

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 26, 2012

4:00 p.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Young stated that Superintendent Jones would not be in attendance due to a family emergency.

FLAG SALUTE

Bonanza High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend David Devereaux, Desert Spring United Methodist Church, performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 4.06, move Item 6.06 to follow Item 8.01 as 8.01a, and note revised reference material for Items 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, and 4.16.

Motion: Edwards Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 4:08 p.m.

STUDENT REPORTS

Lorenzo Hart, student body president at Bonanza High School, John Cole, District E Trustee; Caden Fabbi, student body president at Sierra Vista High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F Trustee; and Dominique Quattrini, student body president at Virtual High School, Erin Cranor, District G Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Michelle Lai, vice chairman of the Student Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees, from Clark High School, reported on the committee's December 6, 2011, meeting. She said topics of discussion at the committee meeting included anti-bullying efforts, education scholarship opportunities, student involvement, and student concerns.

PRESENTATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS UPDATE

An update of current Early Childhood Programs will be provided along with a recognition from the National Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation. Annie Amoia, Executive Director, Instructional Support and Programs, Clark County School District; Julie Kaspar, Director, Early Childhood Programs, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

Halle Hewetson Elementary School will be recognized as a Title I Distinguished School of the Year for Nevada. Susan Steaffens, Director of Title I Services, Clark County School District.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF LAS VEGAS

Recognition of the Assistance League of Las Vegas for ten years of assisting Clark County School District children with clothing and supplies through the Operation School Bell program. Beverly Mason, Assistant Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District; Joyce Carr and Carolyn Claser, Assistance League of Las Vegas.

RECESS: 5:09 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:30 p.m.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

- 4.01 STUDENT TUITION – UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS, SUMMER ADVANCED GIFTED EDUCATION ACADEMY. Discussion and possible action to provide tuition assistance for approximately 215 highly gifted students to attend the Summer Advanced Gifted Education (SAGE) Academy at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), at a per student cost of \$875.00, for an amount not to exceed \$188,125.00, effective April 2, 2012, through July 31, 2012, to be paid from Fund 0280, FY 12, Internal Order G5591000111, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 4.01)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.02 NAVIGATION 101, NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement Navigation 101, through the Nevada College Grant Program, under the Nevada System of Higher Education, in the amount of \$15,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, from January 31, 2012, to August 31, 2012, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Karen Stanley] (Ref. 4.02)
- 4.03 GOOGLE K-12 TALENT ACADEMY. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and to implement the Google K-12 Talent Academy program to assist Clark County School District with improving teacher quality for an amount not to exceed \$37,600.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, from January 31, 2012, to August 31, 2012, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 4.03)
- 4.04 INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANTS – SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (SES) SECOND ENROLLMENT. Discussion and possible action on authorization for the Title I Department in the Student Support Services Division to contract with various consultants from the Nevada Department of Education (NDOE) approved providers list, including the following current District personnel who are employed by providers on the state-approved list: Rosa Contreras, teacher at C.C. Ronnow Elementary School and Martha Valadez, teacher at Ira J. Earl Elementary School, are employed as program directors for Amigo Learning Center. Maya Richardson, teacher at Fay Herron Elementary, is employed as a program coordinator for Tutoring 4 Excellence, to provide supplemental education services for qualifying students attending Title I schools that have not made adequate yearly progress at a cost not to exceed \$4,001,264.00 for an annual total of \$12,978,544.00 at 60 Title I schools, effective January 31, 2012, through June 30, 2012, to be paid by Unit 0137, G6633015612, F01001000, and Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 4.04)
- 4.05 INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT, TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – BLACKBOARD, INC. Discussion and possible action on approval to contract with Blackboard, Inc., to expand the Blackboard License and Services Agreement initially executed in March 2007 and renewed on December 8, 2011, to provide Blackboard collaboration and training services for Virtual High School, to include 8 Academic Collaboration Administration and Essentials Workshop days at \$2,500.00 per day, 4 Academic Collaboration Essentials days at \$2,650.00 per day, 4 days of Using Blackboard to Enhance Teaching and Learning at \$3,450.00 per day, and a Blackboard Learn Certification Trainer Program consisting of 21 days online and 3 days on site at the equivalent of \$1,753.00 per day, for an amount not to exceed \$57,200.00, effective January 27, 2012, through September 30, 2013, to be paid from Fund 1700000000, Cost Center 1010001603, is recommended. [Contact person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 4.05)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.07 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. 4.07)
- 4.08 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 4.08)
- 4.09 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,285,341.45 as listed, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.09)
- 4.10 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. 4.10)
- 4.11 EASEMENT AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AT VARIETY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant and convey an easement and rights-of-way along the west property line of the Variety School site to the Las Vegas Valley Water District, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees designee to sign the granting document, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.11)
- 4.12 CONTRACT AWARD: ROOFTOP PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM, RUBY DUNCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the rooftop photovoltaic system at Ruby Duncan Elementary School, to be paid from Governmental Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Cost Center 1034001021, and reimbursed by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and NV Energy Rebates, with no impact to the District's general fund; 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. 4.12)
- 4.13 CONTRACT AWARD: ROOFTOP PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM, VINCENT L. TRIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the rooftop photovoltaic system at Vincent L. Triggs Elementary School, to be paid from Governmental Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Cost Center 1034001021, and reimbursed by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and NV Energy Rebates, with no impact to the District's general fund; 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. 4.13)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.14 **CONTRACT AWARD: ROOFTOP PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM, VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the rooftop photovoltaic system at Valley High School, to be paid from Governmental Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Cost Center 1034001021, and reimbursed by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and NV Energy Rebates, with no impact to the District's general fund; 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. 4.14)
- 4.15 **ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADE, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMY.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the engineering firm of MSA Engineering Consultants to provide engineering design services for upgrades to the low voltage systems at the Advanced Technologies Academy in the amount of \$62,800.00, to be paid from the Qualified School Construction Bonds, Fund 3100000000, Project C0012572, 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 **CHANGE IN SERVICES.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering agreement for a net increase of \$20,855.75 for Ed W. Clark High School (Sigma Mechanical Engineering Consultants), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.16)
- 4.17 **CHANGE ORDERS.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$342,131.88 plus five days to the construction contracts for the HVAC School Modernization at Helen Herr, Charlotte Hill, Marc Kahre, Edythe and Lloyd Katz, and Elaine Wynn Elementary Schools (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), HVAC School Modernization at Jack Dailey Elementary School (U.S. Mechanical, LLC), Chiller Replacement at Richard Rundle Elementary School (Ryan Mechanical, Inc.), Theater Conversion and Elevator Installation at Chaparral High School (Martin-Harris Construction), Door and Hardware Replacement at Frank Kim Elementary School (Cobblestone Construction), and Site Improvements at Fay Galloway Elementary School (Las Vegas Paving Corporation), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.17)

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

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy EL-8: Asset Protection, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 23, 2012, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-8: ASSET PROTECTION (continued)

Trustee Alderman referred to numbers 12 and 13 and said she expressed a concern at the previous Board meeting about using language in the policy that may not be commonly known. She said she and Trustee Cranor had discussed adding a reference to the document to tie the accounting terms to so that it is understood that the language in policy is taken from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Trustee Cranor commented that the terms "significant" and "material" are terms that are typically used in an audit, and they have a particular meaning in that context.

Mr. Weiler explained that the terms "significant" and "material" as used in a financial audit are defined by the external auditor. Regarding number 12, he offered the following language change, "...a system of internal controls that aren't consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles."

Trustee Cole expressed hesitancy with referring to GAAP in the policy, stating it is interpretive in many ways. He offered the language change for number 12, "...as defined by the most recent interpretation of the District's external auditors."

Regarding number 11, Mr. Weiler suggested the language, "Invest the District's assets in a manner consistent with District Regulation 3214 and NRS Chapter 355."

Trustee Cole suggested changing the wording to be consistent with the lead in paragraph, "...he or she will not..." but agreed with Mr. Weiler's suggestion.

Trustee Cranor offered the language for number 11, "Fail to invest the District's assets in accordance with NRS Chapter 355 and District Regulation 3214." Regarding number 12, she suggested inserting the language "...in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles..." after the word "controls."

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, as requested in Reference 5.02. 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 said the Audit Advisory Committee would like a final review of this policy after the Board's discussion and would be preparing this language to come back to the Board for Notice of Intent at the committee's February meeting.

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

Trustee Alderman questioned number 3 and suggested inserting the word "resources" after "Provide less." She suggested adding an item C to number 6 that would reference state law.

Trustee Edwards suggested changing the word "complement" in number 6, item A, to "supplement."

Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, offered that compliance with the statute is presumed therefore, adding the language in policy as suggested by Trustee Alderman is not necessary.

Trustee Cranor said she would take the following suggestions back to the Audit Advisory Committee for discussion: changing the language in number 3 to, "Provide fewer resources for Board...", and replacing the word "complement" with "supplement" in number 6.

Trustee Alderman suggested changing number 3 for consistency to, "Fail to provide..."

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4111

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 4111, Administrative Selection and Appointment, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 23, 2012, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Staci Vesneske, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division, summarized the key changes being proposed for the regulations in Items 6.01, 6.02, and 6.03.

Public Hearing

Stephen Augspurger spoke on Regulations 4111, 4111.1, and 4112, stating that many of the proposed changes need to be made, but that there needs to be a process in place that is fair, transparent and which ensures that the very best candidate is placed in every administrative position.

Trustee Edwards asked whether staff may want to look at the points raised by Mr. Augspurger.

Trustee Wright commented that she would like to see some further clarification.

Trustee Cranor said she would like to have addressed whether a break in the scoring could be published, whether it could be provided in the process so that applicants have that knowledge, and if there is a way to define the generally accepted business practices or best practices to which staff is referring in the justification for the proposed changes.

Trustee Cole suggested that perhaps the break point becomes the average of the scores of all the candidates.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4111
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Pedro Martinez, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, suggested the policies should be broad but acknowledged the Trustees' concerns regarding the process itself. He said staff would take the comments into consideration and possibly come back to the Board with a policy and procedure and would also share that information with Mr. Augspurger.

Trustee Young said these items will come back before the Board for further discussion after staff has reviewed the information and has made any necessary changes.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4111.1

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 4111.1, Non-licensed Administrative Selection and Appointment, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 23, 2012, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

This item was taken in conjunction with Item 6.01.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4112

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 4112, Administrative Eligibility, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 23, 2012, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

This item was taken in conjunction with Item 6.01.

PUBLIC HEARING – REVIEW OF AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR FEDERAL IMPACT AID (SECTION 8003)

This is the time and place that was advertised for the Public Hearing on the Review of Application for Federal Impact Aid (Section 8003), and interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the application of the Clark County School District.

Trustee Young read the public hearing announcement three times.

There were no members of the public wishing to speak on this item.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES THE DAIS

Trustee Wright left the dais at 6:20 p.m.

AUTHORIZE IMPACT AID – SECTION 8003

Authorization to file the Impact Aid Application, Section 8003, for federal Fiscal Year 2013, as recommended in Reference 6.05.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNED TO THE DAIS

Trustee Wright returned to the dais at 6:23 p.m.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS

Public Hearing

Andrew Slocum, Richard Tellier, Carolyn Myers, Erik Smith, Vikki Courtney, Peg Bean, Steve Peterson, Adam Berger, Rob Benson, Paul Amann, Angie Sullivan, Greta Johnson; and students Richard Ramirez, Madison Flick, and Emily Huber

The above-named speakers spoke about the impact of teachers on students and the critical need to support educators. They also spoke against the amount of testing mandated for students and the negative effect the testing is having on the school's climate.

Ruby Caliendo offered a solution to the current budget crisis, which was to have parents pay for the credit retrieval programs that are currently being offered for free.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards stated that she previously requested having a discussion on Robert's Rules of Order for small boards, and she has discovered that it does not exist. She said she is working on locating the information she was referring to and will bring that back for discussion if she is able to obtain it. She said if that is not a possibility, she would bring forward some other information for discussion. She said she will be bringing forward recommendations for appointments to Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Board of Control positions that will be coming to the end of their term.

Trustee Alderman inquired about having a Board discussion regarding the public comment portion of the meeting.

Trustee Young offered to research what needs to be done to move forward with that discussion.

Trustee Cole requested an update of the current status of the technology component of the District.

Trustee Wright requested an update on anti-bullying efforts in the District.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Alderman announced that Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) recommendations will be coming to the Board at the February 28, 2012, special Board meeting.

Trustee Cranor announced that her upcoming Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting will be focused on digital learning.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Garvey reported on the February 19, 2012, Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meeting and said the committee is continuing to discuss Revision 17. She said a committee member has been suggesting that the Board should pursue a Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) that would require that developers fund their own development.

Trustee Garvey said after some discussion, the committee's consensus was that there needs to be further discussion and vetting of that notion before any recommendations are proposed to the Board.

Trustee Wright shared that at her upcoming PAC meeting, the topic of discussion will be math, including the Common Core Standards and where to find assistance for math.

Trustee Edwards announced that the Nevada Department of Education has received five recommendations for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction. She shared that those finalists are Rene Cantu, James W. Guthrie, Magdalena Martinez, Caroline McIntosh, and Sylvia L. McMullen. She said the Nevada Department of Education will narrow those recommendations down to three candidates and forward those names to the Governor who will then make the selection.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Young referred to the Board's newly revised debriefing document and commented on the areas in which she felt the Board did well, and she expressed support for staff and for the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Beatriz Rubio spoke in opposition to the universal breakfast program, stating that she feeds her children at home before they go to school, and the breakfast the children are served at school is not entirely healthy. She presented the Board with signatures of parents who oppose the universal breakfast program.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Wright Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

RECESS: 7:53 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Wright left the Board meeting at 10:08 p.m.

RECONVENE: 10:08 p.m.

ADJOURN: 10:08 p.m.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.