

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, January 10, 2013

4:00 p.m.

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

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

FLAG SALUTE

Mojave High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Dr. Robert E. Fowler Sr., Pastor of Victory Missionary Baptist Church, performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except move Item 6.02 to be heard with Item 7.03.

Motion: Young Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE MINUTES

Regular meetings – October 25, 2012; November 8, 2012; and November 29, 2012

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

STUDENT REPORTS

Elizabeth Rose, student body president at Las Vegas Academy; Edna Amparan-Ochoa, student body president at Mojave High School; and Elisha Morgan, senior class representative at Veterans' Tribute Career and Technical Academy, represented by Linda E. Young, District C Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Dr. Carla Steinforth was inducted into the Excellence in Education Hall of Fame in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to education during her career in the Clark County School District and beyond in her service on the School-Community Partnership Advisory Council.

PRESENTATION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS COUNCIL

Recognition of the Southern Nevada representatives on the Teachers and Leaders Council.
Pat Skorkowsky, Deputy Superintendent, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF VOICES IN VOTING/KIDS VOTING OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Recognition of the Voices In Voting/Kids Voting of Southern Nevada program for engaging Clark County School District students in online voting. Judy Myers, Assistant Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

RECESS: 4:50 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Nelida Garcia and Sandra Garcia asked that no changes be made to the staff and administration at Fremont Middle School. They presented signatures of other parents who also feel that the school and the students are doing well and prefer not to have any changes made.

Eddie Wide brought to the attention of the Board an incident in which his daughter, Mariah Bassler-Wide, had been accused of cyber bullying and the consequences. Mr. Wide expressed concerns regarding how the matter has been addressed. He provided information to the Board related to this matter.

Mariah Bassler-Wide spoke about how this matter has affected her academically and emotionally.

Anthony Hodges spoke about the importance of teachers in the lives of children.

David Gomez expressed concerns regarding how dress code violations are addressed at West Prep.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Motion: Cranor Second: Garvey

Trustee Garvey commented with regard to Item 5.03 that the Board is only voting on the extension agreement tonight and the full Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Regarding Item 5.01, page 2 of 2, under "Dues and Fees," Trustee Young offered the language "students from low-income households" or "students from households with low income" in place of "low-income students."

Superintendent Jones responded that staff could make that change under direction from the Board.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Trustee Cranor amended her motion to include the language change in Item 5.01 as suggested by Trustee Young.

Trustee Garvey agreed with the amendment.

Vote on Trustee Cranor's motion was unanimous.

- 5.01 ADVANCED PLACEMENT FEE PAYMENT PROGRAM, TITLE I, PART G. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Advanced Placement Fee Payment Program, from August 1, 2012, through July 31, 2013, submitted in the amount of \$15,622.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, Internal Order Number G6640000113, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CLINICS IN SCHOOLS. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a First Amendment to the original Agreement between the Clark County School District and Clinics In Schools to amend, modify, or delete various sections of the original Agreement, and for the Chief Student Services Officer to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the Agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 EXTENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF NEVADA. Discussion and possible action to approve an extension agreement between the Clark County School District and Communities in Schools of Nevada from December 4, 2012, to January 31, 2013, and for the Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations to sign the agreement, is recommended.[Contact Person: Joyce Haldeman] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.04 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: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.04)
- 5.05 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,232,196.93, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.07)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.08 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$16,572,988.70, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 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. 5.09)
- 5.10 RECAP OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS. Discussion and possible action on authorization to include the Recap of Budget Appropriation Transfers between governmental functions of all funds for the period beginning November 1, 2012, and ending November 30, 2012, in the official Board minutes as required by NRS 354.598005, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.10)
- 5.11 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY. Discussion and possible action on approval to adopt a Resolution of Intent to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the Clark County School District for the Exchange of Real Property, and to set January 24, 2013, at 4:00 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, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 277.053, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION FOR POSITIVELY KIDS AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AT CYNTHIA CUNNINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a lease agreement between the Foundation For Positively Kids and the Clark County School District, for the operation of a school-based health center located at Cynthia Cunningham Elementary School, for a two-year term with all applicable lease rules and regulations, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the lease agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, JOSEPH L. BOWLER SR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the engineering firm of TJK Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide engineering design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for upgrades to the low voltage systems at Joseph L. Bowler Sr. Elementary School in the amount of \$108,811.88, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012685, 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. 5.13)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.14 **ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, WALTER BRACKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the engineering firm of Harris Consulting Engineers, to provide engineering design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for upgrades to the low voltage systems at Walter Bracken Elementary School in the amount of \$112,869.50, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012686, 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. 5.14)
- 5.15 **ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, HALLE HEWETSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the engineering firm of Harris Consulting Engineers, to provide engineering design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for upgrades to the low voltage systems at Halle Hewetson Elementary School in the amount of \$111,458.25, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012688, 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. 5.15)
- 5.16 **ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR, DESERT ROSE HIGH SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of Lee and Sakahara Architects to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for the replacement and/or repair of multiple roofs at Desert Rose High School in the amount of \$67,469.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012715, 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. 5.16)
- 5.17 **ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR, DORIS HANCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of Lee and Sakahara Architects to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for the replacement and/or repair of multiple roofs at Doris Hancock Elementary School in the amount of \$68,162.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012718, 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. 5.17)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.18 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, ROOF REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR, TWIN LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of Lee and Sakahara Architects to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for the replacement and/or repair of multiple roofs at Twin Lakes Elementary School in the amount of \$57,954.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012722, 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. 5.18)
- 5.19 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$199,938.02 to the construction contracts for the Modernization of Ed W. Clark High School (McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.), HVAC School Modernization at Charlotte Hill, Dorothy Eisenberg, and Marc Kahre Elementary Schools (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), HVAC and School Modernization at Helen Jydstrup Elementary School (Pahar Mechanical Contractors, Inc./MMC), and Intrusion Alarm and Local Area Network Systems Replacement at Helen Herr Elementary School (Communication Electronic Systems, LLC), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.19)

