

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MOAPA RIVER RESERVATION, TRIBAL BUILDING
1 LINCOLN STREET, MOAPA, NV 89025

COMMUNITY LINKAGE

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

6:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Carolyn Edwards, President
Chris Garvey, Member
Patrice Tew, Member
Linda E. Young, Member
Vacant, Member

Members Absent

Deanna L. Wright, Clerk
Erin E. Cranor, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Joe Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff and External Relations; Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Office of the Superintendent; Lee Solonche, Director, Educational Media Services, Vegas PBS; Rosemary Smith, Coordinator III, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Office of the Superintendent; and Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Edwards introduced the Board members and Superintendent to the community

FLAG SALUTE

Veterans of Moapa River Reservation led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Young Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A man asked what the purpose of this meeting was.

Trustee Edwards explained that, generally, the purpose of community linkage meetings is for the Board to have a dialogue with the community about their concerns regarding education in CCSD.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE

Discussion with members of the Moapa River Reservation for the purpose of obtaining input on the education of the Moapa Band of Paiute students who attend the Clark County School District.

Trustee Young explained that the community linkage meetings are school board meetings, and the intent of this community linkage meeting with the Native American/Alaska Native community, in particular, is to have a discussion about what can be done to better serve the students and families of this community.

The Board presented Della Frank of the Moapa Education Support Center (MESC) with a certificate of appreciation for her support; Aletha Tom with a certificate of recognition for her participation in the community linkage meeting and support as the host site; and the Clark County Indian Education Committee Title VII for their support.

They also presented the MESC with books, and they presented Ms. Tom and the reservation and the parent committee with the book *Education in the Neon Shadow* signed by the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Skorkowsky.

Topics of discussion included increasing parent involvement, attendance, the importance of the adult education program, concerns with communication between CCSD educators and parents and community members on the reservation, meeting the needs of special needs students, student safety, possible cultural sensitivity awareness training for educators, programs that need to be focused on for Native children, grants and federal funds for the purpose of educating Native children, how grades and test scores affect eligibility for activities, understanding Native American culture and how that is reflected in the classroom and in communicating, open communication regarding the budget, Southern Paiute culture awareness specifically, zoning and transportation, the importance of education and choices, history and preserving the culture.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A woman announced that Friday is "Rock Your Moccasins Day."

ADJOURN: 8:30 p.m.

Motion: Young Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous