

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 12, 2012

4:00 p.m.

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

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

**INVOCATION**

Rabbi Malcolm Cohen, Temple Sinai, performed the invocation.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Las Vegas High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except delete Items 4.01 and 4.15, move Item 6.04 to follow Item 8.01 as 8.01a, and note revised reference material for Items 4.16 and 4.17.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Special meetings – October 13, 2011; October 17, 2011; and November 2, 2011*

*Regular meeting – October 20, 2011*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Elyssa Pickett, student body president at Las Vegas High School, Erin Cranor, District G Trustee; Denise Matias, student body president at Mojave High School, Linda Young, District C Trustee; Andrew Limas, student body president at Western High School, Linda Young, District C Trustee; and Elizabeth Rivera, student body president at West Prep, Linda Young, District C Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

#### **PRESENTATION OF ANY GIVEN CHILD INITIATIVE**

Update on the Any Given Child initiative and collaboration with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to provide quality arts experiences for all kindergarten through sixth-grade students in the Clark County School District. Barbara Good, Coordinator, Elementary Fine Arts, Clark County School District; Bridget Phillips, Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District; Candy Schneider, Director of Education, The Smith Center for the Performing Arts.

#### **PRESENTATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTRONIC PHOTO CONTEST**

Presentation and recognition of the winners of the Middle School Electronic Photo Contest. Pedro Martinez, Deputy Superintendent, Clark County School District.

#### **PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS**

Presentation to recognize the outstanding achievement of Clark County School District's 2011-2012 National Merit Semifinalists. Michael T. Rodriguez, Internal Communications Manager, Clark County School District.

#### **PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE INDUCTION**

Presentation and induction of the 2011-2012 student representatives of the School Board Student Advisory Committee.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

The Board members acknowledged Trustee Edwards for her leadership on the Board during her term as Board President and they thanked her for her commitment to excellence in education.

#### **RECOGNITION**

Trustee Wright recognized Boy Scout Troop 524.

#### **RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Trustee Cranor, on behalf of the Board, presented Marilyn Gillespie and John Good with the Friend of K-12 Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) recognition certificate for their work in education in connection with the inaugural Las Vegas Science Festival.

#### **RECOGNITION**

Trustee Young recognized Commissioner Tom Collins.

**RECESS:** 5:26 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:45 p.m.

#### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

*Motion: Wright Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 4.02 **INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – ADVANCED ACADEMICS.** Discussion and possible action on the request to contract with Advanced Academics, to provide online credit recovery services for approximately 5,000 individual online semester courses for high school students, at a rate of \$100.00 per semester course. Services will include license fees and ongoing support throughout the school year for an approximate total cost of \$500,000.00, effective January 13, 2012, through August 31, 2012, to be paid from Unit 0100, FY 2012, Cost Center 1010022100, Fund 0100, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pedro Martinez] (Ref. 4.02)
- 4.03 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND EVERFI, INC.** Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Clark County School District and EverFi, Inc. to provide online financial literacy curriculum for an initial period of one to three years that include academic years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014, with the option of renewing yearly commencing after approval of both agencies, and authorization for Pedro Martinez, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, to sign the document, is recommended. [Contact Person: Karen Stanley] (Ref. 4.03)
- 4.04 **COLLEGE BOARD CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES NETWORK – COLLEGE BOARD/HANBAN.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the College Board Confucius Institutes program through the College Board/Hanban, to expand or enhance existing Chinese language programs, in the approximate amount of \$200,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, from July 2, 2012, through June 28, 2013, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Karen Stanley] (Ref. 4.04)
- 4.05 **SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT.** Discussion and possible action on approval to appoint Elisha Morgan-Lang, student, to the Sex Education Advisory Committee, effective February 1, 2012, through June 5, 2013, is recommended. [Contact Person: Karen Stanley] (Ref. 4.05)
- 4.06 **DESERT ROSE HIGH SCHOOL – YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with the Workforce Connections organization for students to participate in the YouthBuild employment and training program, and implement services to designated students at Desert Rose High School, using funding from the federally funded Workforce Investment Act, in the amount of \$158,584.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, from January 16, 2012, through June 30, 2013, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Bradley D. Waldron] (Ref. 4.06)
- 4.07 **WINDSONG TRUST GRANT.** Discussion and possible action related to the acceptance of a grant from Windsong Trust, applied for by the superintendent in order to acquire funds to support specific initiatives related to reform, in the amount of \$800,000, with no cost to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 4.07)

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 4.08 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: Bradley D. Waldron] (Ref. 4.08)
- 4.09 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 4.09)
- 4.10 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 4.10)
- 4.11 LICENSED PERSONNEL DISMISSAL RECOMMENDATIONS. Discussion and resolution to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissals, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 4.11)
- 4.12 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,675,201.49 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 \$5,562,352.00, 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)
- 4.16 CONTRACT AWARD: LOCAL AREA NETWORK, MULTIMEDIA, AND INTRUSION ALARM UPGRADE, MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for local area network, multimedia, and intrusion alarm upgrade at Mountain View Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012244, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, may be recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.16)
- 4.17 CONTRACT AWARD: HVAC MODERNIZATION, CLARENCE PIGGOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for HVAC school modernization at Clarence Piggott Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012469, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, may be recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.17)

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 4.18 INCREASE IN CONTRACT AMOUNT, ASBESTOS ABATEMENT, CLARK HIGH SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to increase the original contract amount with Walker Specialty Construction, Inc., to perform asbestos abatement at Western High School in the amount of \$1,064.97, for a total amount of \$100,731.29, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0002876, 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. 4.18)
- 4.19 ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES, VARIETY REPLACEMENT SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an engineering services agreement with Ninyo and Moore Geotechnical Consultants for geotechnical services in support of the Variety Replacement School in the amount of \$175,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012522; 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. 4.19)
- 4.20 CHANGE IN SERVICES. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/ engineering agreements for a net increase of \$27,214.00 for Evelyn Stuckey Elementary School (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation), Doris French Elementary School (Lucchesi Galati Architects, Inc.), and Valley High School (Professional Design Associates, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.20)
- 4.21 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$451,777.68 plus 56 days to the construction contracts for the Theater Conversion and Elevator Installation at Chaparral High School (Martin-Harris Construction), HVAC School Modernization at Andrew Mitchell Elementary School (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), HVAC School Modernization at Selma F. Bartlett Elementary School (Lloyd's Refrigeration, Inc.), Modernization at Valley High School (McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.), Roof Replacement at Crestwood Elementary School (Commercial Roofers, Inc.), Tennis Court Resurfacing at Various Sites (General Acrylics, Inc.), Asphalt Replacement at Jo Mackey Elementary School (J and J Enterprises, Inc.), Library and Classroom Renovation at Western High School, Phase IV (Burke Construction Group, Inc.), and Asbestos and Lead Abatement at Western High School, Phase IV (Walker Specialty Construction, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.21)

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-5: FINANCIAL PLANNING/BUDGETING**

Approval regarding suggestions for modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to EL-5: Financial Planning/Budgeting, is requested. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Trustee Cranor asked for input from the Board regarding the proposed language changes to this Board policy, as well as the policies in Items 5.02 and 5.03, and said she would take any concerns or suggestions back to the Audit Advisory Committee for discussion.

Trustee Edwards referred to number 5 and expressed concern with the use of the word "quantitatively," stating she was unsure of how that could be measured. She questioned the use of "scope, depth or breadth," as used in number 6 as it relates to budget process and what the Board is to be notified of.

Trustee Alderman said that at some point, she would like to hear from staff.

Superintendent Jones asked for clarification of number 6 and number 9.

Trustee Cole agreed that it would be helpful to have "material" as used in number 9 defined.

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-6: FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES**

Approval regarding suggestions for modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to EL-6: Financial Condition and Activities, is requested. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Trustee Edwards referred to number 12, which will become number 11 due to the recommended changes, and she asked for clarification of "functional level expenditures."

Trustee Cole also referred to number 12 and expressed that he feels that the Board should be notified when staff becomes aware that the expenditures are going to potentially exceed budgeted appropriations.

Trustee Cranor explained that she believed the intent of this language proposed by the Audit Advisory Committee is to say there is an accounting level at which the Board does not need to be notified ahead of time, but that the public needs to be made aware that it has occurred. She asked if the Board felt that there was a level at which notification to the Board is not necessary but transparency is.

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-6: FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES**  
(continued)

Superintendent Jones asked for further clarification of numbers 4, 11, and 12. He suggested an efficient way to be transparent to the public may be in how items are made available on the District's website.

Trustee Cole said it would be helpful to have staff's input on the appropriate levels and efforts of reporting.

Superintendent Jones suggested that staff could first meet with the Audit Advisory Committee to gain some clarification, have some discussion, and then bring some input back to the Board.

Trustee Alderman said it would be helpful to remember to use language in the policies that can be understood by everyone, no matter their level of business expertise.

Trustee Cranor suggested that it may be helpful to provide an explanation of any accounting terms at the time of Notice of Intent.

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-8: ASSET PROTECTION**

Approval regarding suggestions for modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to EL-8: Asset Protection, is requested. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Trustee Edwards noticed a typographical error in the title at the top of page 2.

**APPROVAL NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY E-1: VISION STATEMENT**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy E-1: Vision Statement, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 9, 2012, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

*Motion to approve the revisions to E-1: Vision Statement.*

*Motion: Wright    Second: Edwards*

*Trustee Edwards suggested a motion to approve Items 5.04, 5.05, and 5.06, as these items have been before the Board several times.*

*Trustee Wright amended her motion to include approval of Items 5.04, 5.05, and 5.06.*

*Trustee Edwards agreed with that amendment.*

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy E-2: Academic Achievement, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 9, 2012, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' APPENDIX: DEBRIEFING DOCUMENTS**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy Appendix: Debriefing Documents, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 9, 2012, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

*Vote on Trustee Wright's motion was 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.

*Motion to accept in compliance.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous*

**ADOPT CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3317**

Adoption of Clark County School District Regulation 3317, Food and Beverage and Offsite Facility Rentals, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

*Motion to adopt Regulation 3317.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL APPLICATION – INNOVATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL**

Approval regarding the Innovations International Charter School of Nevada 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 6.03.

