

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

Thursday, September 11, 2008

4:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Mary Beth Scow, President
Terri Janison, Vice President
Carolyn Edwards, Clerk
Ruth Johnson, Member
Sheila R. Moulton, Member

Members Absent

Shirley Barber, Member
Larry P. Mason, Member

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Scow announced that there would be a moment of silence in remembrance of the September 11, 2001, tragedy.

INVOCATION

Imam Mustafa Yunus Richards, Islamic Information Center, performed the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Liberty High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except hold Item 5.14 for a future date, and move Item 7.04 to follow Item 4.02 as Item 4.02a.

Motion: Janison Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE MINUTES

Regular meeting – June 26, 2008

Motion: Janison Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

STUDENT REPORTS

Kellie Brunty, student body president at Silverado High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F trustee; Jessica Ornelas, student body president at Rancho High School, Larry Mason, District D trustee; and Jasmine Jarramillo, student body president at Liberty High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

Mrs. Scow recognized the presence of Boy Scout Mark Ray.

PRESENTATION OF THREE SQUARE – WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

Presentation on the Three Square weekend backpack program. Punam Mathur, Senior Vice-President, MGM Mirage, Three Square Board of Trustees; and Julie Murray, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Three Square.

Ms. Mathur gave a presentation which included a brief television clip regarding the Three Square weekend backpack program. She gave a brief history and the mission of Three Square.

Ms. Murray explained the details of the weekend backpack program and what is included in the bags that students receive. She spoke of the collaboration with the CCSD and other partners that makes the program successful.

The Board thanked Ms. Mathur and Ms. Murray for their commitment and contribution to the Three Square program.

PRESENTATION OF EXPERT MATHEMATICS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Presentation on the Expert Mathematics Committee. Jhone Ebert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, Clark County School District.

Ms. Ebert gave a PowerPoint® presentation outlining an update on the mathematics plan of action in the CCSD.

Jennifer Peterson, Director, K-12 Mathematics and Instructional Technology, spoke on the accomplishments of the math committee to improve math achievement, which were outlined in a packet distributed to the trustees.

Yvonne Pierce, mathematics teacher at Gibson Middle School, discussed math, pre-algebra, and algebra course offerings for 8th- and 9th-grade students.

Dr. Timothy Kanold, President, National Council of Supervisors for Mathematics, presented professional development opportunities for math department chairpersons and administrators. He outlined the PRIME Leadership training framework in addition to future action steps that will result in improved math achievement.

Dennis Kubala, Principal, Thomas Elementary School, spoke on how the new math plan of action will be communicated to all stakeholders in the CCSD.

Mrs. Moulton questioned whether all middle schools would have the 8th-grade course offerings as outlined on page 3 of the backup material.

Ms. Ebert responded in the affirmative.

Mrs. Moulton questioned whether needs would be accommodated according to Criterion-Reference Tests (CRT) and grade percentages.

Ms. Ebert responded a committee would be determining needs through teacher feedback and data.

PRESENTATION OF EXPERT MATHEMATICS COMMITTEE UPDATE (continued)

Mrs. Moulton asked what was being done for grades K-7 to ensure students would be ready for the later math course offerings.

Ms. Ebert noted that the committee is K-12, and they are currently working with professional development, including having schools undergo a textbook adoption process.

Mrs. Moulton questioned whether long-term substitutes or other qualified teachers could be encouraged to move to high needs math areas.

Ms. Ebert deferred that question to the Human Resources Department for a response but noted professional development was available for staff.

Mrs. Janison questioned what the community would be told regarding what was being done to change math so that scores might improve.

Ms. Ebert responded that basic math facts would be focused on for students to learn so that they would be able to successfully go into higher education, the work force, or military service.

Dr. Rulfes thanked Ms. Ebert and the committee members for volunteering to perform the research and work involved in this project. He noted that reaching the desired goal would take some time.

Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, noted that a rough draft was available for the Quality Assurance Framework but that input was needed from the region level before it would be finalized.

Mrs. Scow thanked everyone involved for their work and input into this project.

RECESS: 5:17 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:34 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Trustee Edwards recognized the presence of several Student Advisory Committee members.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Expert Mathematics Committee Update, Employment of Out-of-District Consultants – Individualized Education Plans, Employment of Out-of-District Consultant – Joann Angelini, and Change Orders – Del Ray Rhodes

Ms. Rhodes stated she would like more information on change orders and out-of-district consultants. She thanked Superintendent Rulfes for following through on distributing new textbooks this year that represented all cultures.

Mrs. Moulton requested to view one of the textbooks Ms. Rhodes spoke of.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 7223

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 7223, Naming of Schools and Education-Related Facilities, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on October 2, 2008, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, briefly highlighted the recommended major changes to Policy 7223.

Mrs. Janison expressed appreciation of Mrs. Haldeman's efforts involving these changes. She asked if a reception taking place was spelled out in the policy.

Mrs. Haldeman stated the intent was that it will be done, but the first process is acceptance of the changes to Policy 7223.

Mrs. Janison questioned whether someone would have to reapply every year after their initial application.

Mrs. Haldeman responded in the affirmative, and she noted a specific school site must be indicated at the time of application.

Mrs. Janison questioned how someone would know which site to apply for.

Mrs. Haldeman responded that on the CCSD school name website, there will be a list of sites available for naming.

Mrs. Janison questioned how the committee would make a determination on the worthiness of a person nominated. She expressed appreciation to staff for their work on this project.

Mrs. Haldeman responded that the committee has posted school name applications online which would allow the public an opportunity to advise the School Name Committee of concerns. She also stated that the application has been strengthened by requiring a signature stating the person nominated has not been convicted of a felony or has anything of embarrassment in their past.

Trustee Edwards expressed appreciation of the work by the Board and staff regarding this item. She suggested that, regarding page 5 of 8 under III(C), "Names of Board members may not be considered while actively serving on the Board of School Trustees, in accordance with NRS 338.200," that the Board discuss and consider applying the same standard to the Board members as it does to staff and that it should indicate a two-year period. Regarding page 6 of 8 under IV(C), she questioned whether they were the only people who could be nominated for elementary schools and mentioned Richard Rundle as an exception.

Mrs. Haldeman responded exceptions could be made, but intent was clear on the part of the School Name Committee. She also responded that Richard Rundle could be nominated for a middle school.

Regarding page 8 of 8, VI(G), Trustee Edwards questioned whether a process would be included in the regulation as to how that exception is asked for and carried out.

Mrs. Haldeman responded there currently is a process.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 7223 (continued)

Trustee Edwards expressed concern that there was not enough information in the language regarding VI(G) and that it needs to be more clearly explained.

Mrs. Haldeman responded that language had been discussed, but she could not recall the outcome.

Ms. Mathur responded she did not know what the language was, but the intent was not to bind the School Board entirely, thereby allowing for exceptions.

Trustee Edwards reiterated that VI(G) should be clarified that it was not an appeal process, that the Board consider that exceptions may come from the committee to the Board, or clarify how the subject of an exception would get to the Board. She commended the committee and staff on their input.

Mrs. Moulton thanked those involved in this committee. She responded to Trustee Edwards' concern that the language may be very broad to some. She noted that Mr. Mason's opinion was adamant and strong regarding keeping the membership of the School Name Committee with three Board members. She supported having two school Board members on the committee and two members from the community. She encouraged the promotion of naming portions of buildings, such as ball fields, gymnasiums, libraries, et cetera.

Mrs. Scow expressed support of the two-year waiting period for trustees as it was for staff.

Mrs. Johnson explained the reason behind having a Board member two-year rule. She explained Mr. Mason's opinions that had been incorporated this evening. She agreed with having three Board members, but suggested having an option to change it to two. She agreed with promoting names of buildings within a campus. She stated that the background check was a topic of conversation several times at the committee meetings and that having the application online would yield more information and feedback from the public. She suggested having the ability to come forward again to change the process, if requested.

Mrs. Janison expressed her agreement with two years for the trustees as well. Regarding Mr. Mason's opinion, she agreed with adding a seventh committee member. She suggested including information in the regulation to address the expectations of the family and the limitations that go along with it.

Trustee Edwards stated she had no objection regarding having three trustees, although she did not feel it should be stated as a requirement, but rather have it be flexible.

Mrs. Johnson explained the discussion that was held regarding members on the committee.

Mrs. Haldeman clarified who the members for the School Name Committee would be, and she questioned whether she was being asked to remove one community member.

Mrs. Johnson suggested retaining a compromise of seven culturally diverse members.

Ms. Mathur stated the Board would be better served by having greater community participation.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 7223 (continued)

Mrs. Moulton stated public input was very important in coming to these recommendations. She commented that the next-to-last statement under number II on page 5 of 8 was a very strong statement.

Motion to keep the addition to the way it states; change the School Board member wait time to two years after leaving the Board; that the high school portion of the naming category would be instituted immediately upon passage of policy, whereas other naming of middle and elementary schools would go into effect after January.

Motion: Moulton Second: Edwards

Mrs. Scow agreed with having two trustees on this committee.

Mrs. Johnson questioned whether the high school portion going into effect immediately would necessitate being repeated in the final Notice of Intent and requested staff to make note of it.

Vote on Mrs. Moulton's motion was unanimous.

Mrs. Haldeman noted the work on this item by Holli Kalaleh, Coordinator, Community & Government Relations.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES – VIDEO TEXT INTERACTIVE, INC.

Authorization to contract with Video Text Interactive, Inc. to provide instructional supplies and related teacher materials for the Video Text Interactive Algebra Program (VTI), at an approximate total cost of \$295,000.00, effective September 18, 2008, through July 31, 2011, to be paid from Fund 0280 and Internal Order G6639090909, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

APPROVE WEB SITE SOFTWARE LICENSES MEDIA – X SYSTEMS

Approval to purchase the Media – X Systems eWalk software for data collection and analysis at an approximate total cost of \$65,000.00, effective September 15, 2008, through September 15, 2009, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 09, Grant G6668003709, GL Account 5650000000, Function Area F10002219, Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANTS – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLANS

Authorization to contract with independent consultants to provide support with the implementation of Assistive Technology Services for assistive technologies designated as educationally necessary in students' Individualized Education Plans for the 2008-2009 school year, at an approximate total cost of \$184,000.00, effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, to be paid from Medicaid funds, Cost Center Group INSS-0125, FY 08, General Ledger Account 5350000000, Cost Center 1028501125, Fund 0285, Budget Unit 0125, Project 028501, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – JOANN ANGELINI

Authorization to contract with JoAnn Angelini to assist East Region schools with achievement of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in literacy by providing intensive literacy training to elementary literacy specialists, secondary department chairpersons, English language learners specialists, special education teachers, and administrators at 22 schools, at the rates of \$120.00 to \$313.50 per day for module trainings and \$1,254.00 per day for coaching, resulting in an approximate total cost of \$79,000.00, effective September 15, 2008, through June 30, 2009, to be paid from federal funds, Internal Order G6633021709, Sponsor Class 5320000000, Functional Area 2219, Fund 2800000000, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

APPROVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT – CRACKDOWN ON CANCER

Approval to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine to provide oral cancer/tobacco screening and tobacco intervention education to students in the district's secondary schools, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

APPROVE STUDENT EXPULSIONS

Approval of student expulsions according to NRS 392.467 (Board Policy 5114 and Regulations 5114 and 5141.1), as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.07.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulation 4355, and Articles 16-5, 16-6, and 16-7 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association), as recommended in Reference 5.08.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$43,853,198.00, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.09.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$3,210,000.00 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.10.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #04-08-09 in the amount of \$116,738,161.93, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

APPROVE ADDITION TO ENGINEER SELECTION LIST

Approval to add the engineering firms of Apex Testing Corp.; Burkett & Wong Engineers; The Harman Group, Inc.; and Zone Engineering, Inc. to the Board-approved Engineer Selection List, as recommended in Reference 5.12.

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY TO CLARK COUNTY SITE NO. 172

Approval to adopt a Resolution of Intent to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement to lease real property to Clark County and to set September 25, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., in the board room of the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, as the time and place to hear objections to the Cooperative Agreement to lease real property, as recommended in Reference 5.13.

APPROVE DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES FOR CLARK COUNTY AT THE VEGAS PBS – DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER

Approval to grant Clark County two easements necessary to facilitate the construction of sidewalks, street lights, utilities, traffic control devices and appurtenances located on the western portion of the Vegas PBS – Distance Learning Center site and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

RATIFY CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$12,918.00 for Robert L. Taylor Elementary School Replacement (JMA Architects, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.16.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$265,300.33 plus 3 days to the construction contracts to Construct Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary School (CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc.); Construct Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo, Sr. Middle School (Pace Contracting Co.); Exterior Paint Abatement and Renovation at Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts (A & B Environmental, LLC); and Roof Replacement at Red Rock Elementary School (A. W. Farrell & Son, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.17.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY B/SL-5

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Motion to approve as presented in the backup material.

Motion: Johnson Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 THROUGH 7.03

Approval of Items 7.01, 7.02, and 7.03, as follows:

Motion: Edwards Second: Johnson

Mrs. Johnson asked whether any accommodations for rural schools zoning issues should be addressed in Policy or Regulation 7124 to alleviate the issues of overcrowding or would the policy preclude that.

Dr. Kohut-Rost cited Paragraph II of the policy in support of that issue.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 6113.4

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Policy 6113.4, Cultural and Ethnic Recognition, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 7124

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 7124, Converting Elementary Schools To and From Year-Round Calendars and Flexible Double Sessions, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

ADOPT CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 7124

Adoption of Clark County School District Policy 7124, Converting Elementary Schools To and From Multitrack, Year-Round Calendars and Flexible Double Sessions, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

APPROVE UPDATE ON K-12 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Approval regarding an update on K-12 budget reductions, and possible legal action in response to such reductions.

Mr. Weiler distributed and explained an updated calendar timeline of state and CCSD budget reductions, noting they were not specific dates.

Martha Tittle, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division, explained how timing was critical in the recruitment process during the year.

Mrs. Moulton noted the complexity and challenge of staff regarding recruitment and budget reductions. She questioned if the Board did decide to move specialists into classroom teachers, could the district still hire more teachers in July to lower class sizes.

Mrs. Tittle, responded in the affirmative, to continue the process as it was being done currently. She stated, however, that a plan would need to be completed by February.

Mr. Weiler offered his services to speak to the community regarding the budget and to clear up misconceptions, if requested.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Software, Math/Science, Back Bone Communications – Steve Leitz

Mr. Leitz distributed a summary packet regarding new software and discussed the product.

West Prep Academy, Proposed Building – Kathy McManus

Ms. McManus spoke regarding West Prep Academy being seriously overcrowded and kindergartners not having a restroom in their classroom, necessitating a whole class having to accompany a teacher to the restroom. She urged the Board to reassess the needs at this school.

Mrs. Moulton asked what the timeline was to address the changes because of the postponement of the bond.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Mr. Weiler responded in early November there would be a joint meeting with the Bond Oversight Committee and the Board.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Scow noted that, as a recap of the last Board retreat, E-1: Global Mission and E-2: Academic Achievement would be brought to the September 25, 2008, Board meeting to revise the mission statement.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she and Mrs. Janison made recommendations to the Board on the *Building for the Future* publication, and there had been discussion to meld it with the strategic plan. She recommended that the Board not redo this brochure in print, but rather have an agenda item for discussion with a recommendation that the Communications Department help streamline community linkage issues, trustee newsletters, et cetera.

Mrs. Janison agreed with Mrs. Johnson's summation.

It was agreed, through consensus of the Board, to have a future agenda item on this topic.

Trustee Edwards reminded staff that during yesterday's retreat a work session agenda item on public input was discussed.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards briefly reported on the first Student Advisory Committee meeting this school year, highlighting the top four topics the members chose for research and discussion being pay for play, Advanced Placement (AP) exams, school start time, and open enrollment. She stated she attended various open houses, which she has enjoyed, and she briefly reported on her recent attendance at the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting.

Mrs. Moulton briefly reported on the following: her attendance at the recent Public Education Foundation annual meeting and executive committee meeting with Dr. Rulfes; her participation in a conference call yesterday with Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) on a lawsuit NIAA had been engaged in regarding young women's soccer and Title 9 issues brought forward; a recent conference call with the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) noting the annual conference to be held in Reno, Nevada, on November 13-16, 2008, and encouraged trustees to make room reservations early, and she noted that NIAA had yet to receive the district's payment; her recent attendance at open houses and yesterday's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting.

Mrs. Janison briefly reported on the following: her attendance at various open houses; her attendance at the Paul E. Culley Elementary School celebration at the MGM Grand; her meeting with Las Vegas City Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian at Rose Warren Elementary School to discuss community issues; and her attendance at the northwest region PAC, Rural Education Advisory Board (REAB) meeting this morning.

Trustee Edwards briefly reported on her attendance at the Paul E. Culley Elementary School celebration at the MGM Grand.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Rulfes briefly reported on his meeting with Las Vegas City Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian and noted her diligence in partnering with CCSD to fulfill school needs. He also noted that Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, was working on getting a count of assigned seats for the Foundation dinner.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Mrs. Scow noted the following had been requested: a work session review had been requested at the recent Board retreat, and a Board improvement plan in conjunction with the strategic plan, with Mrs. Krohn to get back with dates.

ADJOURN: 7:13 p.m.

Motion: Moulton Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous