

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, April 14, 2011

4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Carolyn Edwards, President
Dr. Linda E. Young, Vice President
Deanna L. Wright, Clerk
Lorraine Alderman, Member
John Cole, Member
Erin E. Cranor, Member
Chris Garvey, Member

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

INVOCATION

Pastor Diego Trujillo, Centro de Victoria/President of Las Vegas Pastoral Council, performed the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Western High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Items 4.17 and 4.18, move Item 6.04 to follow the consent agenda, and move Item 6.05 to follow Item 8.01 as 8.01a.

Motion: Cole Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meetings – December 1, 2010; December 9, 2010; January 3, 2011; and January 5, 2011

Motion: Cole Second: Alderman

Trustee Garvey noted that she was absent from the January 3, 2011, Board meeting.

Vote on Trustee Cole's motion was unanimous.

STUDENT REPORTS

Nicole Spence, student body president at Cimarron-Memorial High School, John Cole, District E Trustee; Corey Tyndall, student body president at Southwest Career and Technical Academy, Carolyn Edwards, District F Trustee; Alexa Pullan, student representative at Shadow Ridge High School, Chris Garvey, District B Trustee; and Amber Kinter, student body president at Arbor View High School, Chris Garvey, District B Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

PRESENTATION OF CURRICULUM ENGINE

Presentation of the Curriculum Engine, which is a web-based, curriculum delivery system that promotes one-stop shopping for teachers to provide efficiency and effectiveness in planning classroom instruction and provides access to collected knowledge in the District regarding curriculum, instruction, and assessment as a means for collaboration among teachers in planning classroom instruction. Justin White, Project Facilitator, K-12 Literacy Department, Clark County School District; Darren Sweikert, Principal, Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle School, Clark County School District; Brenda Larson-Mitchell, Executive Director, Curriculum and Instruction, Clark County School District.

RECESS: 4:52 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:22 p.m.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Public Hearing

Lydia Godje spoke about how essential Title I funds are to quality education in employing quality professionals. She asked that the District look within the CCSD to render nursing services. She noted the lack of support staff personnel employment and expressed concern.

4.01 NEVADA SCHOOL-BASED LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA GRANT-CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. Discussion and possible action on authorization for the Palo Verde High School choir department to submit and implement the Nevada School-Based Learn and Serve America Grant, under the Corporation for National and Community Service funding, for developing service-learning projects that address the needs of the community, in the approximate amount of \$7,500.00 to be paid from Fund 0280, from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Patrice Johnson] (Ref. 4.01)

4.02 TRAVEL AND REGISTRATION – NEVADA DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA (DECA). Discussion and possible action on authorization to purchase services from Nevada DECA for registration and travel costs for 160 high school students to attend the International Career Development Conference at an approximate total cost of \$52,696.00, to be paid from Fund 0279, and Internal Order G4914270011, effective April 29, 2011, through May 4, 2011, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Karen Stanley] (Ref. 4.02)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.03 AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT (SIG) TITLE I, SECTION 1003(g). Discussion and possible action on the authorization to submit and implement the grant proposal submitted to the Nevada Department of Education for federal SIG funds, available to states per formula, under Title I, Section 1003(g) of the ESEA for an anticipated project period of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2014, to be paid from Fund 0280, in the approximate amount of \$9,150,000.00, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Lauren Kohut-Rost] (Ref. 4.03)
- 4.04 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES – SCHOLASTIC, INC. Discussion and possible action on authorization for the Student Support Services Division to contract with Scholastic, Inc. for the purchase of the System 44 software intervention program, materials and installation, for 10 elementary and 10 secondary schools at an approximate cost of \$280,000.00, as well as 116 System 44 Add-on Packages at an approximate cost of \$342,200.00 for an approximate total cost of \$622,200.00, effective April 18, 2011, through July 31, 2011, to be paid from Fund 0280 and Internal Order G6639090911, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Charlene Green] (Ref. 4.04)
- 4.05 EMPLOYMENT OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS – NURSING SERVICES. Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with independent nursing contractors and contract agencies to provide registered nurse and licensed practical nurse services to students from April 15, 2011, through June 30, 2011, for an approximate total cost of \$200,000.00, to be paid from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds, Unit 0137, FY 11, Fund 2800000000, Internal Order G6978003010, and G6978003011, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Charlene Green] (Ref. 4.05)
- 4.06 INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – PSYCHOLOGICAL SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS. Discussion and possible action on authorization for the Student Support Services Division to contract with Psychological Software Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of Review 360 licenses, for approximately 99 Specialized Emotionally Challenged (SEC) classrooms, to include the following plan types: Behavioral Management Plan, Behavioral Tracking Plan, Low Incidence Progress Plan, In-Home Tracking Plan, Incident Tracker, Academic Progress Plan, and Early Childhood Progress Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$93,720.00, as well as product training to include five days of professional development services with two trainers, four days of onsite school visits, and technical support for an amount not to exceed \$23,250.00 at an approximate total cost of \$116,970.00, effective April 20, 2011, through June 30, 2011, through ARRA funds, to be paid from Fund 2800000000 and Internal Order G6978002710, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Charlene Green] (Ref. 4.06)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.07 **TITLE I INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SOFTWARE.** Discussion and possible action on the authorization for the Title I Department in the Student Support Division proposes to purchase from Scholastic, Inc., 79,236 Prekindergarten through 5th grade book packs, at a cost of \$25.95 per pack, and 35,633 6th through 8th grade book packs, at a cost of \$26.95 per pack, for the Summer Reading Take Home Program, for students attending the 157 Title I and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Title I schools, for a cost not to exceed, \$3,016,483.55. Additionally, Title I proposes to purchase from Learning A-Z, 5145 individual, software licenses for Title I and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Title I schools, to extend and enhance existing programs for students at 137 Title I summer school sites, at a cost of \$103.45 per license, not to exceed \$532,275.98, and from Study Island, 155 site licenses at a cost not to exceed \$532,275.98, for a total cost not to exceed \$4,093,063.48, effective June 13, 2011, through May 31, 2012, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY11, G6975006911, F01001000, G/L 0619000000, and G/L 0653000000, respectively, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Charlene Green] (Ref. 4.07)
- 4.08 **NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS FROM SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY – AGREEMENT FOR TUITION.** Discussion and possible action on approval of the tuition agreement between the Clark County School District and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to sign the agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.08)
- 4.09 **STUDENT EXPULSIONS.** Discussion and possible action on approval of student expulsions according to NRS 392.467 (Board Policy 5114 and Regulations 5114 and 5141.1), as listed, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Edward Goldman] (Ref. 4.09)
- 4.10 **UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT.** Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Bill Garis] (Ref. 4.10)
- 4.11 **LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT.** Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Bill Garis] (Ref. 4.11)
- 4.12 **PURCHASE ORDERS.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,690,624.64, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.12)
- 4.13 **PURCHASING AWARDS.** Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$11,417,102.50, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.13)
- 4.14 **WARRANTS.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum to be presented at the Board meeting, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.14)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.15 ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES, SOUTHEAST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY REPLACEMENT – PHASE I. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an engineering services agreement with AMTI Sunbelt, LLP for geotechnical services in support of the replacement of Southeast Career and Technical Academy – Phase I in the amount of \$250,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012463, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.15)
- 4.16 INCREASE IN CONTRACT AMOUNT, ASBESTOS AND LEAD ABATEMENT, WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to increase the original contract amount with Walker Specialty Construction, Inc. to remove additional asbestos and lead materials discovered at the site in order to proceed with, and in support of, the library and classroom renovation project at Western High School in the amount of \$59,157.00, for a total amount of \$123,657.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0010596, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.16)
- 4.19 CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering agreement for a net increase of \$158,144.20 for Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School (Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects and Las Vegas Building Commissioning, LLC), Southeast Career and Technical Academy (Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects), and Valley High School (Professional Design Associates, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.19)
- 4.20 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$503,515.88 to the construction contracts for the Modernization of Fire Suppression System at Vegas PBS (Western Fire Prevention and Air Filter Service, Inc.), Construct Evelyn Stuckey Elementary School (Rafael Construction, Inc.), HVAC School Modernization at Elaine Wynn, Jim Thorpe, and Andrew Mitchell Elementary Schools (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), Modernization at Valley High School (McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.), and HVAC School Modernization at Selma F. Bartlett Elementary School (Lloyd's Refrigeration, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.20)

Motion to approve.

Motion: Young Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE LEGISLATION

Approval regarding state and federal legislation which may affect education, including, but not limited to, reports of current legislative issues and events; the development of the District's legislative goals, platform, and courses of action; the establishment of the District's position on proposed legislation; and guidance to District representatives in the legislative process.

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, went over information provided to the Board that comprised a comparison of education reform bills. She then went over the short list of key bills also provided to the Board.

Public Hearing

Autumn Tampa stated that she has submitted testimonies to the legislature on behalf of education. She asked if it would be prudent to include the least amount of employees in the reduction in force (RIF) process now and add employees as it becomes necessary.

John Carr spoke in opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 229.

Sarah Mainor spoke about her fears regarding decisions being made by legislators that affect education.

Brittney Mainor expressed concern over possible cuts to music programs and art programs in the District.

Rachel Mainor spoke about how her future would be affected with the loss of the fine arts programs.

Ruben Murillo asked what CCSD's standing was on AB 555. He asked that the District address the issue of principals and administrators talking to teachers about legislation.

APPROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALLOCATED FUNDS

Approval to review and budget funds allocated to Trustees while conducting official school business.

Trustee Edwards explained that in response to the request for the Board Office to review its budget in connection with budget reductions, she was asking if the Trustees would be willing to reduce their travel budget by \$1,000 each and their expenses by \$250 each.

Motion to reduce the Board's travel budget by \$1,000 each and its expense budget by \$250 each.

Motion: Cole Second: Alderman

Public Hearing

Lydia Godje thanked the Board for considering its own budget for reductions.

Vote on Trustee Cole's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE 2011-12 CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS

Approval on an amendment of the calendar of regular meetings of the Board of School Trustees for the period of January 2011 through January 2012, as recommended, in Reference 5.02.

Trustee Edwards briefly explained the proposed changes to the calendar of Board meetings.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Young Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02

Approval of Items 6.01 and 6.02, respectively, as follows:

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 5111

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Policy 5111, Age of Entrance and Enrollment Status of Exempted Students, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5111

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 5111, Age of Entrance and Enrollment Identity Documentation Requirements, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

UPDATE ON THE BUDGET AND OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES

Presentation of information and discussion, if needed, regarding an update on the District's budget and other financial issues.

Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit, shared with the Board how staff is planning to allocate the remainder of the Education Jobs funding. He stated that options being considered are to retain teaching staff at the secondary level to lessen the class size increases and to continue to fund school-based support staff positions that have been funded with Education Jobs funding, leaving \$4.5 million remaining in the budget.

Public Hearing

James Yoder spoke about the detrimental impact cutting CCSD's foreign language program could have on students.

Autumn Tampa asked if there is extra money found, what the District's plan would be for those funds. She talked about the importance of collective bargaining.

Liridon Poliku talked about the importance of the foreign language programs and other student organizations for students' future in education and in their careers.

UPDATE ON THE BUDGET AND OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES (continued)

Jason White spoke about the hardship recent budget cuts have had on his family and on other employees.

Sidney Lee stated that students would be affected negatively by losing teachers and arts programs because of budget reductions.

Anthony Troche spoke about how the decision to cut or reduce foreign language programs deprives students of certain opportunities.

Susan Spilsbury talked about the benefits of the foreign language and music programs and how her children have benefited personally from those programs. She asked if there would be options offered to students to be able to continue to participate in these programs.

John Carr talked about how much support staff employees have had to give up to date due to budget cuts.

Maria Land and Claudia Peck asked the Board not to cut foreign language programs from the schools' curriculum.

Lydia Godje announced that there is a petition being circulated and signed by constituents against extreme budget cuts to education.

Felicia Fletcher pleaded with the Board not to cut foreign language programs because it is required for higher education programs. She talked about budget issues that some parents are not aware of and how these issues need to be communicated.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS

Public Hearing

John Carr continued to talk about the hardships families and employees are facing as the District balances its budget.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Mr. Jones stated that information that would be posted with the April 28, 2011, Board meeting agenda would include a set of recommendations in relationship to improving communications, and a report on what could be done to improve student achievement.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards suggested that the Board could address its redistricting at the June 1, 2011, Work Session.

Mr. Jones agreed that would be appropriate.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Alderman reported on the recent Public Education Foundation board meeting, where the Superintendent spoke. She spoke about the Toyota Literacy Conference she attended. She announced that the Public Education Foundation's 12th Annual Scholarship Luncheon would be held on May 19, 2011. She also reported on the National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference and the emphasis on fine arts at the conference.

Trustee Garvey shared that as requested by the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB), she drafted a letter to the legislators who represent Clark County, and in the letter she discussed the impact of the budget cuts on the District and on the individual schools. She reported on the outcome of her bullying roundtable event.

Trustee Cranor reported on the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Board of Control meeting held on April 4 and 5. She stated that the women's soccer issue was continued to June, and that there was an approval for a formula for competitive balance based realignment. She said she would be holding a town hall meeting to help answer questions and discuss the impact on students related to the competitive balance based realignment prior to the Board of Control's June meeting.

Trustee Young reported on the Each One Read One program, stating the program has been very successful with the book "The Recess Queen." She disclosed that she is a founder and executive director of a tax-exempt organization, The Village Foundation, which provides support to schools and collaboration with community groups. She announced that a fundraiser banquet and charity golf event would be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at the J. W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort and Spa.

Trustee Cole announced that Cimarron Memorial High School robotics team was crowned champions of the Annual FIRST Robotics Competition; and that R. F. Tobler Elementary School raised \$2,707 for their school through the Fresh and Easy program and received an additional \$5,000 for being the state champions.

Trustee Edwards reported that as the liaison of Vegas PBS she traveled to Washington, D. C., to lobby on behalf of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting for funding because all federal funding to Vegas PBS was eliminated in the budget. She stated that a great deal of the funding had been restored.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Stephen Augspurger offered his perspective on how the remaining Education Jobs money could be used.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Kim Farmer (phonetic) expressed her frustrations with her school not having an assistant principal, the traveling expenses she has to endure as an itinerant, and the program cuts to her daughter's school.

Rachel Spilsbury (phonetic) spoke about the programs that she needs in high school to be able to attend college and how cutting foreign language and music programs from CCSD's curriculum could negatively impact students.

Bailey Barker (phonetic) spoke passionately about how the budget reductions are impacting her school and how cutting the law enforcement course at her school would be detrimental to her future.

Brad Farmer (phonetic) spoke in opposition to cutting programs at his daughter's school.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Alderman Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

RECESS: 8:35 p.m.

RECONVENE: 10:41 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES THE MEETING

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 10:41 p.m.

ADJOURN: 10:41 p.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.