

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

ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET

May 21, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Erin E. Cranor, President
Linda E. Young, Vice President
Patrice Tew, Clerk
Stavan Corbett, Member
Carolyn Edwards, Member
Chris Garvey, Member
Deanna L. Wright, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; and Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Corbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Young Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Maria Fernandez-Mendiola, Nicole Soria, Barbara Volk, Sandy San Nicolas, Sandra Mireles, Cecilia Mireles, Ernesto Sanchez, Ornella Trizzoli (ph.), Melody Lowery (ph.), Sharlean Barraza, Travis Merrill (ph.)

The above-named speakers expressed concerns with the decision prohibiting their students from participating in the graduation ceremony because they did not pass the required high school proficiency exams. They questioned why the class of 2014 is being denied this privilege.

BOARD PRESIDENT RELINQUISHES CHAIR

Trustee Cranor relinquished the chair at 5:54 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky said the current graduation requirements have been in effect for many years. He explained that AB 288 passed and went into effect on July 1, eliminating certificates of attendance, and he is no longer allowed to providing any type of documentation that might simulate graduation. He said this information was provided at the beginning of the year to every CCSD student, and this information was shared with students during graduation checks. He said there are two more years of high school proficiency exams so current juniors and sophomores will have the same requirements for graduation.

Trustee Young expressed sympathy and understanding for those families faced with this situation, and she offered words of encouragement.

PUBLIC HEARING, 2014-2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET

This is the time and the place that was advertised for the public hearing on the tentative budget per NRS 354.596, and interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the 2014-2015 Tentative Budget of the Clark County School District.

Trustee Tew read the public hearing announcement. There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

ADOPT 2014-2015 FINAL BUDGET

Adoption of the 2014-2015 Final Budget and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to file as required by NRS 354.598, as recommended in Reference 3.02.

Mr. McIntosh said the final budget is the second budget in the budget cycle, and the tentative budget was presented to the Board on April 2 and approved by the Board on April 10. He gave a brief overview of the tentative budget and went over the changes included in the final budget.

Motion to adopt the 2014-2015 Final Budget.

Motion: Tew Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Cranor was not present for the vote.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Gomez said parents of Ed Von Tobel Middle School students have said that the school's principle does not want parents at the school on Field Day. He said this goes against parent engagement and involvement, and he asked Trustee Corbett to look into this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Ms. Volk suggested that perhaps the Superintendent could allow this year's seniors to participate in the graduation ceremony and then transition into not allowing students to walk if they did not meet all of the graduation requirements.

Ms. Mireles said legislation does not mandate whether or not students get to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Miss Mireles presented a petition signed by seniors at Las Vegas High School for all seniors to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Las Vegas High School students talked about the reasons why they want to participate in the graduation ceremony with their classmates.

Rosie Perez (ph.) spoke on behalf of her niece and the other students at Las Vegas High School and asked the Superintendent and Board to consider letting them walk in the graduation ceremony with the rest of their classmates because of their hard work.

Valerie Soto spoke on behalf of her granddaughter, and she asked that this year's seniors be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony.

ADJOURN: 6:36 p.m.

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