

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SANDY VALLEY RANCH
1411 KINGSTON ROAD, SANDY VALLEY, NV 89019

BOARD RETREAT

Friday, August 29, 2014

9:12 a.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; Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Kirsten Searer, Chief of Staff and External Relations, Office of the Chief of Staff; Staci Vesneske, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division; Jhone Ebert, Chief Innovation and Productivity Officer, Innovative Teaching and Learning Unit, Technology and Information Systems Services Division; Mike Barton, Chief Student Achievement Officer, Instruction Unit; David Wilson, Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officer, Performance Zone 16, Rural; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Beverly Mathis, Public Education Foundation; Erik Keiser, Erik Keiser Consulting; and Ken Turner, Consultant.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVE STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNICATION

Presentation, discussion and possible action with Erik Kieser, Erik Kieser Consulting, on strategies for communication and efficacy between the Board and Superintendent that focuses on student achievement.

Mr. Keiser guided discussions between the Board and Superintendent surrounding resolving issues of communication or ways to improve communication between the Trustees and the Superintendent and staff in the four areas of Confidentiality, Advance Notice, Constituent Services, and Staff/Trustee Communication as outlined in Reference 3.01.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Garvey arrived at 9:23 a.m.

APPROVE STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNICATION (continued)

The discussion continued regarding the role and responsibilities of the position of Director I – Special Liaison to the Superintendent and the Trustees and briefly that of the Board office staff and the four focus areas outlined.

RECESS: 10:45 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:59 a.m.

APPROVE STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNICATION (continued)

The Trustees and Superintendent continued the discussion with Constituent Services, including what the Board and the Superintendent expect to transpire out of today's conversation and how some of the recommendations being discussed could be implemented and measured to see that progress is being made. They discussed Staff/Trustee Communication, including recommendations toward solving these issues and concerns.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Garvey left at 12:03 p.m.

APPROVE STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNICATION (continued)

The discussion continued regarding the Board receiving briefings and other ways the Board is provided with information.

RECESS: 12:06 p.m.

RECONVENE: 12:38 p.m.

APPROVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Presentation, discussion and possible action with Dr. Beverly Mathis, Public Education Foundation, and Erik Kieser, Erik Kieser Consulting, on effective communication strategies for possible use by individual trustees and Clark County School District leaders to engage families, community members and organizations in student achievement.

Dr. Mathis talked about achieving and maintaining focus toward student achievement.

RECESS: 1:10 p.m.

RECONVENE: 1:15 p.m.

APPROVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING (continued)

Mr. Keiser offered recommendations for effective communication.

The Board, Superintendent, and staff talked about next steps based on today's discussions, as well as better ways to communicate with each other.

Public Hearing

Dawn Haviland (phonetic) invited the Board and staff to go visit Sandy Valley School. She spoke about the needs of the school compared to other CCSD campuses. She asked that Sandy Valley School be given educational equity so their students can continue to improve.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 3:00 p.m.

Motion: Edwards Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.