

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 23, 2012

4:00 p.m.

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

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Young noted that Trustee Alderman would be absent from the meeting due to illness.

FLAG SALUTE

Cheyenne High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Mary Bredlau, Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church, performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright and Trustee Alderman were not present for the vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meeting – January 4, 2012

Regular meetings – December 8, 2011, and January 12, 2012

Motion: Edwards Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous

STUDENT REPORTS

Alberto Adame, acting student body president at Cheyenne High School, Linda Young, District C Trustee; Erika Carpenter, student body president at Indian Springs High School, John Cole, District E Trustee; and Sydney Trotter, student body president at Shadow Ridge High School, Chris Garvey, District B 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

Daniel Waqar, chairman, Student Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees, reported on the committee's February 7, 2012, meeting. He shared that topics of discussion included bullying, student involvement and activities, and committee members' observations of the Board's January 26, 2012, meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 4:18 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF CURRICULUM ENGINE

Update on the current implementation of the Curriculum Engine in the Clark County School District. Karen Stanley, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, Clark County School District; Dr. Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Executive Director, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, Clark County School District; Justin White, Project Facilitator, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, Clark County School District; Dr. Salwa Zaki, Principal, Triggs Elementary School, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF SOUTHWEST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL AWARD

Presentation of the Apple Distinguished School Award. Steve Holmes and Scott Wilson, Apple Inc.; Felicia Nemcek, Principal, Southwest Career and Technical Academy, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Recognition of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada and their partnerships with the Clark County School District. Judy Myers, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District; Cheryl Wagner, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District; Tina Quigley, Deputy General Manager, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada.

RECESS: 5:15 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:45 p.m.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Public Hearing

John Carr spoke on Item 4.03, questioning the necessity of extending the contract for another year. He said any grant monies should be spent on the students.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.01 EASY GRADE PRO FOR SCHOOLS, GRADES K-5 – EDLINE, LLC. Discussion and possible action on the request to purchase the online version of Easy Grade Pro from Edline LLC, for a cost of \$175,000.00 for the 2012-2013 school year subscription and a one-time setup and customization fee of \$70,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$245,000.00, effective May 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, from Unit 100, Cost Center 1010009100, GL 5650000000, Fund 100, FY 12 and 13, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Sue Daellenbach] (Ref. 4.01)
- 4.02 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT - OPEN TEXT, INC. Discussion and possible action on approval to contract with OpenText Inc. to provide hardware, software maintenance, and support for existing FirstClass systems with a first-year cost not to exceed \$55,000.00, and a five-year total cost not to exceed \$275,000.00, effective April 1, 2012, through June 30, 2017, to be paid from fund 1000000000, Cost Center, 1010001063, is recommended. [Contact person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 4.02)
- 4.03 OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – DR. KEN TURNER. Discussion and possible action on the request to extend the current contract with Dr. Ken Turner one additional year to provide confidential advice directly to the Superintendent concerning the development of human capital programs; development and utilization of the Growth Model and School Performance Framework to improve instruction; development of innovation toward achievement of high standards and continuous improvement, including empowerment schools; realignment or redesign of processes aimed at promoting the vision and mission of the organization; input on more effective use of time, human, and material resources to address student learning needs; recommendations for the improvement of policy governance; development of political strategy; research and program evaluation; and related matters, for an approximate total cost of \$250,000.00, effective March 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013, contingent on and to be paid from private funding as those funds become available, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 4.03)
- 4.04 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: Bradley D. Waldron] (Ref. 4.04)
- 4.05 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 4.05)
- 4.06 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,323,191.72, as listed, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.06)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.07 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$2,563,906.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.07)
- 4.08 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. 4.08)
- 4.09 GRANT DEED RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AT VARIETY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant, bargain, and convey to the City of Las Vegas a right-of-way dedication of a 25-foot radius corner at the southeast corner of Stewart Avenue and 28th Street; 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 RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT FOR PEDESTRIAN PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AT VARIETY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant and convey to the City of Las Vegas a right-of-way grant for a pedestrian walkway easement, for ingress and egress purposes upon, over, under, and across the north property line of the Variety 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. 4.10)
- 4.11 TRAFFIC SIGNAL EASEMENT FOR THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AT VARIETY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant and convey to the City of Las Vegas a traffic signal easement for the perpetual right to erect, operate, add to, maintain, renew, and remove traffic control lines, poles, and appurtenances thereto, for traffic control purposes upon, over, under, and across; the right of ingress and egress to and over; together with permission to cut and trim brush and trees as deemed reasonably necessary to insure the safe and proper maintenance and operation of said lines, poles, and appurtenances at the southeast corner of Stewart Avenue and 28th Street; 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: ROOF REPLACEMENT, GRANT BOWLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for roof replacement at Grant Bowler Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012088, 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)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.15 CHANGE IN SERVICES. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$31,469.00 for the Library and Classroom Renovation at Western High School, Phase IV (Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, Ltd.), and Southeast Career and Technical Academy (Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.15)
- 4.16 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$157,142.82, plus eight days, to the construction contracts for the HVAC School Modernization at Marc Kahre and Nate Mack Elementary Schools (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), Library and Classroom Renovation at Western High School, Phase IV (Burke Construction Group, Inc.), and Electrical Service Upgrade, Black Mountain Transmitter at Vegas PBS (Robco Electric, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.16)

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 THROUGH 6.04

Approval of Items 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, and 6.04, respectively, as follows:

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 4111

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 4111, Administrative Selection and Appointment, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on March 22, 2012, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

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 March 22, 2012, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

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, Nonlicensed Administrative Selection and Appointment, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on March 22, 2012, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

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 March 22, 2012, as recommended in Reference 6.04.

Staci Vesneske, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division, gave an overview of the changes that staff made to the policies and regulations.

Motion to accept Items 6.01 through 6.04.

Motion: Edwards Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

Presentation and discussion regarding the Technical Advisory Panel on the Academic Growth Phase II recommendation on the School Performance Framework and possible action regarding implementation as proposed by the Superintendent, as recommended.

Superintendent Jones stated that he is recommending the adoption of the School Performance Framework (SPF) for the elementary and middle schools. He added that he was also submitting the SPF for the purpose of reporting for the E-2: Academic Achievement monitoring report. He explained that during the launch year of the SPF, 2012-2013, the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) will continue to be produced for the purpose of providing a familiar link to other data sources in connection with the monitoring report.

Kenneth Turner, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, acknowledged those individuals who worked on this project for their contributions.

Trustee Edwards stated that it is her opinion that there are aspects of E-2: Academic Achievement that are not covered in the SPF, and that those areas need to be addressed and reported on in the monitoring report. She suggested that perhaps the Superintendent could do a comparison of what aspects of E-2: Academic Achievement are covered between the QAF and the SPF and include how those aspects that are not covered would be addressed.

Superintendent Jones agreed that developing a crosswalk between the two frameworks was a good suggestion.

Dr. Turner's presentation of the SPF included the following topics: Purpose of the SPF, Nevada Growth Model, Drawbacks of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Background, Development, Steps to an Elementary and Middle School's Score, and Uses.

Motion to adopt the School Performance Framework for elementary and middle schools.

Motion: Wright Second: Edwards

Public Hearings

Theo Small spoke about his experience as an educator and the present demands placed upon teachers. He said his fellow teachers are opposed to this new framework.

Vote on Trustee Wright's motion was unanimous.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS

Public Hearing

Ruben Murillo, Teresa Boucher, Jose Sandoval, Darrell Crowther, John Carr, Ara Markarian, Jeanne Difeo, Andrew Slocum, Erik Smith, Cathy Schmid-Dwyer, Angie Sullivan, Bridgette Zick, Cindy Johnson, Kristy Watson, Vikki Courtney, Scott Miller, Sharon Flick, Lisa Muntean, Sarah Silva, Eric Hayes, Jodi Brant, and Howard Hancock.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS (continued)

The above speakers asked that the Board and the District invest in education and support educators with needed resources and the freedom to teach. They spoke in opposition to the teacher evaluation process, expressing their frustrations with the process, and presented signed petitions opposing the evaluation process.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Public Hearing

Paul Amann spoke about the need for greater teacher support.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Jones shared that part of the presentation of the Apple Distinguished School Award to the Southwest Career and Technical Academy is that the school will receive \$150,000. He said he had the opportunity to speak to the Rotary Club for Las Vegas West, and he reported on his tour of Rancho High School and his visit to Walter Bracken Elementary School. He thanked the individuals involved with rolling out the School Performance Framework.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards shared that she and Trustee Alderman have been working on GP-4: Board Members' Principles of Operation – Conduct and Ethics with the help of Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office. She said the policy would probably be split into two policies and would include information for Robert's Rules of Order for small boards. She said she would be bringing it back to the full Board at some point for review.

Trustee Wright stated that she and Trustee Garvey had been working on Regulation 6150 and would like to have that placed on the agenda to bring it to the full Board for review and discussion.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards announced that she would be traveling to Washington, D. C. to attend the Association of Public Television Stations' (APTS) conference, The Public Media Summit, and Capitol Hill visits next week. She reported on her visits to Douglas County's and Nye County's school board meetings.

Trustee Cranor reported on her District G Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting held on February 22, 2012, where attendees toured the Vegas PBS facilities and participated in a forum on digital learning and competency based learning.

Trustee Garvey reported on last week's Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meeting, where the committee discussed Revision 17 and reviewed four options presented by staff. She said the committee also received information from Jhone Ebert, Chief Technology Officer, Technology and Information Systems Services Division, regarding challenges in technology and the vision for the school district in terms of technology and education, but that the committee did not want to make any decisions in that area.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Edwards expressed concern that it sounds as if the BOC is delving into deeper levels of detail than they are tasked with, and she wondered if there should be some discussion regarding BOC's roll and whether they are in line with their responsibilities.

Trustee Garvey said that she believes the concern of the committee is that the District is protecting the remainder of the funds for what would be the best use for the community.

Trustee Cole asked if there has been any discussion related to how long the money may have to last and whether or not the funds should be spent first of safety priorities. He agreed that there should be a discussion on at what point the committee would wind down and if there is an understanding of where the money would need to come from once the bond funding is exhausted.

Trustee Garvey said there have been discussions around maintaining the capital investments made and what the legal requirements are regarding the length of time over which the bond funds can be spent in regards to the obligation that the taxpayers were asked to enter into.

Trustee Wright spoke about her recent school visits and her recent PAC meeting. She reported on her school visits in Tampa, Florida, to observe and learn more about Springboard, which she described as a precursor to the advance placement (AP) program.

Trustee Young reported on the Performance Zone 13 "Watch Us Grow" event held at Clark High School. She stated that she is part of the oral history of Black Las Vegas and shared some of the activities of the group. She reported on her visits to 100 Academy of Excellence, Ruby S. Thomas Elementary School, and Arbor View High School and her attendance at the Autonomous Zone event.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Wright referred to the Board's debriefing document and commented on the areas in which she felt the Board did well.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sam King commented that she came to the meeting to get more information on education reform, and she stated that the League of Women Voters is supportive of the District's efforts.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

RECESS: 8:56 p.m.

RECONVENE: 10:18 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE

Trustees Wright and Garvey left the Board meeting at 10:18 p.m.

ADJOURN: 10:18 p.m.

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

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.