, Clark County School District.

Mr. Martinez explained this initiative's intent to build the capacity of students who engage in advanced courses at the middle school level.

Ms. Bucherie gave the presentation along with Dr. Gross, Ms. Taton, and Mr. Martinez, which included the following topics: Gateway to Technology from Project Lead the Way, International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, SpringBoard from the College Board, and 1 to 1 Technology; a tablet in Every Student's Hands.

Trustee Young requested that all teachers be given the opportunity to be included in the professional development training outlined on page 5 of 17. She asked that visually- and hearing-impaired students and learning-disabled students be considered in terms of the "Design and Modeling" unit of study described on page 6 of 17.

## **EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS**

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

*Motion: Wright Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous*

**RECESS:** 11:29 a.m.

**RECONVENE:** 11:54 a.m.

## **BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE**

Trustees Wright and Garvey left the Board meeting at 11:54 a.m.

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

Trustee Edwards noted that she would be bringing forward Policy 5127 with regard to AP exams.

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

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 11:55 a.m.

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