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY APPENDIX: BOARD COMMITTEES

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy Appendix: Board Committees, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Trustee Garvey said that in connection with GP-15: Board Affiliated Committees, some discussion was had regarding having a liaison assigned to a committee or board for longer periods of time. She asked if the Board wanted to address that issue now or at a later time.

Trustee Young said it was her understanding that the Oversight Panel for School Facilities-AB353 committee would be disbanded.

Trustee Edwards suggested that this item be brought back after the information regarding the Oversight Panel for School Facilities is confirmed.

Trustee Wright said she would be willing to approve this item as it is currently presented and bring a discussion forward at a later time regarding the length of time an individual is assigned to a committee.

Trustee Cranor agreed that this discussion is tied to GP-15: Board Affiliated Committees, and she cautioned that the Board should be aware of term limits when assigning individuals to committees for extended terms of services so the Board does not limit itself and maintains flexibility.

Motion to approve as presented.

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – EL-1: GLOBAL EXECUTIVE CONSTRAINT – 2011-2012

Approval regarding the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-1: Global Executive Constraint – 2011-2012.

Superintendent Jones presented his monitoring report for Policy EL-1: Global Executive Constraint – 2011-2012 for the Board's review.

Motion to accept in compliance.

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman

Trustee Young suggested approving this monitoring report in compliance with commendation.

Trustee Wright and Trustee Alderman agreed with the amendment offered by Trustee Young.

Trustee Edwards stated that "with exception" and "with commendation" follow "out of compliance," and she recommended that staff move "with exception" and "with commendation" to follow "in compliance" instead so that "out of compliance" stands on its own.

The Trustees agreed with that recommendation.

Vote on Trustee Wright's motion was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Trustee Edwards acknowledged that members of the Student Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees were in attendance to observe the Board meeting.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 1140

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 1140, Parent Involvement, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 14, 2013, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Nicole Rourke, Executive Director, Government Affairs, Community and Government Relations, explained that Policy 1140 was being brought forward for approval with the recommended changes in an effort to align it more closely with state policy.

Trustee Young said that throughout the policy "children," "students," and "pupils" are used interchangeably and said she preferred the word "students." She referred to page 7 of 12, number 3, and asked if students could be given an opportunity to sign the Educational Involvement Accord as well as the parents or legal guardians.

Pat Skorkowsky, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, guided Trustees to page 7 of 12, Item III, Section A, and said the language here is taken directly from Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 392 to which this item refers.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 1140

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Trustee Young questioned how the goals in this policy would be implemented.

Mrs. Rourke explained that this is an existing policy and only part of it is being modified so that the language mirrors the National Parent-Teacher Association standards.

Trustee Young referred to page 9 of 12 and suggested adding “administrative” to the last sentence of the first paragraph so that it reads, “...shall be provided for administrative, licensed, and support staff.” She referred to page 9 of 12, Item VI, Section C, and suggested modifying the language to reflect the minority-majority community.

Trustee Edwards asked if administrators are also licensed personnel.

Superintendent Jones said that is correct. He explained that the term “minority” is language that comes out of the Title I interpretation.

Trustee Cranor noted that there are areas where the Region Parent Advisory Council is referenced, and it is actually the Performance Zones parent groups that fill that role. She asked if the efforts being made to ensure that non-English speaking parents have these same opportunities could be captured in this policy.

Trustee Young said that administrators carry a different license than teachers.

Superintendent Jones said that staff could make the language change, adding the word “administrative,” if directed by the Board to do so.

Motion to approve the Notice of Intent to amend CCSD Policy 1140, asking that the Amendment come back to the Board with considerations of this discussion and consideration of the need to preserve language per NRS and Title I.

Motion: Cranor Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE ITEMS 7.03 AND 6.02

Approval of Items 7.03 and 6.02, respectively, as follows:

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT—CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5130

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 5130, School Board Student Advisory Committee, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 14, 2013, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

APPROVE BYLAWS AND RULES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Approval of revised Bylaws and Rules of the School Board Student Advisory Committee, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Mr. Skorkowsky explained that Regulation 5130 is being modified to allow language changes to be made to the committee's bylaws; to allow the student body advisory committee to be brought under the committee structure set by the Board; and to allow for the designation of the officers and the designation of the individual who would serve as the facilitator.

Trustee Edwards went over the bylaws and explained the proposed changes being made to the regulation.

Trustee Alderman suggested the following language change to Revised Reference 6.02, Item IV, Section A: "The initial meeting of the Committee will be conducted by the Facilitator. At this meeting..."

Trustee Wright suggested changing the language in Reference 7.03, Item II, Section A to make it clear that all high school students qualify for membership, not only those involved in their school's student body, such as, "Membership shall be open to all high school students..."

Trustee Alderman offered, "Membership shall consist of high school students in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12."

Trustee Edwards asked that staff look at how to make this language more inclusive, rather than exclusive, and bring it back to the Board.

*Motion to approve Items 6.02 and 7.03 with the recommended changes in language brought back.
Motion: Alderman Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL APPLICATION – ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

Approval regarding the Odyssey Charter School application for renewal of a written charter for a period of six years including, but not limited to, approval, rejection, or further consideration of the application, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

Kim Wooden, Chief Student Services Officer, Student Support Services Division, presented the renewal application for Odyssey Charter School for consideration. She said the CCSD charter school compliance team has completed an extensive review of the charter school and has found the school to be in compliance in all areas.

Dan Tafoya, Coordinator, Office of Charter Schools, Student Support Services Division, gave a brief report of the charter school's performance.

APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL APPLICATION – ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL (continued)

Tim Lorenz, Odyssey Charter School superintendent, spoke about the history of Odyssey Charter School and the school's mission and vision for students.

Trustee Cranor invited Odyssey Charter School to review the District's budget document "Open Book" and to consider being as transparent as the school moves forward.

Trustee Edwards recommended that the charter's summary statement that the Board receives should reflect the actual Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status and could include comments for further detail. She stated that with regard to the charter's elementary school measurable objectives, any change that the school would like to measure should be a statistically significant change. She asked that when the modification to the measureable objectives is made, a memorandum be forward to the Board showing that the change had been made and answering whether the progress would be statistically significant.

Mr. Lorenz agreed to provide that information to the Board.

Motion to accept the Odyssey Charter School application for renewal.

Motion: Alderman Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Jones thanked teachers, principals, school police and all staff who helped to ensure students' safety over the past several weeks. He reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Variety School campus.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards noted that the Board committees appendix item would be coming back with more information.

Trustee Wright asked for an agenda item to discuss options for online learning for middle school students within CCSD as well as external options.

Trustee Cranor requested an agenda item for discussion of GP-15: Board Affiliated Committees, specifically, the footnote that references the Board president being assigned to the Council of the Great City Schools, at the time the appendix is brought back.

Trustee Edwards noted that the footnote was removed from the appendix, and it would be removed from GP-15: Board Affiliated Committees as well, as was intended.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Garvey reminded Board members to review their copy of the Nevada Student 2013 document and use that information to have a conversation with their legislators. She announced that part 2 of the board member orientation is scheduled to be held in Reno, Nevada, on January 25-26.

Trustee Young reported on the Debt Management meeting she attended on January 3. She thanked the Board Office staff for organizing the Board's Oath of Office program. She asked that the Trustees take copies of the latest Each One Read One book to their schools to share as Nevada Reading Week approaches. She mentioned that she attended the Jade Morris memorial service, and that it was a reminder to value and to love our children.

Trustee Edwards reported on the School Name Committee meeting and said they would be making recommendations to name portions of facilities and proposals for policy changes.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sebring Frehner stated that the legislature would be holding Nevada Education Awareness Day on February 25. He invited the Board to provide their feedback on that day and to reach out to their legislators and provide their input.

Maria Becerra expressed safety concerns for the students on the West Prep campus because of bullying and the lack of adequate security for the number of students on the campus and the lower temperatures in the morning with students standing outside for morning announcements, assemblies, et cetera.

Fernando Romero asked if the Board planned to come to the Latino community to discuss overcrowding in the schools and gather the community's input.

ADJOURN: 7:34 p.m.

Motion: Tew Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

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