

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 23, 2012

4:00 p.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present  
Dr. Linda E. Young, President  
Deanna L. Wright, Vice President  
Lorraine Alderman, Clerk  
Dr. René Cantú, Jr., Member  
Erin E. Cranor, Member  
Carolyn Edwards, Member  
Chris Garvey, Member  
Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

**FLAG SALUTE**

Canyon Springs High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Dr. Mark Wickstrom, Senior Pastor, Community Lutheran Church, performed the invocation.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except delete Item 5.05, and move Item 7.06 to follow Item 9.01 as 9.01a.*

*Motion: Alderman Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Special meeting – July 19, 2012*

*Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Summer Bobenhausen-Kibler, student body president at Desert Oasis High School; Jessica Hill, student body president at Sierra Vista High School; and Kristelle Dealca, student body treasurer at Southwest Career and Technical Academy, Carolyn Edwards, District F Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

**RECOGNITION AWARDS**

None.

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

Presentation of the 2012 Do The Write Thing program and introduction of the student ambassadors representing Las Vegas. Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, Clark County School District; Beverly Mason, Assistant Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District; Rose McKinney-James, Principal, McKinney-James and Associates.

## **BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Garvey arrived at the Board meeting at 4:30 p.m.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**RECESS:** 4:46 p.m.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Richard Tellier talked about salary and benefits costs for some CCSD employees, and he asked for more support for teachers.

John Carr asked the Board to return support staff's contribution to the healthcare plan to as it was previously.

Lisa Muntean discussed the letter that was sent out regarding the Teachers Health Trust. She said she believes the District is attempting to force employees into a privatized healthcare plan. She asked the District to reconsider and to allow the teachers to maintain their present plan.

## **ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

*Motion to approve the consent agenda, pulling Item 5.06 for separate discussion.*

*Motion: Wright Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous*

5.01 INSTRUCTIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES—SCHOLASTIC, INC. Discussion and possible action on the request for the authorization for the Instruction Unit, through the Proficiency Academy for Student Success (PASS) initiative, to continue the annual contracts with Scholastic, Inc. for the READ 180 and System 44 reading intervention software programs, and the FASTT Math software program to include maintenance and support, and professional development for daily rates of \$1,699.00 for consulting services, and \$2,899.00 for technical training to include instructional materials, for an approximate total cost of \$340,000.00, effective August 24, 2012, through July 31, 2013, to be paid through Unit 0137, FY 2013, Grant 6639013, Internal Order G6639090913, Fund 0280 with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.01)

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.02 **INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES—ADVANCED ACADEMICS.** Discussion and possible action on the request to contract with Advanced Academics, to provide online credit recovery services for approximately 7,500 individual online semester courses for high school students, at a rate of \$100.00 per semester course, to include license fees and ongoing support throughout the school year for an approximate total cost of \$750,000.00, effective August 24, 2012, through July 31, 2013, to be paid from Unit 0100, FY 2013, Cost Center 1010009100, Fund 0100, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 **CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.** Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Contract between the Clark County School District and the Nevada Department of Education, to provide the Nevada Department of Education and any Nevada Local Education Agency access to use the Wiki-Teacher Web site, including the unwrapped standards located on the Wiki-Teacher Web site, as the official Statewide Curriculum Framework for mathematics and English language arts pursuant to Senate Bill 14, codified as Nevada Revised Statutes 389.0187, to include compensation from NV DOE to the District in the amount of \$240,000.00, for an initial period from August 27, 2012, through July 31, 2013, and authorization for the Deputy Superintendent, to sign the Contract, is recommended. [Contact Person: Karen Stanley] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.04 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA.** Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Clark County School District and The College of Southern Nevada to establish a partnership for the delivery of instruction in four program areas (Aviation, Horticulture, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, and Welding) from August 24, 2012, through June 6, 2013, for a total expenditure of \$57,760.00, paid from Nevada State CTE Grant funds with no cost to the District general fund, and for the Deputy Superintendent, Clark County School District, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, is recommended. [Contact Person: Karen Stanley] (Ref. 5.04)
- 5.07 **FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE RAINBOW DREAMS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AND ANDRE AGASSI COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of the agreements between the Clark County School District's Food Service Department and the Rainbow Dreams Academy, a charter school, and Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy, a charter school, for the delivery of breakfasts and lunches for a fee of \$1.40 for each breakfast and \$2.00 for each lunch during the 2012-2013 school year, and for the President and Clerk of the Board of School Trustees to sign the necessary documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.07)

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.08 FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND FUTURE SMILES AT ED W. CLARK HIGH SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a First Amendment to the original Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Las Vegas, the Clark County School District, and Future Smiles at Ed W. Clark High School to amend, modify, or delete various sections of the original MOU, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 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: Bradley D. Waldron] (Ref. 5.09)
- 5.10 CCSD CRITICAL LABOR SHORTAGE – DESIGNATED AREAS. Discussion and possible action on authorization to re-designate certain licensed personnel positions in hard-to-fill content/subject areas for a two-year period beginning September 1, 2012, through August 30, 2014, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Reference material will be provided.) (Ref. 5.10)
- 5.11 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$2,761,704.34, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.13)
- 5.14 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$2,603,783.50, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.14)
- 5.15 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. 5.15)
- 5.16 APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT. Discussion and possible action on settlement of the case of Ferguson et al., v. CCSD et al., to include the claim of M.L., in the amount of \$90,000; the claim of I.W., in the amount of \$90,000; the claim of M.P., in the amount of \$110,000; the claim of J.F., in the amount of \$150,000; and the claim of C.W., in the amount of \$150,000; for the total amount of \$590,000.00, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Carlos McDade] (Ref. 5.16)

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.17 INCREASE IN CONTRACT AMOUNT, ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, INTRUSION ALARM SYSTEM AND INTERCOM/CLOCK REPLACEMENT, WALTER JACOBSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to increase the original contract amount of an engineering services agreement with MSA Engineering Consultants for modifications to the construction documents to relocate the telecommunications room and additional construction administration services in support of the contract to provide design development for the replacement of the intrusion alarm and intercom/clock systems at Walter Jacobson Elementary School in the amount of \$14,085.35, for a total amount of \$61,485.35, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012278, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.17)
- 5.18 CHANGE IN SERVICES. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$4,290.00 for Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts (MSA Engineering Consultants), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.18)
- 5.19 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$170,014.44 to the construction contracts for the Asbestos Abatement at Clark High School (Walker Specialty Construction, Inc.), Roof Replacement at Elbert Edwards and Andrew Mitchell Elementary Schools (Commercial Roofers, Inc.), Parking Expansion at William E. Ferron Elementary School (Mikon Construction Company), HVAC School Modernization at Marc Kahre Elementary School (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), and Chiller Replacement at Richard Rundle Elementary School (Ryan Mechanical, Inc), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.19)

**AUTHORIZE GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL**

Authorization to implement high school girls' flag football programs at 37 high schools with existing athletic programs in order to ensure continued compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 guidelines and regulations, to include coaching salaries in the amount of \$116,180.00, student uniforms and equipment costs in the amount of \$29,700.00, transportation in the amount of \$61,050.00, and officials' compensation in the amount of \$18,150.00, for a total cost of \$225,080.00, effective August 24, 2012, to be paid from Fund 100, Cost Center 1010003112, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

Trustee Edwards stated that in her opinion this item should not be appearing in the consent agenda, as it is a major change in athletics and comes with a significant cost. She asked that in the future when similar items come before the Board that are not routine, they come through the Superintendent's office and not on the consent agenda.

**AUTHORIZE GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL (continued)**

Trustee Edwards expressed appreciation for staff's work on this program. She asked how this activity would be funded.

Superintendent Jones stated that this item was budgeted for in the general fund.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous*

**ADOPTION OF THE 2013-14 CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Adoption of the calendar of regular meetings of the Board of School Trustees for the period of January 2013 through January 2014, as requested in Reference 6.01.

Trustee Young noted that some modifications have been made to the Board meeting calendar. She said that while regular meetings are typically scheduled every second and fourth Thursday of the month, no meetings are scheduled for March 21 or June 20 due to spring break and graduation. She said that because of scheduled conferences and holidays, there would be only one regular Board meeting in November and one in December.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Approval to appoint Deborah Earl, Eleissa Lavelle, George Lopez, and Leland Pace to the Bond Oversight Committee as at-large Board of School Trustees' appointees for a period of two years commencing June 1, 2012, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Trustee Garvey recommended that the individuals listed in Reference 6.02 be reappointed to the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) by the Board.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 6114**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 6114, Extreme Weather/Environmental Conditions, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on September 13, 2012, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Trustee Garvey thanked all those involved in working on this policy.

Trustee Alderman expressed appreciation for the work done on this policy. She pointed out that the first sentence in the policy refers to exercise although this policy is about weather conditions.

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 6114**

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Trustee Edwards also thanked the individuals who worked on this policy. She questioned whether the policy is comprehensive enough to clearly identify what is “extreme”, and she asked if there was some discussion regarding identifying specific numbers.

Trustee Wright offered that the mention of physical activity addresses the situation in which physical activity is being limited because of weather conditions.

Pat Skorkowsky, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, stated that the specific numbers in terms of extreme heat temperatures and the UV Index, for example, are included in the procedures, which need to be updated regularly. He offered to provide the procedures to the Trustees.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Garvey    Second: Cranor    Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 6110**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 6110, School Day, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on September 13, 2012, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Garvey    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 7111**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 7111, District Attendance Zoning, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on September 13, 2012, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

Trustee Edwards and Trustee Alderman expressed appreciation for staff’s work on this regulation.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE ITEMS 7.04 AND 7.05**

Approval of Items 7.04 and 7.05, respectively, as follows:

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 7124**

Approval of suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to Clark County School District Policy 7124, Converting Elementary Schools to and from Multitrack Year-Round Calendars and Flexible Double Sessions, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on September 13, 2012, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

## **APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 7124**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 7124, Converting Elementary Schools to and from Multitrack Year-Round Calendars and Flexible Double Sessions, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on September 13, 2012, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

Trustee Edwards pointed out that the regulation talks about state-audited enrollment but not the policy, and she suggested that the language in the policy should be the same as in the regulation. She also suggested changing “current” to “present” on page 2 of 10 in Reference 7.05 for consistency.

Rick Baldwin, Director II, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Department, Operations Support Unit, agreed to change “current” to “present” throughout the regulation.

Trustees expressed their appreciation for staff’s and the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission’s (AZAC) work on this project.

*Motion to approve Items 7.04 and 7.05.*

*Motion: Wright Second: Cantú Vote: Unanimous*

## **EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS**

Lisa Muntean asked the Board to consider the teachers’ proposal to pay for their healthcare plan with no added cost to the District.

John Carr said he was surprised to see the number of 12-month positions there are in the District in 9-month schools. He asked if classifying all employees as temporary employees during the summer months had been looked at in the budget as a way to save the District money.

## **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Jones said that he planned to bring an agenda item forward for discussion of Race to the Top to determine whether to move forward with applying for the grant. He acknowledged the concern of staff and the teachers’ association of the Personalized Education Plan and the resources that would be available over the life of this grant. He said staff has received final guidance and is aware that in order to be competitive, the teachers’ association’s agreement is needed.

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

None.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Edwards reported that the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) had a meeting with Bishop Gorman High School and reported on the principals’ meeting. She said that Bishop Gorman HS and the NIAA appear to be at an impasse, and moving forward there would be some public-private meetings with Eddie Bonine, NIAA Executive Director, and selected principals, and that she would also be in attendance. She said the first one was scheduled for September. She also reported on her visit to Eureka County.

## **BOARD REPORTS (continued)**

Trustee Wright reported on the recent Boulder City Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB) meeting. She shared that Boulder City High School is attempting to start a program to equip each of their seniors with an iPad, and she asked that anyone with any information that could assist them in their efforts to please forward that information.

Trustee Young commented on the success of the Administrative Kick-Off. She reported on the Debt Management Commission meeting and extended an invitation to the Trustees to attend whenever possible.

## **DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

## **MONTHLY DEBRIEFING**

Trustee Alderman spoke about some of the Board's recent challenges and areas in which she felt the Board has done well in spite of those challenges.

Trustee Edwards referred to Item F in the debriefing document, "The Board refused to let politics guide policy decisions," and commented that politics did guide a recent Board decision. She said it is her hope that moving forward the Board will use their debriefing document as a tool to address instances when the Board does not follow its own policies.

Trustee Young said that her decisions are based on the welfare of the students.

Trustee Cantú commented that difficult issues and decisions that must be made grow the Board governance relationship and the Board-Superintendent relationship. He said that the Board should remain mindful to allow staff to do their job and for the Board to do its job.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

## **EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION (continued)**

*Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.*

*Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

**RECESS:** 6:18 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 7:56 p.m.

## **BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE**

Trustees Wright, Cantú, and Garvey left the Board meeting at 7:56 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 7:56 p.m.

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous  
Trustees Wright, Cantú, and Garvey were not present for the vote.*

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.