

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, March 27, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Patrice Tew, Clerk
Stavan Corbett, Member
Carolyn Edwards, Member
Deanna L. Wright, Member

Members Absent

Erin E. Cranor, President
Linda E. Young, Vice President
Chris Garvey, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Tew stated that Trustee Cranor would not be able to attend tonight's meeting due to illness, and Trustees Young and Garvey were attending conferences and would not be present.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Corbett was connected at 4:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Cheyenne High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Marvin Gant of Central Christian Church performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Items 5.10 and 6.04, note additional reference material for Items 7.03 and 7.04, and note revised reference material for Item 5.07.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Corbett was disconnected at 4:07 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

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

STUDENT REPORTS

Rafael Lopez, student body president at College of Southern Nevada High School – East Campus, Linda Young, District C Trustee, and Kaitlyn Cabrera, student body president at College of Southern Nevada High School – South Campus, Deanna Wright, District A 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

Dylan Sacenti, vice chairman, Student Council Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees, reported on the Committee's March 4 meeting. He said topics of discussion included the Open Meeting Law (OML), Infinite Campus, Sandy Valley's four-day school week, and student concerns, including changes to the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) accepted pass score.

PRESENTATION OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MENTORING PROJECTS

Recognition of mentors from the Reclaim Your Future and Stay in School Projects. Debbie Tomasetti, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF GO FOR THE GOLD! PARALYMPICS

Presentation of the recently held Go for the Gold! Paralympic games involving Clark County School District student athletes. Kristine Minnich, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services Division, Clark County School District; Annie Amoia, Executive Director, Student Services Division, 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: 5:07 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:44 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Elena Rodriguez said she previously requested information regarding the reclassification of administrators, and she has yet to receive that information. She expressed gratitude to the Superintendent for recent actions he took related to CCSD's English language acquisition department.

Cameron Stuart said Mr. Skorkowsky is doing a great job; the Superintendent is failing.

Stephen Augspurger said schools' needs sometimes go unmet because there is not enough funding, and he offered that there should be a "filter" in place when considering the District's budget that asks whether a particular item is more important than the most important things in the schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Jason Lamberth said the District needs improvement in the area of employee accountability. He said there should be mandatory accountability at all levels for all policies.

Daniel Lincoln demanded that all administrators be held accountable and that there be some action taken to improve CCSD's current bullying policies.

Autumn Tampa spoke about the bullying of employees, and she challenged the Board and the Superintendent to create policies, procedures, and trainings that would heighten the awareness and be conducive to the fair and equitable treatment of all employees.

Serena Koerner applauded the Superintendent for the work he has been doing, and she asked that the Board consider the level of autonomy given to the Superintendent. She said she previously requested information on the Turnaround Schools and said she has not received anything as of yet.

Umram Osambela expressed the Association of Students of the College of Southern Nevada's (ASCSN's) desire to be involved in education in CCSD at the high school level.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Public Hearing

Greg Cortese, speaking on Item 5.17, said the improvements and development of Sandy Valley schools is happening piecemeal, and he would like to see a more cohesive plan. He said the build specific to Item 5.17 is progressing at an extremely slow rate. He proposed placing temporary classrooms in the school to accommodate the students and teachers until this new building is complete in 2015.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Wright Second: Edwards

Trustee Edwards said she was told last June that the building at Sandy Valley would be operational by the first day of school, and she was told in August that it would be operational in one month. She asked for an explanation.

Superintendent Skorkowsky explained that there were issues with the electrical system, and this agenda item is so that the work can continue. He said the electricity can be in place next school year, and students could occupy the building at that time. He said the plumbing would not yet be in place, and students would simply have to use other restrooms on the campus until that piece is completed.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of January 9, 2014, and January 23, 2014, is recommended. (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 SILVER STATE KIDS NEVADA PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Nevada Public Health Foundation's Silver State KIDS grant, for the purchase of instructional technology, to be used for the collection of school readiness data for preschool students and incorporated into the Teaching Strategies GOLD™ assessment, from March 28, 2014, through June 30, 2014, in the approximate amount of \$117,402.00, to be paid from FY 14, Fund 0279, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 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. 5.03)
- 5.04 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.04)
- 5.05 LICENSED PERSONNEL DISMISSAL RECOMMENDATION. Discussion and resolution to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissal, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$717,147.55, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$2,050,150.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.07)
- 5.08 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: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 VOLUNTARY RESOLUTION AGREEMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval of the Voluntary Resolution Agreement which resolves the U.S. Department of Education, OCR Complaints #10131060 and #10131139, and authorization for Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools, to sign the necessary document(s), is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Carlos L. McDade] (Ref. 5.09)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.11 SOFTWARE LICENSES AND MAINTENANCE - SUMTOTAL SYSTEMS, INC. Discussion and possible action on approval to contract with SumTotal Systems, Inc. for the annual purchase of Named User licenses and maintenance for the Pathlore Registration and Tracking System with a first year cost of \$55,360.20, and an approximate three-year total cost of \$144,804.72, effective March 28, 2014, through October 30, 2016, to be paid from Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 1010001056, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 SOFTWARE LICENSES, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT - CA TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Discussion and possible action on approval to contract with CA Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of 150 upgraded license seats at a cost of \$1,120.00, each for CA On-Premise Service Desk Solution bundle with a first-year cost of \$168,000.00 and an annual maintenance cost of \$33,600.00, Web-based and online instructor-led CA Education training services for a cost of \$15,000.00, as well as 80 hours of CA Expert Services at the hourly rate of \$204.00 for a total cost of \$16,320.00, for an approximate first-year total cost of \$232,920.00, and approximate three-year cost of \$300,120.00 effective March 28, 2014, through March 31, 2017, to be paid from Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 1010001056, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES - MSR LIMITED. Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with an external facilitator, MSR Limited, to conduct needs assessments and develop and monitor the District Performance Plans, utilizing the Nevada Comprehensive Curriculum Audit Tool for Districts (NCCAT-D) to conduct the needs assessment to determine the District's capacity to meet the needs of struggling schools; and with the external facilitator's rate of \$480.00 per day, for an approximate total cost of \$60,000.00, which includes a \$30,000.00 match from District funds and \$30,000.00 from grant funding effective July 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, \$30,000.00 to be paid from FY 14, Fund 0280, Internal Order Number G6624000114, Functional Area F10002500 along with District matching funds, to be paid from Group OPAD-B055, Fund 0100, Cost Center 1010002055, GL 5340000000, F10002230, in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a total project cost of \$60,000.00, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.13)
- 5.14 VEGAS PBS, CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING, AMERICAN GRADUATE: LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN INITIATIVE. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit an application and implement the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen initiative, from June 1, 2014, through December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$200,000.00, to be paid from Fund 2200000000, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Tom Axtell] (Ref. 5.14)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.15 VEGAS PBS, AHERN RENTALS INC. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an agreement with Ahern Rentals Inc. for the unique three-story lift for building maintenance at the Educational Technology Campus; expenditures for this supplier, in the amount of \$48,000.00, have already been completed by other divisions of the District, and additional expenditures are proposed for approximately \$10,000.00, for an approximate total cost of \$58,000.00, effective March 28, 2014, through June 30, 2014, with the cost to be paid by non-District, donated funds, from Fund 2200000000, Cost Center 2022003140, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Tom Axtell] (Ref. 5.15)
- 5.16 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 February 1, 2014, through February 28, 2014, in the official Board minutes as required by NRS 354.598005, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.16)
- 5.17 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, MODIFICATIONS TO MODULAR BUILDING, SANDY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of JMA Architects to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for modifications to the modular building at Sandy Valley Elementary School in the amount of \$102,118.13, to be paid from the Government Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Project C0012746, 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. 5.17)
- 5.18 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$28,233.34 to the construction contract for the Roof Replacement at Twin Lakes Elementary School (Commercial Roofers, Inc.), is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.18)

Vote on Trustee Wright's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE ITEM 6.01 AND 6.02

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

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

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy GP-15: Board Affiliated Committees, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

APPROVE ITEM 6.01 AND 6.02 (continued)

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' APPENDIX: BOARD COMMITTEES

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Appendix: Board Committees, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Motion to approve Items 6.01 and 6.02.

Motion: Wright Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

APPOINTMENT OF SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Appoint members to the Board of Trustees Sex Education Advisory Committee, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

Mary Pike, Director of Science, Healthy, Physical Education, Foreign Language, and Driver Education, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, reported on the March 11 meeting of the Sex Education Advisory Committee Recommending Committee, explaining the application process and the recommendation process in place for individuals interested in serving on the Sex Education Advisory Committee.

Trustee Tew shared the names of the individuals that have come out of the recommending committee.

Motion to appoint the individuals presented in the backup material to the Sex Education Advisory Committee.

Motion: Wright Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Discussion and possible action on a plan for English language acquisition and literacy development for all students, is recommended. [Contact Person: Stavan Corbett] (Ref. 6.04)

This item was pulled during the adoption of the agenda.

Public Hearing

Grace Sousa spoke in favor of the advancement of English as a second language (ESL) and English language learner (ELL) programs in Nevada.

Trustee Corbett invited Ms. Sousa to get involved in the external group that has been looking at the ELL program over the past couple of years.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5150

Approval of the Notice of Intent to adopt, repeal, or amend Clark County School District Regulation 5150, Health and Welfare: Students, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on April 24, 2014, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Public Hearing

Kyle Anderson said it is extremely important for District employees to be notified of these types of regulations so all teachers are aware of how to keep students safe.

Superintendent Skorkowsky stated that the District notifies classroom teachers of any known allergies on a regular basis.

Sally Jost, Director of Related Services, Special Education Related Services, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit, gave an overview of the current training that takes place with health services and school personnel.

Motion to approve the Notice of Intent for Regulation 5150.

Motion: Edwards Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 3319

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 3319, Performance Contracts, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on April 24, 2014, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Motion to approve the Notice of Intent for Policy 3319

Motion: Wright Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

RECESS: 6:45

RECONVENE: 6:53

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS

Presentation and discussion regarding future building programs.

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, presented the list of discussion topics for consideration related a future building program as shown in Reference 7.03, which is a result of discussions regarding needs surrounding a building program. She said she presented this list to the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC), and she said they were in support of the idea that items for discussion would be had with the Committee first and then with the Board.

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS (continued)

Trustee Edwards said she would like to have a discussion on the number of available seats and their locations. She stated that the vacant seats in the outlying rural areas should be discounted as available seats in order to have an accurate count of usable vacant seats. She suggested that double sessions should be included as a possible solution for discussion. She suggested that it would also be helpful for the Board to receive quarterly updates on the rollover money. She said there should also be a discussion regarding Districtwide rezoning. She said at some point there would be a discussion about whether or not the District builds a new school and when and where they build the new school, and she offered for consideration that as long as the District is growing, any new school should be built in an area that is already on a year-round schedule.

Trustee Wright asked that the Board also be presented with separate list of schools that exclude the schools that are overcrowded because of a specialized program since the District is allowing those schools to be overcrowded. She suggested discussing seats needed to provide full-day kindergarten at a ratio of 21:1 if a second topic was needed to have with the report on available seats. She suggested perhaps having the discussion on Districtwide rezoning after the discussion on available seats.

Mrs. Haldeman said the topics of available seats and seats needed for full-day kindergarten at a ratio of 21:1 are compatible and could be discussed together, and the discussion on Districtwide rezoning would be a logical next step. She agreed with the quarterly reports Trustee Edwards requested and said those reports will be instrumental in the planning and decisions going forward.

Trustee Corbett said he wanted to include looking at the use of magnet programs and the possibility of placing 5th-graders in middle schools with available seats as mentioned in an earlier discussion.

Mrs. Haldeman said she would add magnet schools to the list. She said number 1, item f, subsection ii, is intended for the Board to have a discussion on shifting a grade level to another building.

Trustee Tew wondered about adding to the discussion the possibility of having builders share the responsibility of development in terms of them continuing to build homes and falsely advertising the development of specific schools.

Mrs. Haldeman said that discussion could be had under number 6.

Public Hearing

Cameron Stuart commented that a budget is people, time, money, and non-money, and while money is very important, CCSD in particular has to do with hundreds of thousands of individual people, and yet we appoint one person to be responsible for it all. He said the Superintendent is being asked to do something he cannot succeed at.

UPDATE ON THE BUDGET

Update and discussion on the alignment of future budgets with the Strategic Imperatives.

Superintendent Skorkowsky presented the Board with a 2014-2015 budget preview. His presentation included general operating fund revenues, student enrollment, general operating funds expenditures, a timeline of the budget process, and priorities for funding.

Trustee Edwards asked for an explanation of the 81 percent in salaries and benefits shown on page 9 of 15 of the presentation, and she asked if there was any plan to reduce student-teacher ratios and restore them back to pre-recession ratios.

Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division, and Superintendent Skorkowsky said that information would be provided at the upcoming Board Work Session.

Trustee Corbett asked if this presentation could be posted on the CCSD website.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said this could be posted on the website tomorrow.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards requested an agenda item to discuss requiring Advanced Placement (AP) exams for AP courses; an agenda item to discuss a Districtwide rezone; and an agenda item to discuss the quarterly reports on the rollover tax money.

Trustee Corbett requested that Item 6.04 that was pulled tonight be placed on the April 10, 2014, agenda.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards reported on the Council of the Great City Schools Annual Legislative/Policy Conference.

Trustee Corbett commented on the Council of the Great City Schools Board of Directors meeting. He also reported on his visit with Libia Gil, assistant deputy secretary and director, Office of English Language Acquisition, U.S. Department of Education, and the town hall meeting he engaged in this past Monday. He reported on the literacy summit he attended last week that was hosted by Nevada Succeeds.

Trustee Tew shared her recent experience reading the bilingual book "Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match" to different elementary school students.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Corbett referred to the Board's debriefing document and scored each category as he thought appropriate based on the Board's discussion and interaction.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 7:54 p.m.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous