

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, October 24, 2013

4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>
	Carolyn Edwards, President	Erin E. Cranor, Member
	Deanna L. Wright, Clerk	
	Chris Garvey, Member	
	Patrice Tew, Member	
	Linda E. You.Ong, Member	
	Vacant, Member	

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Edwards announced the resignation of Trustee Alderman and thanked her for her service. She noted that Trustee Cranor's plane has been delayed, and she will not be in attendance.

FLAG SALUTE

Liberty High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Trustee Edwards asked for 30 seconds of silence in honor and remembrance of Sparks Middle School teacher Michael Landsberry and Clark County School District retired principal Patrick Hayden.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Young Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

STUDENT REPORTS

Savannah Hutchings, student body president at Basic High School; Allison Beal, student body president at Foothill High School; Susetta Favela, student body president at Laughlin High School; and Jordan Serrano student body president at Liberty High School, all represented by Deanna Wright, District A Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL

Recognition of MGM Resorts International for supporting Clark County School District teachers by hosting Educator Appreciation Day. Judy Myers, Assistant Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF WEEK OF RESPECT

Presentation on events held throughout the "Week of Respect" and presentation of the book "Bullying – Why Would You Want to Do That?" by Sidney Goodman, to the Board of School Trustees. Dr. Andre Denson, Chief Educational Opportunities Officer, Clark County School District; Dr. Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Clark County School District; Brandon Moeller, Assistant Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Clark County School District.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

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

RECESS: 4:54 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Stacey Skidmord, a teacher at Walter Long Elementary School, said that the year-round school calendar is not the best use of taxpayer dollars, is not favored by the majority of the school's community, and is detrimental to student achievement. She suggested that rezoning should be considered to address overcrowding.

Heather Spaniol said her daughter, who is severely autistic, is being neglected at Mark L. Fine Elementary School, and she shared some of the incidents that her daughter has experienced on school campus.

Conni Dunhem, a teacher at Long Elementary School, said she would like to see school funds used to address other school needs before considering converting to a year-round calendar.

April Tatro-Medlin said she was informed that CCSD intends to move forward with placing an upgraded WiFi system in all middle schools, and she said CCSD should then obtain an insurance policy which specifically covers illnesses related to WiFi, or people should at least be made aware of the risks.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Imad Al-Said shared concerns he had with his children's transportation to and from school, and he asked the Board to consider his financial and physical limitations.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Young Second: Wright

Trustee Edwards said she had previously requested some additional information for Item 5.02, which she did not receive. She asked to be provided with the breakdown of the per diem.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said the daily rate of \$2,900 includes travel expenses, instructional materials, and the consultant fee.

Vote on Trustee Young's motion was unanimous.

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2013, is recommended.
- 5.02 INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED, OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANTS – CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. Discussion and possible action on the request to continue contracting with the Center For Educational Leadership, University of Washington, to improve instructional practice for up to 18 days of intensive professional learning directly related to supporting administrators in identifying problems of practice on a given campus, ensuring inter-rater reliability on the identification of high-quality teaching and skills in giving feedback to teachers, at a rate of \$2,900.00 per day per consultant for an approximate cost of \$52,200.00 effective November 6, 2013, through February 6, 2014, to be paid from Unit 0177, FY14, Fund 0100, is recommended. [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEVADA GRANT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT. Discussion and possible action on the authorization to apply for the renewal of a grant agreement between the Clark County School District and Special Olympics Nevada to coordinate a comprehensive Special Olympics program that services approximately 3,600 students with disabilities and their nondisabled peers, is requested, from November 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 14, Internal Order G3325000114, Fund 0280, in the total amount of \$63,000.00, with no impact to the general fund, and for Kimberly Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, to sign the agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kim Wooden] (Ref. 5.03)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.04 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 1 Focus School Improvement Grant through the Nevada Department of Education with an anticipated project period of October 25, 2013, through September 30, 2014, 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. 5.04)]
- 5.05 BRINGING LEARNING AND STANDARDS TOGETHER PROJECT – NEVADA STATE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION FUND. Discussion and possible action on authorization for the Mathematics and Instructional Technology Department, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, in collaboration with other Clark County School District divisions and departments, to apply for funding for the purpose of providing online professional development to support the implementation of the K–12 Common Core State Standards by submitting and implementing the Bringing Learning and Standards Together (BLAST) Project, funded through the Nevada State Educational Technology Implementation Fund, established in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 388.795, in the amount of \$3,348,602.12, to be paid from Fund 0279, Unit 0137, effective November 15, 2013, through June 30, 2015, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 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. 5.06)
- 5.07 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (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 \$815,571.30 as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.09)
- 5.10 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$13,590,527.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (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: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.11)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.12 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, CHILLER REPLACEMENT, WILLIAM E. SNYDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of JMA Architects to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for the replacement of the chiller at William E. Snyder Elementary School in the amount of \$100,821.25, to be paid from the Government Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Project C0012752, and for Jim McIntosh, Interim Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND MODERNIZATION, GRANT SAWYER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the engineering firm of Sigma Mechanical Engineering Consultants to provide engineering design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other bidding documents in order to solicit bids for the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system replacement and modernization at Grant Sawyer Middle School in the amount of \$608,011.25, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012719, and for Jim McIntosh, Interim Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.13)
- 5.14 CONTRACT AWARD: ASPHALT REPLACEMENT, EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, WAREHOUSE I, BUILDING 7. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to replace the asphalt surrounding Warehouse I, Building 7, at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, to be paid from the Government Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Project C0012912, and for Jim McIntosh, Interim Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.14)
- 5.15 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$7,775.91 to the construction contract for the Local Area Network System Upgrade at Marc Kahre Elementary School (Communication Electronic Systems), is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.15)

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-5: BOARD OFFICERS

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy GP-5: Board Officers, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on November 14, 2013, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-5: BOARD OFFICERS (continued)

Trustee Edwards said this item is being reviewed as part of the Board's annual review of policies. She proposed placing the election of officers in the order of president, vice president, and clerk in policy.

Motion to move forward to an Amendment of GP-5: Board Officers.

Motion: Wright Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-10: CONSTRUCTION OF THE AGENDA

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy GP-10: Construction of the Agenda, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on November 14, 2013, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Trustee Edwards said former Trustee Alderman proposed making some grammatical improvements to the policy under number 5; changing the language from "secretary" to "staff member", adding "Executive" with reference to the Cabinet, and adding "at least" with reference to the agenda being sent to the Board President and another officer under number 6; and adding language to number 7 to say that the use of an addenda will be "...mutually determined by the Board President and Superintendent."

Trustee Young noted the language change to number 7 from "evening" to "day."

Motion to accept the Notice of Intent of GP-10: Construction of the Agenda with the changes as noted and to move forward as an Amendment.

Motion: Young Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE ITEMS 6.03 THROUGH 6.05

Approval of Items 6.03, 6.04, and 6.05, respectively, as follows:

Trustee Edwards recommended that Items 6.03, 6.04, and 6.05 be pulled from the agenda and brought back at the December work session since Trustee Cranor is unable to attend this meeting.

Public Hearing

Stephen Augspurger said the Clark County Association of School Administrators and Professional-technical Employees (CCASAPE) submitted a records request to the Superintendent's office, which was primarily aimed at Trustee Cranor and is tied to the genesis of the language in Items 6.04 and 6.05. He expressed concern with the proposed language in these policies as being confusing, inappropriate, and nontransparent. He also commented that the nondisclosure of \$8,000 in campaign contributions was inappropriate, and Board members need to practice a higher level of transparency.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-5: BOARD OFFICERS

Motion to hold Items 6.03, 6.04, and 6.05 to the Board's December work session.

Motion: Young Second: Wright

Trustee Garvey asked if the Board members' campaign contributions are public knowledge.

Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, said the Board members are required to make the contributions public through the ethics requirement.

Trustee Garvey asked if that requirement is adequate public disclosure or is it necessary to go beyond that.

Ms. Peterson said no, that is the purpose of the ethics statute.

Vote on Trustee Young's motion was unanimous.

RECESS: 6:00 p.m.

RECONVENE: 6:18 p.m.

Trustee Edwards announced that Trustee Tew had to leave the meeting because of a serious family emergency.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Tew left the Board meeting at 6:18 p.m.

APPROVE BOARD VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Approval on the process, procedure, and timeline for the appointment to fill the vacancy for District D, on the Board of School Trustees, is recommended.

Trustee Edwards explained the Board's process for filling a board vacancy and the planned timeline for filling the current vacancy with regard to advertising in the newspaper and accepting applications. She suggested scheduling interviews to take place on either December 5 or December 6 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The Board agreed to schedule interviews for Thursday, December 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the board room. She asked that each Trustee submit their three interview questions to Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, and then one question from each Trustee will be selected and submitted to the candidates and to the Board on the day of the interviews.

APPROVE BOARD VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (continued)

Motion to move forward with the suggested advertising schedule for the District D vacancy and the date of December 5, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. for candidate interviews.

Motion: Young Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Tew was not present for the vote.

APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES-VICE PRESIDENT

Approval on the election of the Office of the Vice President. Should the Office of the Clerk become vacant, then discussion and possible action will take place on the election of the Office of Clerk.

Trustee Edwards stated that per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) the Board is only required to have a president and a clerk, and with the absence of three Trustees at tonight's meeting, she suggested that this item be held and brought back to the next Board meeting.

Motion to hold Item 6.07 to the next regular Board meeting to be held on November 14, 2013.

Motion: Wright Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Tew was not present for the vote.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards shared that she was able to attend the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) event, Freedom Fund Banquet. She shared that she also attended the Sandy Valley library dedication and Kidvention, where she was able to introduce an item.

Trustee Young acknowledge the Downtown Achieves Community Summit held on October 18 at Cashman Center. She shared her experience attending the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, and she acknowledged keynote speaker, William Boyd of the Boyd Gaming Corporation.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Stephen Augspurger commented that the Board supervises one employee, the Superintendent of Schools, through the process of Policy Governance®, with an expectation of transparency, accountability, and results. He said all of the Trustees have followed the law in reporting their campaign contributions, but the Trustees should practice a higher level of accountability by perhaps not accepting money from an organization whose contract they vote to approve or disapprove. He said if they choose to do so, they should declare what the campaign contribution was from the particular union at the time the Board votes to approve or disapprove the contract.

ADJOURN: 6:42 p.m.

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