

MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
DESERT PINES HIGH SCHOOL, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
3800 HARRIS AVENUE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89110

COMMUNITY LINKAGE ON SCHOOL SAFETY

Thursday, April 4, 2013

5:43 p.m.

Roll Call:	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>
	Carolyn Edwards, President	Patrice Tew, Member
	Lorraine Alderman, Vice President	
	Deanna L. Wright, Clerk	
	Erin E. Cranor, Member	
	Chris Garvey, Member	
	Linda E. Young, Member	

Pat Skorkowsky, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Office of the Superintendent; James Ketsaa, Captain, Police Services; Roberto Morales, Lieutenant, Police Services; Thomas Rainey, Detective, Police Services; Rosemary Virtuoso, Coordinator, Department of Student Threat Evaluation and Crisis Response, Student Support Services Division; Brandon Moeller, Coordinator, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Office of the Superintendent; Cheryl Wagner, Program Manager, School-Community Partnership Program, Community and Government Relations; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Alderman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda.*

*Motion: Alderman    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustees Cranor and Garvey were not present for the vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

## **COMMUNITY DIALOGUE REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY**

Discussion on school safety in a forum which allows information, ideas, concerns or suggestions to be exchanged between the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, District Staff, and members of the public with no action or deliberation on the part of the Board. Any ideas, concerns or suggestions which may require deliberation or action by the Board, may be brought forward on a future agenda at the discretion of the Board.

Trustee Alderman shared that the CCSD Police Department was recently identified as 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation by a security magazine who named the top 500 security programs in schools and other public entities.

Detective Rainey explained the makeup of the CCSD Police Department, stating the department is made up of approximately 200 employees, which would include support staff employees, 161 sworn officers, and 19 dispatchers. He said the sworn officers make up the campus officers, the Field Initiative Team (FIT) officers, and detectives.

Lieutenant Morales explained that the FIT team is a team of officers who specialize in different areas and was put together to address issues related to traffic, drugs, illegal activities on campus, gangs, problem-solving, and community services, among other areas of concern.

Detective Rainey said Police Services hosts safety fairs throughout the District, and he invited everyone to attend the safety fair at Lois Craig Elementary School to be held on April 5, 2013. He said they also hold community forums focused on specific topics, such as drugs, gangs, alcohol, bullying, and human trafficking.

Ms. Wagner spoke briefly about the Safe Routes to School Program. She said the program is a national program that is 100 percent grant-funded and is designed to improve the health and wellbeing of students through helping them to safely walk and bike back and forth to school. She talked about the benefits of the program and the safety pieces that make up the program.

## **BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Cranor arrived at the Board meeting at 5:56 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY DIALOGUE REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY (continued)**

Ms. Virtuoso explained what the Department of Student Threat Evaluation and Crisis Response does to address the needs of students and to keep students safe. She says the department does this through looking at the psychological element of students and the safety issues in the school environment. She explained that the four psychologically centered charges they focus on are threat assessment, suicide ideation, crisis response, and post-vention, and she talked about how her department identifies and approaches students who present with these issues.

#### **COMMUNITY DIALOGUE REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY (continued)**

Trustee Wright invited everyone to attend and participate in the Board's upcoming town hall meetings that will be focused on the superintendent search and on the state of the District.

#### **BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Garvey arrived at the Board meeting at 6:18 p.m.

#### **COMMUNITY DIALOGUE REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY (continued)**

Dr. Peay spoke about the role of the Equity and Diversity Education Department as it pertains to bullying and cyber-bullying, which is primarily to provide training to CCSD employees to ensure a safe learning environment for students.

Mr. Moeller introduced the District's book, *Say No to Bullying in the Clark County School District*, which defines bullying and provides strategies to combat this problem, and the District's new brochure on bullying for everyone to take home.

#### **RECOGNITION**

Trustee Wright recognized Boy Scout Troops 430, 669, 250, 128, 737, and 717 in attendance.

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

None.

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

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 6:52 p.m.

*Motion: Alderman    Second: Garvey    Vote: Unanimous*