

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, February 9, 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

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mojave High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

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

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except delete Items 4.11 through 4.15, move Item 6.02 to follow Item 8.01 as 8.01a, note revised reference material for Item 4.16, and note deletion of "clock/intercom" from Item 4.16.*  
*Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Special meetings – November 16, 2011, and December 7, 2011*  
*Regular meeting – November 29, 2011*  
*Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Aymara Arroyo, student body president at College of Southern Nevada High School East, Linda Young, District C Trustee; Jazmine Sandoval, student body president at College of Southern Nevada High School West, John Cole, District E Trustee; Amanda Crismen, student body president at College of Southern Nevada High School South, Deanna Wright, District A Trustee; and Charlene Del Toro, student body president at Southeast Career and Technical Academy, Erin Cranor, District G Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

## **PRESENTATION OF RECLAIM YOUR FUTURE**

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, gave an update of Reclaim Your Future campaign activities.

## **PRESENTATION OF BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE**

Dr. Kenneth Turner, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, recognized the members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Empowerment.

## **RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Trustee Edwards introduced Dotty Merrill, Executive Director, Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB).

Dr. Merrill recognized the Trustees' involvement and service on the NASB governance team and as Board members involved in the community. On behalf of NASB, Dr. Merrill presented Mrs. Haldeman with a certificate in recognition of her service on behalf of students.

**RECESS:** 5:09 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:30 p.m.

## **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

### Public Hearing

Marzette Lewis spoke on Items 4.01, 4.16, and 4.12. She disagreed with how the 1998 bond monies have been spent. She questioned why the agricultural program would only be available at West Prep.

Trustee Young clarified that the agricultural program would serve the students at West Career and Technical Academy.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

- 4.01 AGRICULTURE CLASSROOM CHALLENGE GRANT – NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement a grant through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, via the Two-Year Postsecondary Education and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program to promote excellence in K-12 education and to encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degrees in the food and agricultural sciences, that will serve students from West Career and Technical Academy from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2015, in the approximate amount of \$50,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pedro Martinez] (Ref. 4.01)

**APPROVOE CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 4.02 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. 4.02)
- 4.03 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 4.03)
- 4.04 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 4.04)
- 4.05 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,094,103.66, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.05)
- 4.06 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$2,445,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.06)
- 4.07 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. 4.07)
- 4.08 EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AT ROBERT E. LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant and convey to the Las Vegas Valley Water District five separate permanent easements on portions of the Robert E. Lake Elementary School site, 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. 4.08)
- 4.09 EASEMENT AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AT ROSE WARREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant and convey to the Las Vegas Valley Water District five separate permanent easements on portions of the Rose Warren Elementary School site, 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. 4.09)
- 4.10 ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES, JOHN F. MILLER SCHOOL REPLACEMENT. 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 John F. Miller School in the amount of \$175,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012521, 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. 4.10)

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

4.16 **CONTRACT AWARD: INTRUSION ALARM AND LOCAL AREA NETWORK SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT, HELEN HERR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to replace the intrusion alarm, clock/intercom, and local area network systems at Helen Herr Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012277, 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 **CHANGE ORDERS.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$131,413.22 to the construction contracts for the HVAC School Modernization at Elaine Wynn and Marc Kahre Elementary Schools (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), Plumbing and Kitchen Modernization and Door Hardware Upgrade at Fay Galloway Elementary School (U.S. Mechanical, LLC), Tennis Court Resurfacing at Various Sites (General Acrylics, Inc.), and Library and Classroom Renovation at Western High School, Phase IV (Burke Construction Group, Inc.), is recommended.  
[Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.17)

**APPROVE ITEMS 5.01 THROUGH 5.03**

Approval of Items 5.01, 5.02, and 5.03, respectively, as follows:

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY E-1: VISION STATEMENT**

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy E-1: Vision Statement, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

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

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy E-2: Academic Achievement, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

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

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Appendix: Debriefing Documents, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

*Motion to accept as presented.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Cranor    Vote: Unanimous*

### **APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Approval to appoint a member to the Board of Trustees Audit Advisory Committee, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Alderman    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

### **APPROVE REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Approval to review GP-11: Public Hearings with regards to the way public comment periods are conducted during meetings of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees. 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 she preferred to continue with the public comment as it is currently on the agenda.

Trustee Alderman expressed support of adding another public comment period earlier in the agenda so that audience members do not have to wait until the end of the agenda to speak on non-agenda items.

Trustee Wright expressed a concern with some individuals using the public comment period structure to disrupt the meeting as opposed to giving helpful input. She suggested having public comment period placed on the agenda after the consent agenda and then again at the end of the agenda and trying that structure for a period of time.

Trustee Edwards asked counsel if the Board is able to hold public comment period on non-agenda items midway through the agenda.

Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, explained that the law requires a public comment period be held at the end of each meeting along with holding it either at the beginning of the meeting or at each agenda item, but that the law does not speak to whether or not a body can also hold public comment period midway through the meeting.

Trustee Edwards expressed a concern with individuals using this structure to monopolize the beginning of the meeting. She said it should be clear that this additional public comment period would be on non-agenda items only and that would be strictly enforced. Regarding designating public comment period to a specific time, she said the agenda could change and suggested adding to the agenda that the business portion of the meeting would not begin prior to 5:00 p.m. She suggested using this new format on a trial basis for six months if the Board agrees to move in that direction.

**APPROVE REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, stated that the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) that speaks to the public comment period is NRS 241.020, which specifies that public comment should be held at the beginning of the meeting prior to any action items and again prior to adjournment of the meeting or at each agenda item after the public body has discussed the item but before any action is taken on the item. She said the law does not prohibit the public body from taking more public comment in addition to what is required, but does require the public body to also hear public input on matters not on the agenda.

Trustee Wright agreed with holding a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting, at the end of the meeting before adjournment, and before each agenda item is voted on.

Mrs. Peterson suggested that if the Board decides to do that, that public comment period held at the beginning and at the end of the meeting be for non-agenda items only.

Trustee Edwards said she was agreeable to holding public comment period on non-agenda items after the consent agenda and prior to the remainder of the business meeting on a trial basis for six months.

Trustee Young disagreed with holding public comment period after the consent agenda. She said she believed that input on non-agenda items should be heard as close to the beginning of the meeting as possible, before the business portion of the meeting begins.

Trustee Garvey cautioned that the rules for speaking on non-agenda items should be adhered to.

Trustee Cranor commented that in terms of business efficiency, it would actually be more efficient to hold an additional public comment period after the consent agenda so that staff members who are needed for the consent agenda portion of the meeting can return to the business operations of the District.

**Public Hearing**

Carter Rapp suggested that the Board could designate a specific block of time, and those who called in and signed up to speak could take that time to do so, and after that time has elapsed, any speakers who did not get a chance to speak could speak at the end of the meeting or at the next meeting.

Marzette Lewis asked for clarification of when the comments and concerns discussed by the public on non-agenda items would be addressed by the Board. She suggested starting the meetings at 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Edwards said she would be in support of the notion of a public comment period on non-agenda items with a limited timeframe imposed at the beginning of the meeting.

**APPROVE REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

Trustee Young also expressed an interest in holding public comment period on non-agenda items at the beginning of the meeting with a limited time imposed with any overflow of speakers moving to the second public comment period at the end of the meeting with no time limit.

*Motion to hold a public comment period not to exceed 20 minutes before the consent agenda on a trial basis.*

*Motion: Cranor*

*Mrs. Peterson clarified that the remainder of the public comment period would be held at the end of the meeting so that public comment is not being limited.*

*Trustee Cranor agreed to that clarification.*

*Trustee Cole seconded the motion as clarified.*

Trustee Edwards stated that she felt the Board should evaluate this format after three months with a plan to have it in place for six months with the ability to modify it if necessary. She said she also felt that the first public comment period needs to be placed on the agenda after the consent agenda so she would not be in support of the motion otherwise.

*Trustee Cranor amended her motion to include a review at three months with the intent of a six-month pilot period.*

*Trustee Young clarified the recommendation to allow a public comment period for no more than 20 minutes prior to the consent agenda with unlimited timeframe for public comment at the end of the agenda for a six month pilot period with an opportunity for review and revision after three months; and that both of those public comment periods would be on non-agenda items only.*

Trustee Edwards clarified that input for non-agenda items is limited to two minutes per speaker as stated in policy.

*Motion on Trustee Cranor's motion: Yeses – 6 (Young, Wright, Cole, Alderman, Cranor, Garvey);  
No – 1 (Edwards)*

*The motion passed.*

**APPROVE OPTIONS FOR A FUTURE CAPITAL PROGRAM**

Approval on options and a timeline for a future capital program.

Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit, presented options and a timeline for a future capital program. His presentation to the Board included: Additional Context for Identified Need, Issuance Conditions, Funding Options, and Decision Timeline.

**APPROVE OPTIONS FOR A FUTURE CAPITAL PROGRAM** (continued)

Trustee Edwards pointed to a review of returning to year-round calendars and double sessions as a resolution for overcrowding as an option if no funding was available as shown on page 20 of 22.

Trustee Cole asked how much money is remaining from the 1998 bond.

Mr. Weiler said he would provide that information to Trustee Cole.

Trustee Garvey asked what the average earning potential would be for those jobs that would be created.

Mr. Weiler said the information he looked at showed an average earning potential of \$40,000 to \$50,000. He suggested perhaps seeking the expertise of Jeremy Aguero, principal analyst with Applied Analysis, to help look at that information.

Trustee Garvey referred to Option 4 on page 18 of 22, and she said that is not an option in her opinion; that public input is definitely necessary.

Trustee Edwards said that Option 3 did not appeal to her because if a decision is delayed until June 2013, then a new school would not be built, and schools in her district would need to be on a year-round schedule for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years. She said that is a reason to be working on that policy to be able to go to year-round. She offered to provide input on the policy if necessary. She agreed with Trustee Garvey that Option 4 is not an option, and that students and parents have the right to give their input.

Trustee Young also agreed that Option 4 was not a good option. She said she was in favor of Option 3. She suggested that perhaps there could be a combination or some sort of blending of Option 2 and Option 3. She said she was not opposed to a year-round calendar, but that she was opposed to double sessions.

Trustee Alderman said she favored the "pay as you go" concept in Option 2.

Trustee Wright suggested that the Trustees should start having conversations with their parent groups and then take a short online poll to garner input from the community and gauge their feeling toward bond issues.

Trustee Edwards agreed with Trustee Wright that the Mega Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting would be the opportune time to gather input on this issue. She suggested that School Matters segment in April may also be a good time to discuss it. She agreed that double sessions should not be an option, but that a year-round calendar should be an option.

## **APPROVE OPTIONS FOR A FUTURE CAPITAL PROGRAM (continued)**

Trustee Cranor requested that any activities related to moving forward with the options for a future capital program, such as gathering public input, coincide with any activities connected to the academic reform that is currently underway.

Trustee Edwards suggested that the Board ask that an exploratory committee be formed to move forward with the analysis, and bring the results back to the Board; that the Board would conduct some public input sessions in conjunction with that; and that the Board could combine these discussions with the reform discussions as suggested by Trustee Cranor.

Trustee Cranor clarified that she was suggesting separate meetings, with the Mega PAC meeting focused on educational changes and opportunities and a separate public hearing meeting focused on capital needs and how it relates to the education reform, scheduled as the committee deems appropriate.

Superintendent Jones suggested that before a committee is formed, staff work with community leaders and conduct some research and bring information back to the Board.

Trustee Edwards said that at some point the Board needs to have a motion to ask staff to move forward with forming a committee that would conduct an exploration of capital needs.

Mrs. Haldeman described the work that the committee has done in the past, briefly explaining the process they follow, and the activities involved. She asked for time to be able to gather information and assess an appropriate timeline, and then suggest to the Board a time when the committee could report to the Board.

The Board reached consensus to allow the Superintendent and his staff to move forward, addressing the issues raised during this discussion.

## **EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS**

### **Public Hearings**

Richard Tellier spoke about the impact teachers have on students' lives.

Ruby Caliendo talked about class sizes at Chaparral High School, the difficult challenges that come with teaching in classes of this size, and the need for additional teachers.

Rob Benson expressed a concern with class sizes, especially at the middle school and high school levels.

## **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Jones shared that he had the opportunity to attend a Community Education Connection meeting and speak with the members of that organization and with CCSD staff from the Purchasing and Warehousing Department. He spoke about his recent visits to Cheyenne and Legacy High Schools and Nellis Air Force Base. He said he was also able to attend the Henderson State of the City Address today.

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

Trustee Edwards gave an update on information she has found related to Robert's Rules of Order for small boards. She said she believed the two-page segment she found needs to be modified and placed in GP-4: Board Members' Principles of Operation – Conduct and Ethics, but that the policy needs to be reviewed and modified. She said that she and Trustee Alderman would be working on that together and would bring the changes back to the full Board.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Cole reported on the recent Student Advisory Committee, and he said he would be working with Trustee Edwards to add the committee's presentation on bullying to a future Board agenda, and that the committee would be responding to some questions posed by the Superintendent shortly.

Trustee Garvey reported on the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) meeting held in January where attendees took part in professional development and received a presentation on the waiver for No Child Left Behind (NCLB). She said there was also a discussion regarding the finalists for the position of Superintendent of Instruction for the state.

Trustee Wright reported that she participated in the Reclaim Your Future event. She said she attended the news conference on January 31<sup>st</sup> where Superintendent Jones spoke about getting mentors for children that are in jeopardy of not graduating. She reported on some recent school visits, a media event at C. T. Sewell Elementary School, and Wolff Elementary School's PTA meeting she attended.

Trustee Young reported on the Debt Management Commission she attended on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, where Susan Brager was elected as the chair, and Steve Sisolak was elected as the vice chair. She also commented on the Community Education Connection meeting and her visit to Nellis Air Force Base.

She asked to have another Trustee review with her those committees and organizations listed under Board Reports on the agenda and delete those that are no longer relevant.

Trustee Edwards agreed to work with Trustee Young on that project.

## **DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Carter Rapp spoke about the need to have a relationship between the City of Las Vegas and CCSD to support sports events that students and families can participate in. He referenced a CCSD regulation that prohibits advertising sports events in the schools, and he asked the Board to consider modifying this regulation so students and families can take part in those activities.

Margaret Vesprini explained two programs offered by H&R Block and how CCSD could benefit from these programs.

**EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION**

*Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

**RECESS:** 8:45 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE**

Trustees Wright, Cranor, and Garvey left the Board meeting at 9:46 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 9:46 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 9:46 p.m.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustees Wright, Cranor, and Garvey were not present for the vote.*

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.