

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, July 17, 2014

4:02 p.m.

Roll Call:	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>
	Linda E. Young, Vice President	Erin E. Cranor, 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 Garvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Trustee Young asked for 30 seconds of silence in lieu of the invocation, as Major Kelly Pontsler of The Salvation Army was unable to attend.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 7.03, note additional reference material for Item 5.15, note reference material provided for Item 7.02, and note revised reference material for Item 5.19
Motion: Garvey Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

PRESENTATION OF ALEXANDER DAWSON FOUNDATION

Recognition of Alexander Dawson Foundation for the summer enrichment programs offered to Clark County School District students. Beverly Mason, Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF AFTER-SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

Presentation of the After-School Meal Program. Brian Knudsen, Community Resources Manager, City of Las Vegas; Jodi Tyson, Director of Government Affairs, Three Square.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

RECESS: 4:40 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Elena Rodriguez said her husband is a District employee and has been the victim of retaliation for comments she has made at Board meetings. She requested the formula used to allocate work hours to custodial staff. She talked about how District funds could be better spent on students' needs. She spoke about retaliation, harassment, and bullying District employees experience every day, and she asked the Board to address the problem.

Sheri Kern said she has been a custodian for the District for many years and has experienced retaliation and harassment by the Operations Department ever since she came forward about an attack she was the victim of.

Alfred Walker shared information about bringing a live chess match program to the District.

Jason Lamberth asked why changes to the Nevada Department of Education model policy and proposed changes to CCSD Regulation 5137 were not implemented before the 2013-2014 school year, as they include verbiage to comply with state statute that went into effect in July 2013.

Darren Enns, Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council, spoke in opposition to the District's position on prevailing wage. He said when someone gets paid a living wage, it helps the community, and what the District's outside legal counsel is proposing has a negative impact on the community. He proposed that the District and the building trades partner to offer vocational education.

William Stanley, International Union of Elevator Constructors (IUEC), cited the Davis-Bacon Act passed in 1931 by the federal government, and said the state of Nevada followed the same process in 1937, and in all these years no other entity in Nevada has held the position that a foreman doing other work on a jobsite shall be paid the journeyman rate of pay. He asked the Board to review the decisions being made by outside counsel.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Public Hearing

Mayor Roger Tobler said Boulder City High School has been excluded from many of the improvements made to other schools in the District. He said that school has some serious needs, and he would like to be included in the architectural design project. He said he feels that Boulder City is a good partner to the school district.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Trustee Edwards said she is in favor of the Boulder City High School rebuild being finished, but there are other issues in Sandy Valley that have risen to a level of seriousness that need to be addressed.

Motion to accept the consent agenda.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright

Trustee Wright said of the 1998 bond, this is the only school that had projects started that were not completed, so she feels that some of the remaining bond money should go to Boulder City. She said this community has been very patient and very cooperative with the District.

Trustee Young expressed her support of the Boulder City community and appreciation of the schools, the community, and Mayor Tobler.

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 April 10, 2014, is recommended. (Ref. 5.01)

5.02 GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION STATE DISCRETIONARY UNIT GRANT.
Discussion and possible action on the authorization to submit and implement the state-funded Gifted and Talented Education Discretionary Unit Grant, from September 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Fund 0280, Sponsored Program G4419000115, in an amount not to exceed \$82,450.00, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.02)
Strategic Imperative(s): Academic Excellence

5.03 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS, TITLE IV, PART B. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement 21st CCLC programs designed to help children in at-risk schools succeed academically through the use of research-based practice and extended learning time, under Title IV, Part B, in the approximate amount of \$2,490,159.00, from August 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.03)
Strategic Imperative(s): Academic Excellence
Focus Area(s): C. Achievement Gaps

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5.04 **GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS (GEAR UP), TITLE IV.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), under Title IV, for promoting a college-bound culture within schools located in economically disadvantaged communities by preparing students academically and by providing the resources to attend and succeed in college, in the amount of \$750,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, from September 2, 2014, to August 31, 2015, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.04)

Strategic Imperative(s): Engagement

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

5.05 **ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION, BLACKBOARD ENGAGE.** Discussion and possible action on the purchase of the GradeQuick Web Archiving Services version of Easy Grade Pro from Blackboard Engage, formerly Edline LLC, for an approximate cost of \$163,694.70, effective July 18, 2014, through July 17, 2019, to be paid from Unit 055, FY15, Cost Center 1010002055, GL 5650000000, Fund 100, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.05)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): E. Value

5.06 **TITLE I – FOCUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, SECTION 1003(a), NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the state-funded Title I Focus School Improvement Grant through the Nevada Department of Education with an anticipated project period of July 18, 2014, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Fund 280, submitted in the amount of \$820,300.00, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.06)

Strategic Imperative(s): School Support

Focus Area(s): C. Achievement Gaps

5.07 **REFUGEE SCHOOL IMPACT GRANT.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the federally-funded Refugee School Impact Program through the Office of Refugee Resettlement to assist refugee students, in the amount of \$150,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, from August 15, 2014, through August 14, 2015, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.07)

Strategic Imperative: Engagement

Focus Area(s): C. Achievement Gaps

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.08 STUDENT ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, WORLD-CLASS INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN FOR ASSESSMENT. Discussion and possible action on the request to purchase ACCESS™ English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) from World-Class Instructional Design for Assessment Consortium, for an approximate cost of \$1,525,000.00, effective August 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, to be paid from Fund 0100, Unit 0122, Project 000001, Account 55786, Object 0349, Program 0200, Function 2219, FY15, is recommended. [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.08)
Strategic Imperative: School Support
Focus Area(s): C. Achievement Gaps
- 5.09 GROWTH MINDSET – CRESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GREATER GOOD COUNCIL, INNOVATION SCHOOLS GRANT. Discussion and possible action on authorization to accept a grant award for the Crestwood Elementary School Growth Mindset project funded by the Greater Good Council, through the Moonridge Group, in the amount of \$120,860.00 to be paid from Fund 0279, from July 18, 2014, through June 30, 2016, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.09)
Strategic Imperative(s): Academic Excellence
Focus Area(s): B. Academic Growth
- 5.10 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. 5.10)
Strategic Imperative(s): School Support
Focus Area(s): F. Disproportionality
- 5.11 UNIFIED PERSONNEL DISMISSAL RECOMMENDATION. Discussion and resolution to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissal, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL)
[Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.11)
Strategic Imperative(s): School Support
Focus Area(s): A. Proficiency; B. Academic Growth; C. Achievement Gaps
- 5.12 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$542,892.28, as listed, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.12)
Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus
Focus Area(s): E. Value
- 5.13 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$6,048,434.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.13)
Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus
Focus Area(s): E. Value

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5.14 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. 5.14)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): E. Value

5.15 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. Discussion and possible action on approval of the Clark County School District's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and authorization for the Plan to be submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation, the Clark County Debt Management Commission, and the Legislative Counsel Bureau in accordance with NRS 354.5945, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.15)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): E. Value

5.16 DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval of the Clark County School District's Debt Management Policy Statement and authorization for the Statement to be submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation and the Clark County Debt Management Commission in accordance with NRS 350.013, is recommended.

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

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): E. Value

5.17 CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION. Discussion and possible action on authorization to extend previously issued contracts with A&B Environmental LLC, Eagle Restorations, LVI Environmental Services of Nevada, Walker Specialty Construction, and ServiceMaster First Response to conduct emergency environmental remediation services at Clark County School District schools and facilities; expenditures for these suppliers in the amount of \$176,000.00 have already been completed; additional contracts are proposed for an approximate amount of \$140,000.00, for a total approximate amount of \$316,000.00, effective July 18, 2014, through August 31, 2014, to be paid from Cost Center 1010001029, GL Accounts 5450000000 and 5350000000, Fund 1000000000, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.17)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): Family/Community Engagement and Customer Service

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5.18 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, CONCEPTUAL DESIGN, SANDY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of APTUS Architecture to provide architectural design services to develop a conceptual design for a future modernization project at the Sandy Valley Elementary, Middle, and High Schools in the amount of \$74,316.80, to be paid from the Government Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Project C0012958, 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. 5.18)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): E. Value

5.19 CONTRACT AWARD: TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE, J. HAROLD BRINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to upgrade the technology at J. Harold Brinley Middle School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012711, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, may be recommended.

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

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): E. Value

5.20 CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreement for a net increase of \$169,650.50 to the agreement for the Food Service Cold Storage Warehouse (JMA Architects, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.20)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): E. Value

5.21 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$97,706.93 plus 21 days to the construction contracts for the Replacement of Running Tracks at Silverado High School (Sunland, Inc.), Office Demolition and Expansion and Relocation of Portables – Phase I at Food Service Cold Storage Warehouse (Roche Constructors, Inc.), and HVAC School Modernization at Rose Warren Elementary School (Addison, Inc.) is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.21)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): E. Value

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' APPENDIX A, ENDS POLICY E-2: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Appendix A, Ends Policy E-2: Student Achievement, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Trustee Edwards went through the corrections shown in Revised Reference 6.01.

Trustee Tew suggested adding "family" after "Parent" under the heading of "Engagement" on Page 2 of 7 in Revised Reference 6.01.

Superintendent Skorkowsky explained that this is language taken from a different policy so the change would need to be made there in order to change the language here.

Trustee Edwards suggested that Trustee Tew could bring that suggestion forward during the annual policy review for the language in E-2: Academic Achievement.

Motion to amend Appendix A, Ends Policy E-2: Student Achievement as presented in Revised Reference 6.01.

Motion: Edwards Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE THE DELTA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL REQUEST TO ADD SIXTH GRADE AND OCCUPY A NEW FACILITY

Approval regarding The Delta Academy charter school's request to amend its current charter to include the addition of sixth grade and to occupy a new facility including, but not limited to, approval, rejection, or further consideration of the application, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Dan Tafoya, Director, Office of Charter Schools, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit, presented the Office of Charter Schools' recommendation on the Delta Academy Charter School request to amend its charter to add sixth grade and to occupy a new facility. He said each amendment request was examined to ensure compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and have been found to be complete and compliant.

Kyle Konold, executive director, Delta Academy Charter School, shared some of the school's growth data, goals and accomplishments, and outreach efforts to help students succeed.

Trustee Garvey asked Dr. Konold to elaborate on plans for growth in terms of the current number of teachers, how many teachers would be needed, and teacher and student recruitment. She also asked about the planning timeline and why the charter structured it in the way that they did.

APPROVE THE DELTA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL REQUEST TO ADD SIXTH GRADE AND OCCUPY A NEW FACILITY (continued)

Dr. Konold said there is one teaching position outstanding, which is the high school math position. He said his staff has attended teacher fairs and have placed advertisements in newspapers. He said the school currently has 150 enrollments and is anticipating 550-560 students. He said the charter is actively engaged in the back-to-school fairs, it has television advertisements going out, and has active outreach with different organizations. He explained what has happened during the planning process and said the timeline is such that it is because the planning for a new facility started in October-November with one group that suddenly changed their arrangement, causing the school to have to go in another direction beginning in February-March.

Trustee Garvey asked about the school's expenses and resources as they transition into a larger campus.

Dr. Konold explained the school's budget and the lease agreement.

Trustee Garvey asked how the school's average daily attendance is calculated.

Dr. Konold said in the traditional day program, students are marked absent when they do not show up to school. He said in the online program, students are required to come in once per week to meet with teachers, and if students meet that requirement, they are marked present for the week. He said if those students are unable to meet with the teachers for that week, they must contact each teacher individually and discuss progress, and they must be making progress in each class. He said if students meet those two requirements, then they are counted present for the week; and if they do not, they are not present for the week.

Trustee Wright expressed concern with the amount of the lease payment for the school and with not having the needed number of students already enrolled, and she said she would like to see something more solid in the lease agreement.

Trustee Corbett commended Delta Academy for the work they are doing. He said the concerns expressed are valid, and he is comfortable because of the planning that is in place and the discussions the school is engaging in.

Trustee Edwards asked if in the even the school is forced to closed, the lease is written so that the school would not incur any penalties.

Dr. Konold said that is correct.

Trustee Garvey said the concern for the school's ability to meet their financial obligations is out of concern for student success. She said she is also concerned that Delta Academy did not come before the Board sooner with their plans.

APPROVE THE DELTA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL REQUEST TO ADD SIXTH GRADE AND OCCUPY A NEW FACILITY (continued)

Trustee Tew said she understands that the timing of an opportunity and the schedule to come before the Board for approval are not always concurrent. She commended Delta Academy for their due diligence in their planning and what they are doing for students.

Trustee Young proposed that Delta Academy Charter School provide a mid-year report to include the operational status, including lease information, student academic standards, finances, and enrollment at the first Board meeting in February 2015.

Dr. Konold agreed to provide that update.

Trustee Tew asked how Delta Academy's cost for square footage compares to that of the other charter schools.

Mr. Tafoya said that for the seven CCSD charter schools, the average percentage of DSA that goes towards the lease payment is 15 percent, and Delta is at approximately 10 percent.

Trustee Tew asked how the amount Delta Academy pays each month for their lease compares to other charter schools.

Mr. Tafoya said he would get that information for Trustee Tew.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Tew Second: Edwards

Trustee Edwards asked if the motion would include the mid-year report to come back to the Board in the first Board meeting in February 2015.

Trustee Tew agreed to that amendment.

Vote on Trustee Tew's motion: Yeses – 5 (Tew, Edwards, Young, Corbett, and Wright); No – 1 (Garvey)

The motion passed.

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS: COST ANALYSIS

Presentation and discussion regarding cost analysis of space utilization and transportation.

Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division, presented the Cost Analysis of Space Utilization and Transportation. His presentation included Space Utilization, Current Status – Elementary, Year Round Schedule, Year Round Schools, Transportation/Portable Costs, Example: Southwest Rezoning Proposal, and Considerations.

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS: COST ANALYSIS (continued)

Public Hearing

Peg Bean said Bertha Ronzone Elementary School would be converting to a year-round calendar, and as a resource teacher, she will be losing her classroom. She said although they are converting to a year-round schedule, some overcrowding issues remain. She said another concern she has is with the number of days students would have a substitute.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Motion to reconsider Item 6.01.

Motion: Edwards Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' APPENDIX A, ENDS POLICY E-2: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)

Trustee Edwards noted that on page 4 of 7 in Revised Reference 6.01, 5th bullet point, the school year would typically refer to both years. She said she believed that Superintendent Skorkowsky intended to take two years to implement this grading practice, and if that is correct, the language should read, "...by the 2016-2017 school year."

Superintendent Skorkowsky agreed that it should read, "...the 2016-2017 school year."

Motion to include the previous motion and vote and to add the language change to Page 4 of 7, 5th bullet point, Revised Reference 6.01, to read, "...by the 2016-2017 school year."

Motion: Edwards Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Wright requested an agenda item to discuss Regulation 1232 and related regulations concerning advertising.

Trustee Edwards requested an agenda item to discuss having a later high school start time.

Trustee Young said she would like to discuss students' inability to write or read cursive writing.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards reported on the Education Commission of the States' conference and shared some highlights from the event.

Trustee Garvey announced that a joint meeting of the directors and the executive board committee of the Nevada Association of School Boards was scheduled for the end of July.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Tew also commented on the Education Commission of the States' conference. She said all of the information shared at the conference is available online. She announced that the Sex Education Advisory Committee membership application would be available online in a PDF format that can be filled in and submitted by the applicant. She said the applications are due by August 18, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Corbett said he would be participating at the upcoming My Brother's Keeper event, Trustee Young would be a panel facilitator, and Superintendent Skorkowsky would be speaking at the event. He expressed appreciation to the Superintendent and his team for engaging in this initiative.

Trustee Young thanked Joe Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff and External Relations, for his work with the Board. She shared her experience attending the USA Track & Field (USATF) awards ceremony held at the Texas Station Hotel where the Trustees were recognized for their support of the organization. She reported on the recent Clark County Regional Debt Management Commission meeting.

Trustee Garvey reminded the Trustees that NASB nominations are due to her by August 14, 2014.

Trustee Young said she is working through Trustee Garvey's and Trustee Tew's area along with others to develop a partnership program for the Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 7:45 p.m.

Motion: Edwards Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous