

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, June 19, 2014

4:00 p.m.

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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**

Trustee Young led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Robert L. Crall of Mountain View Presbyterian performed the invocation.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except note additional reference material for Item 5.03 and revised reference material for Item 5.22.*

*Motion: Young    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous  
Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

**PRESENTATION OF TRINITY SECURITY SERVICES**

Recognition of Trinity Security Services for their recruitment efforts for the Save our Children Walk which provides needed resources for Clark County School District schools. Kurt Arnold, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

**PRESENTATION OF 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Winning photographs from the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Student Photography Contest will be highlighted. Michele Nelson, Photographer, Clark County School District.

**BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Garvey arrived at the Board meeting at 4:19 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

None.

**RECESS:** 4:23 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBER LEAVES**

Trustee Edwards left the Board meeting at 4:23 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Harriet Bernard presented an anti-bullying project to be used in CCSD classrooms.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was connected at 5:13 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

Clair Hart thanked the Board and District for the ongoing professional development she has received through the Equity and Diversity Education Department, and she shared how this training has helped her.

Elena Rodriguez talked about an article in the newspaper which reported an alleged financial mismanagement by CCSD's former superintendent. She said that this type of misuse of funds should never happen again.

Quintin Frye stated that the department he works in is in violation of the CCSD employee union contract as of January 2013. He offered to provide further information, and he asked for a 10-day response to this matter.

Stephen Augspurger said the difficulty in developing a Districtwide healthcare plan will be in finding a solution that everyone will agree upon in terms of how health benefits would be provided. He expressed concern with some of the information discussed at the April 16 special board meeting; namely, possible misinterpretation of the management of Section 125 plans and no local examples given of fully insured and self-funded plans.

Adriene Michelle Lai, a former CCSD student and vice chair of the Student Council Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees, shared what she has been doing since graduating from CCSD in 2013.

Daniel Lincoln cited NRS 388.1351 and said this statute was not followed by CCSD staff, and someone needs to be held accountable.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

Jason Lamberth spoke about his coping with the loss of his daughter, especially this past Father's Day.

## **RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized former Senator Joe Neal and former Assemblyman Gene Collins present in the audience.

## **ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

*Motion to approve the consent agenda, pulling Item 5.05 for separate discussion.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Wright*

Trustee Wright said after discussions with Staci Vesneski, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division, regarding Item 5.02, she is willing to approve this item tonight but requested that the item be placed on a future agenda for continued discussion. She said she was concerned with the effective date of June 20 showing in Item 5.03 and said items should be brought forward for approval sooner.

Trustee Corbett asked for an explanation of what the Board is being asked to approve in Item 5.24, since it does not affect the general fund.

Tom Axtell, General Manager, Vegas PBS, explained that because Vegas PBS is licensed to CCSD, it must comply with the purchasing requirements of the State of Nevada regardless of the revenue source.

*Vote on Trustee Garvey's motion was unanimous.*

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the special meetings of May 3, 2012, March 5, 2014, and March 20, 2014; and the regular meeting of March 13, 2014, is recommended. (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 PROPOSED 2015-2016 AND 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDARS. Discussion and possible action on approval to adopt the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school calendars, are recommended.  
[Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.02)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Engagement  
**Focus Area(s):** G. Family/Community Engagement and Customer Service

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.03 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES, COLLEGE BOARD SPRINGBOARD PROGRAM. Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with College Board to purchase SpringBoard instructional materials for 1,600 students in Algebra I and Geometry for an approximate cost of \$60,816.00; professional development and coaching services to include a three-day training for 24 teachers during the summer of 2014 at an approximate cost of \$35,400.00, for a total approximate cost of \$96,216.00 to be paid from FY14, FY15, and FY16, Fund 0280, Internal Order G662300114, GL 561000000, F1001000; GL 7546600000, F10002213; effective June 20, 2014, to June 30, 2016, is recommended. [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.03)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Academic Excellence; School Support

**Focus Area(s):** B. Academic Growth

- 5.04 SECOND CHANCE ACT, TECHNOLOGY CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM FOR INCARCERATED ADULTS AND JUVENILES. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the federally-funded Second Chance Act Technology Program grant to provide technology career training for incarcerated individuals at the Southern Desert Correctional Center Adult High School and the High Desert State Prison Adult High School to help facilitate their successful reintegration into their communities in the approximate amount of \$658,707.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.04)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support

**Focus Area(s):** C. Achievement Gaps

- 5.06 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Clark County School District and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to provide professional development along with collaboration on data collection and analysis of the Zoom Schools, at a total cost not to exceed \$219,453.00 with the cost of \$57,804.00 for Year One to be paid from FY14, Fund 100, Unit 185, Cost Center 1010002185, and \$161,649.00 for Year Two to be paid from FY15, Fund 100, Unit 185, Cost Center 1010002185; effective June 2014 through August 31, 2015, and for the Chief Student Achievement Officer and Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, is recommended. [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.06)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support

**Focus Area(s):** B. Academic Growth

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.07 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – NEWTON ALLIANCE, LLC. Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with Newton Alliance, LLC, for Newton Alliance Professional Services which includes the monthly eValue™ student achievement assessments, for identified schools, with supporting professional development services and continued use of Newton Alliance resources and materials for seven existing Partnership Schools, in the approximate amount of \$1,035,210.00, with an anticipated project period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 1010032015; and for Mike Barton, Chief Student Achievement Officer, to sign the agreement, is recommended.  
[Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.07)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support

**Focus Area(s):** C. Achievement Gaps

- 5.08 EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANTS – CLEVELAND CLINIC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOR REHABILITATION. Discussion and possible action on the authorization to contract with Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation to continue to provide technical assistance and support to ten (10) demonstration classrooms at Variety School that will serve as models for instruction and hands-on training, at the rate of \$1,800.00 per day, for up to 47 days of service, for an amount not to exceed \$84,600.00, effective August 1, 2014, through July 31, 2015, to be paid from Fund 0280, Internal Order G6639009514, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.08)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support

**Focus Area(s):** B. Academic Growth; C. Achievement Gaps

- 5.09 NEVADA COLLABORATIVE TEACHER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – INTEGRATING SCIENCE AND LANGUAGE ARTS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ARGUMENT-BASED INQUIRY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE AND COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS. Discussion and possible action on authorization to accept a subaward for the Nevada Collaborative Teacher Improvement Program project *Integrating Science and Language Arts with an Emphasis on Argument-Based Inquiry Within the Context of Next Generation Science and Common Core State Standards*, funded by the Nevada System of Higher Education under Title IIA-Improving Teacher Quality Grant, in partnership with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in the amount of \$44,323.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, with an anticipated project period of June 23, 2014, through June 30, 2015, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.09)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support

**Focus Area(s):** A. Proficiency; B. Academic Growth; C. Achievement Gaps

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.10 NEVADA COLLABORATIVE TEACHER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (NECOTIP), NEVADA PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, TEACHING AND LEARNING PROJECT (N-PEMSTL). Discussion and possible action on authorization to accept a subaward, for the Nevada Collaborative Teacher Improvement Program (*N-PEMSTL Nevada Partnership for Effective Mathematics and Science Teaching and Learning Project*) funded by the Nevada System of Higher Education under Title IIA-Teacher Quality Grant, in partnership with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for an amount not to exceed \$74,665.00 to be paid from Fund 0280, from June 23, 2014, through June 30, 2015, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.10)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support

**Focus Area(s):** A. Proficiency; B. Academic Growth; C. Achievement Gaps

- 5.11 TESTING FEES – COLLEGE BOARD. Discussion and possible action on authorization to purchase Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) testing fees for all sophomores, from the College Board, for approximately 24,055 students, at a per-student cost of \$12.00, for an approximate cost of \$288,660.00, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Fund 0100, and Cost Center 1010001110, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.11)

**Strategic Imperative:** Engagement

**Focus Area(s):** D. College and Career Readiness

- 5.12 ARTS IN EDUCATION MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION PROGRAM (AEMDD) – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT. Discussion and possible action on authorization to apply for funding and implement the Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Program under the United States Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement, a four-year project to raise student achievement in support of the development and implementation of a high-quality model of professional development programs for elementary and secondary music, visual arts and theater specialists, and academic educators in the approximate amount of \$1,745,924.11, to be paid from Fund 0280, for an anticipated project period of October 1, 2014, through September 28, 2018, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.12)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Academic Excellence; Engagement; School Support

**Focus Area(s):** A. Proficiency

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.13 **SOFTWARE LICENSES – ISTATION.** Discussion and possible action to purchase unlimited site licenses from Istation for 25 elementary schools participating in the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) program, for an approximate cost per school of \$8,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, effective August 21, 2014, through August 21, 2015, to be paid from Fund 0280, and Internal Order G6968000314 and Internal Order G6968000315, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.13)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Academic Excellence; Engagement; School Support

**Focus Area(s):** A. Proficiency; B. Academic Growth; C. Achievement Gaps; G. Family/Community Engagement and Customer Service

- 5.14 **ARTHUR VINING DAVIS FOUNDATIONS GRANT.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, Secondary Education grant, with an anticipated project period of June 2014, through June 30, 2016, to be paid from Fund 0279, in the amount of \$200,000.00 with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.14)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support

**Focus Area(s):** A. Proficiency; C. Achievement Gaps

- 5.15 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BOARD OF REGENTS OF NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS, FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS.** Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Clark County School District and the Board of Regents of Nevada System of Higher Education to continue to provide the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, electronic transcripts effective June 20, 2013, through July 30, 2017, and for the Superintendent of schools to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.15)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Engagement

**Focus Area(s):** D. College and Career Readiness

- 5.16 **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS.** Discussion and possible action on approval to pay the annual membership of the Clark County School District in the Council of the Great City Schools, for an approximate cost of \$53,983.00, to be paid from FY14, Cost Center 1010009031, Fund 1000000000, effective July 1, 2014, for the 2014-2015 school year, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.16)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** E. Value

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.17 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: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.17)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support

**Focus Area(s):** F. Disproportionality

- 5.18 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.18)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Academic Excellence

**Focus Area(s):** A. Proficiency; B. Academic Growth; C. Achievement Gaps; F.

Disproportionality

- 5.19 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,369,082.42, as listed, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.19)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** E. Value

- 5.20 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$5,125,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.20)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** E. Value

- 5.21 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. 5.21)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** E. Value

- 5.22 CONTRACT AWARD: ASPHALT PARKING LOT, SECURITY FENCING, AND GATES, FOOD SERVICE COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in support of the new asphalt parking lot, security fencing with automatic gates, and minor landscaping at the Food Service Cold Storage Warehouse, to be paid from Fund 6000000000, Project C0012860, 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. 5.22)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** E. Value



**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 5.23 VEGAS PBS, CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING, EXPANDED LEARNING THROUGH TRANSMEDIA CONTENT COHORT #3 SUSTAINABILITY GRANT. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Expanded Learning Through Transmedia Content Cohort #3 Sustainability Grant to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, for the project period of June 20, 2014, through September 29, 2015, in the amount of \$105,000.00, with no matching funds required and no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Tom Axtell] (Ref. 5.23)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus  
**Focus Area(s):** E. Value

- 5.24 VEGAS PBS FUND-RAISING INCENTIVES, FOREST INCENTIVES LTD. Discussion and possible action on authorization to purchase program specific membership/fundraising incentives from Forest Incentives to be used as pledge drive incentives during on-air membership drives at an approximate cost of \$200,000.00 per year for five years, for an approximate total cost of \$1,000,000.00, effective June 20, 2014, through June 30, 2019, to be paid from funds secured by Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television from Unit 0140, FY14, Fund 2200000000, Cost Center 2022008140, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Tom Axtell] (Ref. 5.24)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus  
**Focus Area(s):** E. Value

**AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL, HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

Authorization to contract with Harvard University Programs in Professional Education, to purchase tuition for 22 principals (with three or less years of experience) to attend leadership training for an approximate cost of \$69,900.00, and estimated travel expenses of \$54,300.00, for an approximate total cost of \$124,200.00, to be paid from FY14, Internal Order G6668003714, GL 5330000000, GL 55800000; effective June 22, 2014, through June 28, 2014, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

Trustee Garvey noted that the Board and Superintendent have decided that professional development ought to be more relevant and effective and should align with the strategic imperatives. She expressed concern that although there have been no monies paid out in connection with this particular expense, it is to begin on June 22, and there should be more planning to ensure effective fiscal responsibility.

Trustee Garvey said she was told that these types of professional development expenditures typically do not come before the Board for approval, and she applauded Mike Barton, Chief Student Achievement Officer, Instruction Unit, for bringing this forward. She questioned whether or not the Board should have a policy or if the regulation should be reviewed, if current triggers in place are not applying to these types of professional development expenditures.

**AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL, HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (continued)**

Trustee Garvey said she would not be voting for this item because it has not been demonstrated that this would be an effective professional development model for Clark County School District or that there is a return on investment. She said with the Board and the District having begun working together in a strategic manner toward their vision, she realized the Trustees were not included in this particular project.

Trustee Garvey said she would like to have an agenda item to discuss the leadership program that was reinstituted in January in terms of investing in an outside professional development program versus the District's own leadership program.

Trustee Young questioned how the information and training that the 22 administrators would receive would transfer to new principals that come in after school starts since the training for new principals has been curtailed.

Trustee Wright said there should be professional development for all new administrators, the executive team, and for the Board. She said her concern is having this come to the Board so close to the start date of the program. She said this is the type of incident that bolsters the perception of some that the Board "rubber-stamps" items that come to them for approval. She said this is important and necessary; however, the next time this happens, her vote will be "no" also.

Trustee Corbett appreciated the concerns expressed by Trustee Garvey and Trustee Wright. He said this is a great opportunity and said they should be asking what components will be in place six months from now to review the effectiveness of this program and the dissemination of this training and information. He said the action of placing this on the agenda days before the project is to start should be viewed as an opportunity to develop communication and to acknowledge this is not a professional process here, and not to punish anyone or forego an opportunity just because that process is not in place, but to improve upon the process.

Trustee Garvey said these ideas that have been expressed should be part of the agenda item she requested for later discussion.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was disconnected at 5:55 p.m.

**AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL, HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (continued)**

Trustee Cranor shared that her concern had been how the District could make up for the time that has gone by without a leadership program in place, which was lost due to the recession. She said she was excited when she saw this item, and wondered if this would be the piece that would allow them to make up for lost time and make a quick recovery from one of the negative impacts of the recession.

## **TELECONFERENCE CALL RECONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was reconnected at 5:55 p.m.

### **AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL, HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (continued)**

Trustee Cranor said she is also very interested to see what the return would be on this program for students.

Trustee Tew thanked Trustee Garvey for bringing this discussion forward because she said the Board members feel a duty to their fiduciary responsibilities and want to have as much information as possible. She said they are hopeful that this will impact the students and that the principles will share what they learn.

Trustee Young requested that the Board be provided with more information on this program. She asked how she could gain access to this information earlier and also in printed format. She asked how the Trustees could feel more engaged because she feels they receive the information late, and they are not given advance notice. She said her concern would be how this information from the training would be shared.

Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit, thanked the Board for their comments. She said providing professional development to all staff is one of the goals in the Pledge of Achievement.

Dr. Barton addressed the concerns expressed by the Board. He explained how this particular project developed, and he assured the Board that staff would make every effort to bring information to the Board as early as possible in the future. He said in terms of bringing that training back to other administrators, the model suggests that the information is to be shared with new and veteran principles through the Professional Learning Community (PLC). He stated that staff would be looking to see the return on investment for this professional development program beginning immediately.

Trustee Edwards expressed support of this agenda item. She asked if the group that is going to receive this training is of a diverse ethnic background.

Dr. Barton said yes, there is great diversity among the administrators that will be attending.

Trustee Young said with the diversity in leadership issue being of such concern, she would like to know the gender and ethnic background of newly hired principles, promotions, and when positions become available. She said she believed that it is important that the information also be made available to the public. She said that background information should actually be made available about all leadership positions of support staff and administrative staff.

## **AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL, HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (continued)**

### **Public Hearing**

Seth Rau thanked Trustee Garvey for bringing this discussion forward. He said investing in our school leaders is what is most important and this professional development opportunity is something that will greatly improve student achievement. He said Nevada Succeeds is in support of this agenda item but hopes the process will be done with more transparency in the future.

Gene Collins commended Trustee Young for voicing her concerns and interest surrounding the diversity issue. He said it is atrocious that there are no African-American high school principals, and that needs to be addressed.

David Gomez agreed with providing professional development opportunities to principals. He said the process does need to be transparent for the Trustees, as well as for the community. He expressed support of Dr. Barton.

Trustee Wright commented that she believes the Board and District are doing well at being transparent and will continue to improve.

Trustee Young suggested that the District needs to reach out to the higher education institutes in terms of how closely aligned they are with the type of leadership the District is looking for. She said there also needs to be a conversation with them regarding the cultural competency piece.

*Motion to approve as presented with an additional provision of a process of feedback to come back to the Board regarding the process, implementation, and return on investment.*

*Motion: Corbett Second: Tew Vote: Yeses – 6 (Cranor, Young, Tew, Corbett, Edwards, and Wright); No – (Garvey)*

*The motion passed.*

## **APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR A NEW WEIGHTED FUNDING FORMULA FOR K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NEVADA**

Approval on a resolution for a new weighted funding formula for K-12 public education in Nevada, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Trustee Garvey explained how a consensus was reached with the Nevada Department of Education board of trustees regarding the need to serve all the students of Nevada, and they began to look at the possible impact of a new funding formula and agreed that all counties would come together in support to look at a weighted funding formula that would support all students.

Trustee Cranor expressed appreciation to school board members and superintendents around the state for their commitment and work in this area and support in investing in the students.

## **APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR A NEW WEIGHTED FUNDING FORMULA FOR K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NEVADA (continued)**

Trustee Young suggested that in the future there should be something included in the resolution that speaks to the significant impact quality teachers have on student achievement for all students and the importance of collaboration with parents.

Trustee Tew said she would like to see information added with regard to the burden of unfunded mandates placed upon District by the legislature and how much funds are needed and how necessary a change in the funding formula is.

Trustee Edwards commented that this resolution was crafted very delicately and after much effort to gain the support of the other state board members, and it is very important that it is crafted in such a way that most, if not all, of the other Nevada school districts pass this as well.

Trustee Garvey thanked Trustee Edwards for her work on this.

Trustee Cranor noted there are two documents included in the resolution – one is adopted by the Board and signed by the each Trustee; and the other is adopted by the Board and signed only by the Board President, and both documents need to be included in the motion.

Trustee Wright expressed appreciation to all those who were involved in the work in bringing this forward.

*Motion to approve the resolution on the weighted funding formula, including both versions.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous*

## **BOARD MEMBER LEAVES DAIS**

Trustee Garvey left the dais at 6:39 p.m.

## **APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Approval to reappoint Anthony Mook and Patricia Mooris to the Audit Advisory Committee for a two-year term.

*Motion to reappoint Anthony Mook and Patricia Mooris to the Audit Advisory Committee for a two-year term.*

*Motion: Young Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

## **BOARD MEMBER RETURNS TO DAIS**

Trustee Garvey returned to the dais at 6:41 p.m.

## **REVIEW OF POLICY 5137 – SAFE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING**

Review and discussion on proposed changes to Policy 5137, Safe and Respectful Learning Environment: Bullying and Cyberbullying.

Ms. Wooden stated that since the Superintendent's Taskforce on Bullying presented their recommendations to the Board, the Nevada Department of Education developed a proposed Nevada Department of Education regulation related to bullying. She said this evening the Board is being presented with that proposed regulation by the Nevada Department of Education, as well as a review of CCSD Policy 5137.

Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Educational Opportunities Unit, explained that a revision of CCSD Policy 5137 would be forthcoming, but since the Nevada Department of Education developed a proposed regulation, staff felt it was important to meet with the Taskforce again to discuss this additional information and how that would affect revisions to CCSD Policy 5137. She went over the proposed recommendations from the Taskforce related to the current CCSD policy 5137, and she discussed the Nevada Department of Education proposed regulation and some language comparisons.

Trustee Cranor asked since some of the language in the Nevada Department of Education proposed regulation may better coincide with language in District regulation, if the intent was to align the regulation to the state's final draft and then bring the CCSD regulation and policy forward together for review at the same time during the notice of intent stage.

Dr. Peay said it is crucial to meet with the Taskforce again to discuss the potential changes to CCSD policy and/or regulation, including pulling language directly from the Nevada Department of Education's proposed regulation.

Trustee Tew asked if the language in CCSD policy should be specific in the inclusion of charter schools in terms of providing professional development.

Dr. Peay said that is another area that would be reviewed and discussed with the Taskforce.

Trustee Young asked if there was a contact person at the state department that could technically review the proposed language in the CCSD documents to ensure requirements are met once the Taskforce has reviewed and made their changes.

Dr. Peay said Brandon Moeller, Assistant Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Educational Opportunities Unit, is working with two people from the Nevada Department of Education, and they will be invited to attending the meeting with the Taskforce.

**REVIEW OF POLICY 5137 – SAFE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:  
BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING (continued)**

Public Hearing

Jason Lamberth said the action by the Nevada Department of Education is encouraging, and it addresses concerns he has brought forth in the past. He reminded the Board that the Nevada Department of Education regulation is the minimum that the Board must follow and enforce, and they can go above and beyond what is outlined in the state regulation. He noted that in the proposed CCSD policy, page 6 of 14, Section VI, subparagraph D, it states that the disciplinary action for violating the policy for students is outlined in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 388.1351, but NRS 388.1351 refers to CCSD's disciplinary policies.

David Gomez asked if the revision of CCSD policy would be inclusive of NRS 388.137 and if the policy would include that there will be consequences for those who abuse this policy, and individuals will be held accountable for violating this policy.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

None.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Garvey requested an agenda item to discuss the existence of any policies that speak to the protocol for notifying immediate supervisors and the Board of Trustees when elected officials or community partner events are to be held at CCSD schools. She also requested an agenda item to discuss the administrative leadership program to include the protocol for bringing professional development programs to the Board for approval and a possible policy change based on that discussion. She also requested a presentation from the Nevada Charter School Authority to compare CCSD charters to traditional public schools and to discuss issues such as bonding ability, teacher evaluation, expulsion, and admittance.

Trustee Wright requested that a Board retreat be scheduled with the Superintendent and the executive team about communication to gain clarity on what the Board would like to be advised or notified on.

Trustee Cranor said there is a Board retreat tentatively scheduled for August 8 and asked if it would be appropriate to include that discussion there.

Trustee Wright said she would request a separate retreat focused on communication before school starts or before the end of September.

Trustee Corbett requested an agenda item for the Board to receive an update on the work of the English Language Acquisition Committee.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)**

Trustee Young recommended that the Board have an agenda item for the Board to receive a presentation regarding the District's efforts in relation to the ethnic diversity of teachers, school support, and administrative leadership positions broken down by department. In connection with My Brother's Keeper, she said she would also like an update on efforts being made in relation to the overrepresentation of young males of color who are being suspended and expelled.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Corbett announced that he would be absent from the upcoming Board meeting because he would be attending the Nevada Ready Workgroup teacher training where they will be discussing the Nevada Academic Standards.

Trustee Tew reported on the EyeCare for Kids organization and their visit to Nevada.

Trustee Young commented on the information found in the Nevada Kids Count 2013 data book. She also commented on the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) and their contribution to the District, and she thanked them for their work.

Trustee Edwards said she would be available via telephone for the June 26 Board meeting. She reported on the Public Education Foundation roundtable event she attended.

Trustee Cranor reported on the recent Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) meeting she and Trustee Edwards attended where they learned that the White Pine Division 3 teams, with the exception of soccer, would be competing in the south.

**DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Joe Neal said he learned that the H. P. Fitzgerald ES would be losing their library resource, and he hoped that something would be able to be done to keep that resource, particularly in that community.

Beatriz Rubio said there was an incident at her child's school, and she did not receive any information. She said that parents should be notified of incidents that occur on or around their children's school.



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** (continued)

David Gomez expressed support of Dr. Barton and Trustee Corbett. He said he has been told by parents that they have had negative experiences with school staff at schools they have visited, and this is something that needs to be addressed, perhaps with some professional development.

**ADJOURN:** 7:38 p.m.

*Motion: Tew    Second: Young    Vote: Unanimous*