

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, August 22, 2013

4:00 p.m.

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

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

**FLAG SALUTE**

Canyon Springs High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Raymond L. Giddens Sr., Senior Pastor of Unity Baptist Church performed the invocation.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except move Item 7.02 to follow Item 9.01 as 9.01a; note revised reference material for Item 5.10; note additional reference material for Items 6.01, 6.02, and 7.01; and delete line item K from Item 5.10.*

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

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Emma Herr, student body president at Boulder City High School, and RJ Khalaf, student body president at Coronado High School, Deanna Wright, District A Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

**PRESENTATION OF NEVADA PARTNERS AND HELP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA**

Recognition of Dr. Tiffany Tyler of Nevada Partners, Incorporated, and Denise Gee of HELP of Southern Nevada, for their participation in the Graduation Advocate Initiative. Debbie Tomasetti, Graduation Initiative Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

## **PRESENTATION OF DO THE WRITE THING**

Presentation of the 2013 Do the Write Thing Campaign to Stop Violence. Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, Clark County School District; Beverly Mason, Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District; student ambassadors, Clark County School District.

**RECESS:** 4:40 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:15 p.m.

## **TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Garvey was connected at 5:15 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

April Tatro-Medlin brought information forward regarding potential harmful effects of wireless technology on children in the schools.

Don Burns spoke about the low salary for guest teachers and offered solutions to raising the salary in order to help retain qualified guest teachers.

Steve Shoaff asked for the Board's help in finding a solution to deter late night drifting on a school district property located near Jesse D. Scott Elementary School.

Seth Rau said representatives from Nevada Succeeds would be presenting their community vision for CCSD.

Sylvia Lazos said one of the goals that Nevada Succeeds identifies is to achieve 100 percent literacy.

Marisol Montoya said that Mi Familia Vota recognizes that the most basic level of civic engagement is for families to be engaged in their children's education. She talked about the many different ways in which parents can be included and active in their children's education.

Sandy Miller spoke about the importance of high-quality principal leadership and high-quality teachers and how to find, cultivate, mentor, evaluate, and if necessary, address nonperformance in principals.

David Gomez expressed concern about the type of force Campus Security Monitors are expected to use on students, as "use of force" training is part of their training required for eligibility.

## **ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Cranor    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the special meeting of June 5, 2013, is recommended.  
*(According to Governance Policies GP-8: Clerk's Role and GP-17: Cost of Governance)*
- 5.02 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA.  
Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an agreement between the Clark County School District and the College of Southern Nevada to establish a partnership for the delivery of instruction in the program areas of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, and Welding for a total cost not to exceed \$30,000.00, paid from Carl Perkins Grant funds, with no cost to the general fund, effective from August 26, 2013, through June 5, 2014, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 SOFTWARE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—MEASURED PROGRESS.  
Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with Measured Progress to purchase DATAWISE for assessment development services and data management for Canyon Springs High School, Chaparral High School, Cimarron-Memorial High School, Mojave High School, Sunrise Mountain High School, and Western High School, to include 12,989 license renewals at a per student cost of \$3.50, Assessment Program at a per student cost of \$1.50, and 28 custom assessment reports at a cost of \$35,000.00, for an approximate total cost of \$99,945.00, and Rancho High School for 2914 license renewals at a per student cost of \$3.50, Assessment Program at a per student cost of \$1.95, for an approximate cost of \$15,881.30, for an approximate total project cost will of \$115,826.30, effective August 23, 2013, through June 30, 2014, to be paid from FY 14, Fund 0100, Cost Center 9310001351, for a total approximate cost of \$115,826.30, effective August 23, 2013, to June 30, 2014, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dr. Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.04 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES AND CONSULTING SERVICES—PSYCHOLOGICAL SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS. Discussion and possible action on authorization for the Student Support Services Division to continue to contract with Psychological Software Solutions (PSS) for the renewal of Review 360 annual licenses for up to 781 students at \$120.00 each, to include the following plan types: Behavioral Management Plan, Behavioral Tracking Plan, and Incident Tracker for a cost not to exceed \$93,720.00, as well as product training to include two sessions with two trainers, and technical support, at \$1,750.00 per day, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00, for a total cost not to exceed \$97,220.00, effective August 23, 2013, through June 30, 2014, to be paid from Fund 2800000000 and Internal Order G6639092314, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.  
[Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.04)

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.05 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - SUMTOTAL SYSTEMS, INC. Discussion and possible action on approval to contract with SumTotal Systems, Inc., for the annual renewal of maintenance for the Pathlore Registration and Tracking System with a first year cost of \$61,644.90, and a three year total cost of \$188,096.41, eight hours of project management at the hourly rate of \$235.50, for a cost of \$1,884.00, as well as 100 hours of Technical Consulting and Coaching professional development at the hourly rate of \$235.50, for a cost of \$23,550.00, for an approximate first year total cost of \$87,078.90, and an approximate three-year cost of \$213,530.41, effective September 1, 2013, through October 30, 2016, to be paid from Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 1010001056, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION – BLACKBOARD ENGAGE. Discussion and possible action on the request to purchase the online version of Easy Grade Pro from Blackboard Engage, formerly Edline LLC, at a per-student cost of \$0.59, for an approximate cost of \$181,444.30, and customized software for an approximate cost of \$10,000.00, for a total approximate cost of \$191,444.30, effective September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014, to be paid from Unit 055, FY14, Cost Center 1010002055, GL 5650000000, Fund 100, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 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. 5.07)
- 5.08 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [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 \$1,831,362.46, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.09)
- 5.10 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$104,424,427.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (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: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$80,875.83 for the Food Service Cold Storage Warehouse (JMA Architects, Inc.) and Rose Warren Elementary School (Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.12)

## **APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02**

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

### **ADOPTION OF THE 2014 CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Adoption of the calendar of regular meetings of the Board of School Trustees for the period of January 2014 through December 2014, as requested in Reference 6.01.

### **ADOPTION OF THE 2015 CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Adoption of the calendar of regular meetings of the Board of School Trustees for the period of January 2015 through December 2015, as requested in Reference 6.02.

Trustee Edwards noted the proposed changes to the calendars, and she asked if the meeting scheduled for June 4, 2014, could be changed to June 3, 2014, due to the Jewish holiday.

The Board members agreed.

*Motion to approve Items 6.01 and 6.02, moving the June 4, 2014, meeting to June 3, 2014.*

*Motion: Alderman Second: Young Vote: Unanimous*

## **CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES**

Presentation and discussion on the new organizational structure of the Clark County Schools District.

Superintendent Skorkowsky gave a brief presentation of the District's new organizational structure.

Trustee Cranor expressed appreciation for the level of transparency with which this has been brought forward and for the documentation provided that allows people to see the District's strategy.

Trustee Alderman said she appreciates that the chart addresses the English Language Learner (ELL) program, equity and diversity and education services.

Trustee Young said there needs to continue to be an awareness of the perception that the community has of the District as it relates to the District's percentage of minority employees. She said equity and diversity should continue to be a benchmark for everything the District does because the District is now a minority-majority school district. She stated that in moving forward with these reforms, the school board's reform and the school board's resources necessary to do their job should also be considered, and there needs to be some equity and balance between the Board Office and the Superintendent's Office in terms of support.

Trustee Tew said she appreciates how this information shows that the focus is on the classroom and how everyone is going to be held accountable.

## **CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES (continued)**

Trustee Wright supported Trustee Young in her comments concerning the support necessary in the Board Office in comparison to the support in the Superintendent's Office. She expressed appreciation for all of the work that has been done in putting this information together.

Trustee Garvey said she looks forward to the work ahead for the Board and District. She agreed with Trustee Young that the Board and the Board Office should be supported in their efforts as all other departments are.

Trustee Young requested that data about the District's employees' ethnic backgrounds at all levels be included as a part of the course checks.

## **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Skorkowsky asked for the Board's indulgence in delaying the presentation of EL-3: Treatment of Students and Their Families and EL-4: Treatment of Staff until the September 12 Board meeting.

The Board agreed.

Superintendent Skorkowsky thanked everyone for their work and participation in the Back-to-School Kickoff events, and he shared recent activities and accomplishments of CCSD students, teachers, schools, and departments throughout the District.

## **AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Alderman requested a future presentation on ELL, some information to come forward to the Trustees regarding Wi-Fi exposure, and a Board briefing on happenings in the Educational Operations Unit.

Trustee Cranor said she and Trustee Young would like to bring proposed language forward for E-2: Academic Achievement and E-2.1 for discussion at the September 26 Board meeting.

Trustee Young suggested that the employees in the District be acknowledged for their talents and accomplishments outside of the District.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Young shared that she recently toured Vegas PBS, and she suggested that perhaps resources for visually and hearing impaired individuals could be made available at the Board meetings. She talked about the Meet Your Clark County District Judges event hosted by Canyon Springs High School and the Back-to-School Kickoff events.

Trustee Alderman thanked the Superintendent and staff for having a great August graduation ceremony. She announced that a Latino Community Town Hall and Information Fair is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 21 at Rancho High School.

**BOARD REPORTS (continued)**

Trustee Alderman shared that the Southern Nevada Public Television board meeting is scheduled to be held on September 25 and the Vegas PBS Women's Engagement Council meeting is scheduled to be held on August 26. She reported on the Hispanic roundtable event at Vegas PBS that was coordinated by Trustee Cranor.

Trustee Wright announced that there would be a back-to-school fair held on Saturday, August 24 at the Galleria at Sunset mall. She said on the Education Hero Awards Dinner hosted by the Public Education Foundation would take place on September 21 at the Mandarin Oriental.

Trustee Edwards reported that the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) is moving forward with inviting former board members to sit on the emeritus committee. She announced that the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) would be hosting the Sollenberger Classic at Bishop Gorman High School on August 23 and August 24.

Trustee Garvey thanked the Trustees for their help with the nominations for NASB.

Trustee Cranor reminded the Board that NASB would be hosting a professional development training at the Las Vegas Hyatt Place on Saturday, September 14. She reported on the recent P20W Education Standards Council meeting held at Vegas PBS. She mentioned the Connect 2 Compete program brought to Nevada with the help of Senator Steven Horsford and Cox Communications.

Trustee Tew reported on her visit to Doris Hancock Elementary School, where she learned that there have been occurrences of students dropping out of school midyear, and she said she would like to see a program like Reclaim Your Future for students who have dropped out of school even before reaching their high school years.

Trustee Edwards reported on the new teachers' onboarding training event. She said she would be attending the Goodsprings 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration on September 14.

Trustee Young reported on the Debt Management Commission meeting held on August 15 where a resolution was proposed by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority to issue general obligation limited tax bonds in the amount of \$218 million, which was approved.

**DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

David Gomez referred to Item 5.12 and said he hoped that Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects contributes a portion of money back to the District as well as their time through their program that teaches students about architecture.

**EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION**

*Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.*

*Motion: Alderman    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

**RECESS:** 7:12 p.m.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Garvey was disconnected at 8:35 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBER LEAVES**

Trustee Wright left the Board meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 8:35 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 8:35 p.m.

*Motion: Tew    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey and Trustee Wright were not present for the vote.*