

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 27, 2014

4:08 p.m.

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

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

FLAG SALUTE

Basic High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Camille D. Pentsil, Senior Pastor, Zion United Methodist Church, performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 5.03, and note additional reference material for Item 5.10 and revised reference material for Items 5.04 and 5.10.

Motion: Young Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Corbett, Trustee Edwards, and Trustee Wright were not present for the vote.

STUDENT REPORTS

Grace Michaelson, student body president at Del Sol High School, Erin Cranor, District G Trustee; Lupe Renteria, student body president at Southeast Career and Technical Academy, Erin Cranor, District G Trustee; and Nathanahel Perez, BIONIC Team and Student Council Member at Morris Sunset East High School, Stavan Corbett, District D Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 4:16 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Edwards arrived at the Board meeting at 4:24 p.m.

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Dylan Sacenti, vice chairman of the School Board Student Advisory Committee, reported on the committee's February 4, 2014, meeting. He said topics of discussion included the Sex Education Advisory Committee, CCSD's vision statement, the January Board meetings, and the seven Focus Areas.

PRESENTATION OF RICARDO LAGUNA AND VEGAS WOMEN'S RACING

Recognition of Ricardo Laguna and the Vegas Women's Racing organization for volunteering at the Safe Routes to Schools bike rodeos. Traci Traasdahl, Project Facilitator, Safe Routes to Schools, School Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF NEVADA READING WEEK ART CONTEST

Presentation of Nevada Reading Week Art Contest winners. Denise Georgi, Project Facilitator, Performance Zone 5, Clark County School District; Barbara Creps, Project Facilitator, Performance Zone 5, Clark County School District.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Corbett arrived at the Board meeting at 4:36 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Presentation on the Model United Nations (UN) program at Spring Valley High School. Tam Larnerd, Principal, Spring Valley High School, Clark County School District; Ian Salzman, Model UN Advisor, Spring Valley High School, Clark County School District; Lisa Ancona, Model UN Advisor, Spring Valley High School, Clark County School District; students from the Spring Valley High School Model United Nations program, Clark County School District.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Skorkowsky shared recent activities and accomplishments of CCSD students, teachers, and schools throughout the District.

RECESS: 5:10 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:46 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Serena Koerner asked questions with regard to Turnaround Schools' achievement statuses and the schools' administrators and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Jan-le Low shared information about the Chinese New Year in the Desert festival and thanked CCSD for its support.

Jason Lamberth spoke about his daughter, Hailee Lamberth, and circumstances with regard to her being bullied at school. He said the District's policies and regulations are outdated and insufficient.

Daniel Lincoln said since the death of his niece, Hailee Lamberth, the principal of Thurman White Middle School has not been held accountable for allowing a student to victimize Miss Lamberth, and the District has not taken action toward improving its bullying policies.

Alfred Walker shared that he would be organizing a live chess match for the city of Las Vegas and said he would like to submit this proposal to all CCSD's school's chess clubs.

Elena Rodriguez referenced a newspaper article that said the Board was considering limiting the superintendent's authority to make administrative staff changes. She provided documents which name former Superintendent Dwight Jones in making changes to administrative staff salaries and positions. She asked if the Board was aware of these changes.

David Gomez said the District's bullying policies and regulations need to be revised, and appropriate CCSD staff needs to go to the schools and hold events and teach the students about bullying. He disagreed with limiting the superintendent's authority to make decisions regarding administrative staff.

April Tatro-Medlin addressed the Notice of Intent to modify child abuse and neglect, and she requested that the Board and CCSD staff view the documentary "The Conspiracy of Silence" before making any decisions.

Trustee Cranor recognized former first lady Sandy Miller in attendance.

Trustee Edwards asked that someone speak to Mr. Lamberth and that there be some follow-up with regard to this issue. She requested that Item 7.01 be moved to follow the consent agenda.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Public Hearing

David Gomez spoke on Item 5.03, which had been pulled, and he questioned how purchasing electronic devices would help children learn. He questioned how the activity on the devices would be monitored.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, pulling Item 5.04 for separate discussion.

Motion: Edwards Second: Tew

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Trustee Edwards spoke positively on Item 5.12 and Item 5.14.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2013, is recommended. (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VARIETY EARLY LEARNING CENTER. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an Agreement of Understanding with Variety Early Learning Center for the provision of early childhood education at no cost to the students or the Clark County School District, for three years from the date of execution and for the Assistant Superintendent, Student Services Division, to sign the Agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.05 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: Andre Denson] (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.07)
- 5.08 LICENSED PERSONNEL DISMISSAL RECOMMENDATION. Discussion and resolution to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissal, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$857,361.14, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.09)
- 5.10 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$18,100,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.10)
- 5.11 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: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.11)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.12 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS.** Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Las Vegas in order to distribute and utilize the Education Set-Aside funds for the improvement of schools, within the designated areas during the period of February 28, 2014, through March 6, 2031, and for Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 **RECAP OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to include the Recap of Budget Appropriation Transfers between governmental functions of all funds for the period beginning January 1, 2014, through January 31, 2014, in the official Board minutes as required by NRS 354.598005, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.13)
- 5.14 **CONTRACT AWARD: CHILLER REPLACEMENT, P. A. DISKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to replace the chiller at P. A. Diskin Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012742, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.14)
- 5.15 **CHANGE ORDERS.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net decrease of \$32,636.11 plus 91 days to the construction contract for the HVAC School Modernization at Rose Warren Elementary School (Addison, Inc.), is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.15)

AUTHORIZE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

Authorization to contract and hire up to 150 new Teach For America teachers in FY 15, for all grade levels and content areas, with up to 50 percent of the hires assigned to critical-need areas, and all assigned to high-need schools, for a two-year period beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, at the salary negotiated between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association for 2014-2015, at a cost of \$2,000.00 per teacher annually, for up to 100 teachers hired using pending funds from Cost Center 1010012031, Fund 0100, FY 15, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00; and with up to 50 teachers hired using pending grant funds from Internal Order G6633015313, Fund 0280, FY 15, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; for a first-year total not to exceed \$300,000.00 and the second-year total not to exceed \$300,000.00, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

AUTHORIZE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky talked about what Teach for America (TFA) provides to the District, such as filling high-needs areas, providing greater diversity among teaching staff, recruiting of Alternative Route to Licensure (ARL) candidates nationally, and providing support for new teachers and second-year teachers. He said data shows that TFA teachers are performing well in terms of assessments and accountability for students in at-risk schools, and retention of TFA teachers has increased.

Public Hearing

Richard Tellier cited the TFA program's assets and revenue amounts and questioned whether funding this program is the best use of CCSD funds. He asked how the retention rate of TFA teachers hired 5 and 10 years ago compares to that of non-TFA teachers hired during the same time. He added that this program places some of the least experienced teachers with the most at-risk students.

Lisa Medina spoke positively about the TFA teachers that have come to her school through this program and about the positive impact they have had on the students and the school community.

Kevin Kloeker spoke as a TFA teacher and said this is his sixth year teaching. He addressed the District's desire to hire more minority teachers and to expand cultural diversity training, and he said TFA assists the District with those goals. He also spoke to the level of professional development TFA teachers received through this program and about the relationships he has with his students, their families, and the community.

Johnny Reed spoke about his experience as a TFA teacher and the positive influence the TFA program has had on him as an educator and how he has affected his students.

Bill Hanlon spoke in opposition to funding outside programs that use funds allocated to public education to fund their own program. He said the District is funding an outside organization rather than using the funds to support its own employees.

Glenn Christenson spoke in support of extending the District's contract with TFA. He spoke positively about the contributions TFA makes to the schools and to the community.

Lisa Muntean spoke in opposition to the TFA program. She said in terms of support, as a District employee, she is not getting the support that she needs because of funding. She also commented that an ARL program would mean that the teachers going into the high needs areas have less training in the field and practicum than teachers who have gone through the credential program.

Ben Salkowe shared how a TFA staff member influenced him to create a program with his TFA alumni called The Scholars Working Overtime that currently serves 120 middle school students and how the TFA community stood behind them when they decided to create the college preparatory program. He urged the Board to vote for this item to show the Board's and CCSD's support of and belief in the program.

AUTHORIZE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (continued)

Public Hearing

April Tatro-Medlin thanked everyone who has made contributions to CCSD.

Stephen Augspurger said he feels the most important factor in increasing student achievement is to have a highly qualified teacher in every classroom. He spoke in favor of TFA.

Angie Sullivan spoke in opposition of TFA. She said she does not feel this program provides sufficiently qualified teachers for the District's at-risk areas. She said in her opinion a teacher does not become highly-qualified without experience, modeling, and mentoring.

Tracy Fannin invited the Board to visit the students and listen to their input.

Sandy Miller said she was an early supporter of TFA and was the first chairman of the advisory board when TFA came to Las Vegas. She spoke in favor of the program and said our community benefits from having the high quality people that are in the program.

Trustee Corbett commented on the positive feedback he receives about the TFA teachers as he visits schools in his district. He talked about the positive influence Mr. Hanlon had on him as a CCSD student.

Trustee Edwards said that while she recognizes the opportunities TFA brings to CCSD, she also acknowledges the exceptional CCSD teachers. She said she believes this is a sound investment that CCSD and the community have benefited from.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright

Trustee Wright said she liked the advice to listen to the students so she is considering what she has seen when she has visited a classroom. She said there needs to be these types of partnerships in order reach goals for students and to advance education. She said the District needs to attract qualified teachers from as many different avenues as possible.

Trustee Garvey commented that she appreciates the efforts from TFA in increasing diversity among teaching staff, and that the retention rate has increased. She said she is willing to continue the relationship with TFA along with continued discussion on whether the District's resources are being used in a way that is best for students.

Trustee Young said a quality teacher is extremely important in making a difference in a school and in a classroom. She said this TFA contract has been in place for many years, and she is interested in seeing what the District is doing to invest in its own teachers. She said she supports TFA, but she also supports a program that would help people who are here, such as targeting CCSD students to become great teachers. She suggested giving an exit date for TFA and seeing what the District could do internally that would model the TFA program.

AUTHORIZE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM (continued)

Trustee Tew addressed the comments made by CCSD teachers, and she said the Trustees all agree that the District has fantastic teachers. She said they want the teachers to feel supported and are working on rising to the necessary level of professional development. She said they are grateful for the sacrifices that teachers make.

Trustee Cranor noted that this is part of the District's strategy and is a decision the Superintendent has made, and the Board has the opportunity to vote it up or down. She said this conversation is an opportunity for the Board to express their support of the Superintendent in his decision and to demonstrate how they are thoughtfully and deliberately behind the Superintendent. She said TFA is not the District's whole strategy, but is part of the strategy. She said TFA's goals are in line with the District's goals. She urged the community to continue its willingness to embrace this work alongside educators.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said he understands the concerns expressed here. He said he is aware of the challenge the District faces in retaining teachers in the at-risk areas. He expressed appreciation for all of the teachers that teach in those at-risk areas no matter what path they took to get there.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

APPROVE PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK – SANDY VALLEY SCHOOLS AND GOODSPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval on the request to continue an alternative four-day school week schedule, as provided for under Nevada Revised Statute 388.090 upon state approval, at Sandy Valley Schools and Goodsprings Elementary School, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016, with no impact to the general fund, as requested in Reference 7.01.

Chris Lounsbery, Principal, Sandy Valley Schools and Goodsprings Elementary School, presented a proposal to continue the four-day school week schedule at Sandy Valley Schools and Goodsprings Elementary School for the 2014-2015 and 2015- 2016 school years. His presentation included positive academic trends and student, staff, and parent survey results.

Trustee Edwards recognized students and staff in attendance and two Sandy Valley students who have already been accepted into college. She welcomed Mr. Lounsbery to his new position as principal. She said she was impressed by the information provided here.

Trustee Young expressed support of this schedule for this particular community and said she was impressed with the results as well.

APPROVE PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK – SANDY VALLEY SCHOOLS AND GOODSPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (continued)

Public Hearing

Theo Small said he had the opportunity to visit these schools and speak with the staff, and he concurred with the four-day school schedule for this rural community.

David Gomez urged the Board to vote in favor of this and said something could be learned from looking at the success that the schools have had.

Motion to accept the recommendation to extend the four-day school week for the 2014-2015 and 2015- 2016 school years.

Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-15: BOARD AFFILIATED COMMITTEES

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy GP-15: Board Affiliated Committees, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on March 27, 2014, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Trustee Cranor noted that the membership associated with the Sex Education Advisory Committee on page 3 of 4 in Reference 6.01, should be "1 liaison" and not "1 member."

Trustee Tew noted an error on page 2 of 4, Number 2, "...must be made according-to the bylaws..." and said the hyphen should be removed. She also suggested changing the sentence to read, "...must be made according to the bylaws and/or procedures manual of the committee. Those things that regulate the committees and any changes to those bylaws and/or procedures manuals must be approved by the Board."

Trustee Edwards suggested that for consistency, there should be bylaws for all Board committees.

Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, referred to page 2 of 4, paragraph 2, and he asked for clarification of the additional language, "...responsibility of the organization for which the committee or board was created..."

Trustee Edwards explained that the intent is to state that the construction and posting of the agenda is the responsibility of the agency that owns the agenda.

Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, suggested the language, "The construction and posting of the agenda for these meetings will be the responsibility of the organization for which the committee or board was created."

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-15: BOARD AFFILIATED COMMITTEES (continued)
Public Hearing

Angie Sullivan expressed appreciate to the Board for addressing this issue and keeping the process transparent and with fair representation.

Motion to approve Item 6.01 with the noted changes.

Motion: Wright Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Edwards left the Board meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' APPENDIX: BOARD COMMITTEES

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Appendix: Board Committees, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on March 27, 2014, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Motion to accept Item 6.02 as presented.

Motion: Young Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Edwards was not present for the vote.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on March 27, 2014, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

Trustee Wright said the intent of the changes here was to clarify the language.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was connected at 4:39 p.m.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD (continued)

Trustee Wright pointed out that Number 9 is not written very well, and she would like to have a discussion and get the other Trustees' feedback. She said legal counsel volunteered to work on language for this and bring it back to the Board. She said the intent of the item was to ensure that the Board receives relevant materials within a sufficient timeframe prior to the meeting. She said legal counsel has recommended that there language added that allows for an exception.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky asked that the Board be aware that there needs to be allowances for exceptions, such as revised reference material that may not be available until the day of the meeting, and he would not want that to hinder decisions that need to move forward.

Trustee Young said she appreciates the new language in Number 4 because she feels the Board has a responsibility to communicate with its constituents and to make sure they are informed and have trust in the Board. She said she would like to receive information in a timely manner so she could provide correct information and help to defend the decision if necessary. She said in terms of Number 9, there will be exceptions, but it is important that the Board receive information as early as possible as often as possible.

Trustee Cranor offered the language for Number 12, "Fail to include backup to all agenda items including primary source information used by staff to arrive at recommendations to the Board."

Trustee Tew suggested that Number 1 be split into two items to read, Number 1, "Fail to provide ongoing communication regarding District educational and operational goals and objectives." And Number 2, "Fail to provide timely, accurate data which reflect results demonstrating both successes and areas in need of improvement." She said another option would be to keep it as one item, placing a semicolon and "and" after "objectives."

Ms. Peterson said the idea of these policies is to keep them short and concise. She suggested that these ideas differ enough that they could stand alone as separate items. She wondered if perhaps agenda items should be addressed in Number 9 and backup material in Number 12, placing "within 3 full business days of the agenda meeting" in Number 12.

Superintendent Skorkowsky stated that staff is in the process of looking at new procedures to notify Trustees so they are notified before announcements are made. He said with regard to allowances for the backup material, there may be instances where the backup material is tied to a state-level announcement, and staff must be careful not to release that information before the state. He said he does understand that he needs to provide the backup material to the Board as early as possible. With regard to Trustee Cranor's request for primary source information, he said the primary source information could be very lengthy, but staff would provide as much information to the Board as they require.

Trustee Tew suggested the format change to Number 4, "Fail to make the Board aware of actions that will affect:..." with the list of items to follow, lettered from A to G.

Trustee Wright asked for clarification on Number 9, specifically, the language, "...along with the monitoring assurance pertaining thereto..." and she asked for input on language that would be clearer.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD (continued)

Trustee Edwards suggested that with the number of changes, the Board should not move this forward at this time, but bring it back at a future meeting.

Trustee Cranor suggested striking everything after "approved" in Number 9 since "...within 3 full business days..." would be moved to Number 12.

The Board agreed to hold this item.

Public Hearing

David Gomez agreed with Trustee Edwards' suggestion of bringing this item back. He said the intent needs to be made clear to the public.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was disconnected at 8:38 p.m.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Information regarding changes made to trustee assignments on board committees.

Trustee Cranor explained that at the beginning of each calendar year, the Board president sorts out which committees Board members will serve on. She said the Board officers discussed it at the previous Officers Meeting and attempted to find the best fit for each Trustee. She said there has been a change since the beginning of the year, and that is that Trustee Young and Trustee Corbett would be switching assignments, with Trustee Corbett serving the Council of the Great City Schools, and Trustee Young serving as the legislative liaison to the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB).

TELECONFERENCE CALL RECONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was reconnected at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVE WAIVER OF TIMELINE FOR MONITORING REPORTS

Approval of a one-year waiver of the February 2014 reporting date for monitoring reports EL-7: Superintendent Succession and EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board.

Superintendent Skorkowsky explained that he is requesting a waiver of the timeline for monitoring reports EL-7: Superintendent Succession and EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board to avoid having to bring forward new reports that were just completed late last year and have no significant changes. He said he would bring those reports forward in the 2015 school year as stated in the calendar.

APPROVE WAIVER OF TIMELINE FOR MONITORING REPORTS (continued)

Motion to waive the timeline for monitoring reports EL-7: Superintendent Succession and EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board to come forward in February 2015.

Motion: Young Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Skorkowsky congratulated Vikki Courtney and Theo Small for recently being elected to their positions as president and vice president of Clark County Education Association (CCEA). He acknowledged President Obama's announcement of My Brother's Keeper, an initiative addressing challenges facing minority male youth.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Corbett requested an agenda item for presentation and discussion regarding professional development opportunities and resources and leveraging those resources to learn from best practices.

Trustee Cranor reminded the Trustees and staff that there needs to be a discussion on SB504 and the English language learner (ELL) strategic plan.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards reported on her trip to Washington on behalf of public television.

Trustee Corbett shared his experience reading to elementary school students today. He recognized Dr. Ken Turner for his contributions to the District.

Trustee Tew also thanked Dr. Turner for his contributions to the District.

Trustee Wright acknowledged Dr. Turner for his leadership.

Trustee Young also thanked Dr. Turner for what he brought to the District. She reported on the National TRiO/GEAR UP program she attended.

Trustee Tew also spoke about her experience attending the TRiO/GEAR UP program.

Trustee Cranor shared a discussion she had with a principal where they talked about some of the things Dr. Valeria Silva, Superintendent of Saint Paul Public Schools, does in her school district. She said the principal she met with expressed interest in the parent academies that Dr. Silva holds in her district. She acknowledged Eva Melendrez, Parent Services Coordinator, Community and Government Relations, for providing support to that principal as she begins to work on that project.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Garvey commented that tonight's discussion showed that the Board is able to work in an atmosphere with trust, openness, respect, and courtesy. She referenced the Board's debriefing document and said the Board did well in recognizing the presence of politics but focusing on what is best for students.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Stephen Augspurger said he is aware that an investigation is taking place regarding a selection process that was inappropriately influenced by a high-ranking administrator. He said employees involved in this investigation need to feel free to speak without fear of bullying, intimidation, or harassment. He mentioned that a public speaker names administrators when she addresses the Board, which is often, and he said he feels this is a form of harassment and intimidation. He asked that this be addressed and perhaps this person could be offered another mechanism for expressing her concerns.

Ms. Courtney thanked the Superintendent for recognizing her and Mr. Small. She provided the Board and Superintendent with some information related to the work they have been doing since being in their leadership roles. She said their goal is to continue to work collaboratively to ensure success for teachers and for students.

David Gomez said everyone should be here for all of the students, not for any one ethnic group.

Angie Sullivan thanked the Board for participating in Reading Week.

Trustee Edwards agreed with Mr. Augspurger's comments. She said the Board needs to do a better job at protecting employees' names during public comment period.

Trustee Young said there was language in the past that spoke to this issue, asking speakers to refrain from using employees' names during public speaking. She said there should be something in writing in the public speaking guidelines.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said the language still remains, and he assured the Board that the procedure will be followed beginning with the next Board meeting.

ADJOURN: 9:23 p.m.

Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous