

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
DESERT ROSE HIGH SCHOOL, LIBRARY
444 WEST BROOKS AVENUE, NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV 89030

BOARD RETREAT

Friday, October 12, 2012

9:15 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Dr. Linda E. Young, President
Deanna L. Wright, Vice President
Lorraine Alderman, Clerk
Dr. René Cantú, Jr., 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; Kirsten Searer, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff; Brad Waldron, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services Division; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Maureen Fox, Director of Management Processes, Office of the Chief of Staff; Eric Gant, Coordinator, Attendance Enforcement, Education Services Division; James Ketsaa, Chief, Police Services; Ken Young, Operations Division – Lieutenant, Police Services; Tamara White, Grant Writer, Grants Development and Administration Department, Student Support Services Division; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Ken Turner, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent; and Michael Casserly, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Cranor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Presentation and discussion by Michael Casserly, Executive Director, Council of the Great City Schools regarding current educational issues; and discussion regarding Alternative Education Programs and Services in the Clark County School District.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (continued)

Trustee Young gave an overview of Personalizing Policies, Part II and the intent of today's meeting. She spoke about the Board's role and responsibilities.

Mr. Casserly addressed topics including an update on federal and legislative actions, the purpose and intent of the Council of the Great City Schools, Common Core Standards in other large school districts, an overview of the findings of some of the reports studying urban education, the Council's African-American Male initiative, and emerging trends and issues in urban education and public education in general.

RECESS: 10:50 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:57 a.m.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (continued)

Mr. Casserly continued his discussion, giving a brief history of the Council and describing the Council's focus and responsibilities.

Trustee Alderman reviewed the book "Good to Great" written by Jim Collins and discussed chapter summaries with the Board.

The Board presented Mr. Casserly with a certificate and a letter of appreciation for presenting at and participating in the Board Retreat.

RECESS: 12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Edwards left the Board meeting at 12:00 p.m.

RECONVENE: 12:55 p.m.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (continued)

Mr. Waldron gave an overview of programs and services offered in alternative education programs.

Mr. Gant spoke about recent changes in the District's procedure as it relates to truancy, and he gave an overview of District truancy diversion programs.

Chief Ketsaa addressed the issues surrounding human trafficking and teenage prostitution and efforts to combat this.

Minddie Lloyd, chair and co-founder of Bamboo Bridges spoke the organization's focus and what they are doing in their collaboration with the District.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (continued)

Mr. Young talked about a program that is being developed to replace the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program which addresses not only drug prevention, but also citizenship and laws that affect children as they grow into adulthood. He also spoke about another initiative, the creation of the Field Intervention Team (FIT) where officers go out and talk to students about gangs, being community- and civil-minded, drugs, and careers.

Dr. Turner presented an update on the efforts of the Superintendent's Educational Opportunities Advisory Committee (SEOAC) to look at and address over-inclusion of African-American and Latino males to alternative programs.

Superintendent Jones talked about the need to address the issues that surround the students being placed in alternative programs.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Cantú left the Board meeting at 2:00 p.m.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (continued)

Dr. White discussed the "School to Prison Pipeline" and dropout intervention and prevention programs.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 2:45 p.m.

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

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.