Kimberly Wooden, Chief Student Services Officer, Student Support Services Division, introduced Innovations International Charter School of Nevada staff members.

Dan Tafoya, Coordinator, Office of Charter Schools, Student Support Services Division stated that the District staff review team finds the application for Innovations International Charter School of Nevada to be complete and compliant.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Alderman Second: Edwards*



**APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL APPLICATION – INNOVATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL (continued)**

Trustee Edwards asked if it is typical to renew a charter school application for a six-year period.

Mr. Tafoya said that per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) six years is the required length of time for renewal.

*Vote on Trustee Alderman's motion was unanimous.*

**EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS**

Public Hearing

Terri Lyman, Tracy Beattie, Valerie McNay, Ruben Murillo, Vicky Courtney, Karla Kulseth, Catherine Peters, Darrell Crowther, Erik Smith, Cheryl Grossman, Chris Rinaldi, April Carlson, Janet Clark, Scott Miller, Angie Sullivan, Jason Schwartz, Tyrone McMullins

The above-mentioned speakers expressed their concerns on the following topics: losing the Teachers Health Trust benefits would negatively affect their families, the potential devastation families face if the education increase is taken back, difficulties educators face due to class sizes and lack of resources, the demands placed upon teachers with a lack of resources and support, frustrations with the lack of support for teachers, teachers are the most important factor in how much students learn, the difficulty in teaching their students while trying to meet the demands for increased testing, the consequences of the rounds of budget cuts that have affected teachers, budgetary decisions as they relate to educational priorities, the impossibility of meeting the demands of No Child Left Behind, and the benefits for continuing the relationship between CCSD and the Teachers Health Trust.

The speakers also invited the Board to visit their schools, and they asked the District and the Board to support education.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Jones presented the newly designed CCSD website.

Chris Squatritto, Director of Technical Resources, Technology and Information Systems Services Division, went through the presentation, highlighting the changes to the website.

Trustee Wright asked if a calendar of meetings, such as community linkage meetings, Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, and Performance Zone meetings, could be provided on the website.

Mr. Squatritto said that could be explored.

Trustee Cranor wondered if the website would include constituent services pathways so that users could easily access the appropriate departments or individuals. She asked for clarification of the distinction between the curriculum engine and teacher sharing through the website.

## **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION (continued)**

Superintendent Jones proposed bringing back a demonstration of the curriculum engine as a presentation to the Board and include a comparison of those pieces.

Trustee Young asked if an image or a logo could be added to the website that identifies the website as being compliant with support for individuals with hearing or visual impairments.

Mr. Squatritto agreed to research that information.

Superintendent Jones reported on his recent visits to Opportunity Village, the Goodwill of Southern Nevada, Rex Bell Elementary School, and Sister Robert Joseph Bailey Elementary School. He shared that he was able to take part in the Young Dr. King Dreamers Awards program. He said that he had an opportunity to speak with City of Las Vegas employees. He said he was also able to tour Zappos and meet with the CEO and speak about their vision for the community.

Trustee Garvey requested that her previous request for an empowerment update remain a pending agenda item.

Superintendent Jones said he would provide a brief update during his next report.

## **AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Edwards requested an item for discussion and possible action on adopting Robert's Rules of Order for small boards.

Trustee Alderman requested having a discussion regarding the possibility of allowing public comment for non-agenda items before and after the business portion of the Board meeting.

Trustee Young asked if Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, could speak to the legislation in relation to public comment.

Mrs. Peterson explained that legislation allows public entities to hold public comment at the beginning of the meeting, at the end of the meeting, before each item that is to be voted on, or all three options.

Trustee Young asked that each Board member be provided with a copy of that legislation.

Trustee Edwards clarified that the public comment that would be had at the beginning and at the end of the meeting would be on non-agenda items.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Alderman reported on the Performance Zone 13 meeting she attended today. She said the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) is conducting public hearings for proposals for boundary changes, which will be coming to the Board on February 28, 2012.

**BOARD REPORTS (continued)**

Trustee Cranor shared that the next Audit Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for January 18, 2012, and that she would be delivering a Twitter workshop at the NASB professional development meeting on January 28, 2012.

**DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

LeaAnne Kelley said that since the Gibson report stated that there is more administration than industry standards in the Transportation Department, more have been hired. She asked if someone could come in and see if there is money being spent in different departments that could go to teacher salaries.

Anthony Hodges spoke about the importance of education and the need for support for the educators.

Sam King encouraged the Board to settle the teachers' contract.

Hannah Brown said she believes the community should be involved in the education system.

Joseph Connolly, recognizing the ethnic majority of Hispanic CCSD students, asked the Trustees to reach out to Hispanic leaders in the community to seek positions on the Board in order to strike a balance. He asked the Board to be vigilant in their monitoring of the implementation of the Growth Model and to be sure to request relevant information.

**EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION (continued)**

*Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

**RECESS:** 8:17 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE**

Trustees Wright and Garvey left the Board meeting at 10:24 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 10:24 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 10:24 p.m.

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

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.