

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, November 29, 2012

4:00 p.m.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Young said that Superintendent Jones was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

Cheyenne High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Bonnie Polley of Christ Church Episcopal, performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 7.03, move Item 7.01 to precede Item 6.01, and note revised reference material for Item 5.17.

Motion: Alderman Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meetings – July 20, 2012, October 3, 2012, and October 9, 2012

Regular meeting – September 27, 2012

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

STUDENT REPORTS

Ashley Kim, student body president at Advanced Technologies Academy (A-TECH), Linda Young, District C Trustee; Stephanie Rojas, senior class president at Cheyenne High School, Linda Young, District C Trustee; and Kathleen Laming, student council president at West Prep High School, Linda Young, District C Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Javier Aget-Torres, chairman of the Student Council Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees and student body president, Las Vegas High School, reported on the committee's most recent meeting. He said that guests Karen Stanley, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, and Trustee Edwards spoke on the topics of the Core Curriculum, the Curriculum Engine, and the scholarship created by the Board of Trustees to be offered to Committee members. He said other topics of discussion included student concerns, such as aligning textbooks with the Core Curriculum, the Core Curriculum supporting the use of technology, and potential nutrition guideline violations by selling pizza in school cafeterias. He extended an invitation to the Committee's next meeting to be held on December 4, 2012.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Board recognized Dr. Walt Rulffes, former CCSD Superintendent of Schools.

PRESENTATION OF VEGAS PBS – WORKFORCE TRAINING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Presentation on community partnerships, online education, and workforce training and economic development from Vegas PBS. Thomas Axtell, General Manager, Vegas PBS.

PRESENTATION OF MCDONALD'S MAKE ACTIVITIES COUNT (MAC) TEACHER GRANTS

A total of \$20,000.00 was presented to nineteen Clark County School District teachers from McDonald's Make Activities Count (MAC) Teacher Grants to fund projects and programs in their schools. Bob Powelson, Owner/Operator of McDonald's Restaurants.

PRESENTATION OF LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB

The Las Vegas Rotary Club was recognized for ten years of partnering with several schools in the Clark County School District to provide teacher and school grants, classroom materials and supplies, clothing and shoes, and transportation and field trip assistance. Beverly Mason, Director, School-Community Partnership Program.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Edwards announced that through the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB), Trustee René Cantú and former Trustee John Cole were being honored as outstanding Board members. She presented Mr. Cole and Trustee Cantú each with three certificates, acknowledging their service to CCSD from the NASB, Senator Harry Reid, and Senator Dean Heller.

RECESS: 5:20 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:49 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Marissa Filippis asked for assistance in getting her company's facility usage fees reduced so she can continue to offer the afterschool creative writing club to students.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Meryl Grant requested that Clark High School's graduation date be changed for 2013 because of the Jewish Sabbath.

Marzette Lewis said that Kit Carson Elementary School is one of CCSD schools in most need of repairs but was not on the list of schools to benefit from the capital program question on the ballot. She said the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) should be dismantled.

Maria Becerra spoke about safety concerns with the portables on the West Prep campus.

David Gomez said the students at West Prep should not have to continue to go to class in portables, and he said it is the Board's responsibility to ensure the safety of the students.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Public Hearing

Marzette Lewis spoke on Item 5.02 and asked for more information about this program.

- 5.01 CREDIT TOWARD GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL FOR COURSES TAKEN THROUGH THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Discussion and possible action on the approval of high school credit for courses taken concurrently through the Nevada System of Higher Education by high school students is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANTS – CLEVELAND CLINIC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CENTER FOR AUTISM. Discussion and possible action on the authorization to contract with Cleveland Clinic's Children Hospital for Rehabilitation to assist in the development of 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 45 days of service, for an amount not to exceed \$81,000.00, effective December 3, 2012, through July 31, 2013, to be paid from Fund 0280, Internal Order G6639009513, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to support the implementation of the Law Enforcement Services course of study pathway for students, at no cost to the students or the Clark County School District general fund, for two years from the date of execution by the last signing party, and for the Superintendent, Clark County School District, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.03)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.04 YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PROGRAM—TITLE I, PART D, SUBPART I. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the federally funded Youthful Offender Program at High Desert State Prison under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title I, Part D, Subpart I, from November 30, 2012, through June 30, 2013, in the approximate amount of \$192,150.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, Internal Order Number G6629000113, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.04)
- 5.05 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: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.07)
- 5.08 LICENSED PERSONNEL DISMISSAL RECOMMENDATION. Discussion and resolution to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissal, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [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 \$1,376,623.41 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 \$25,872,649.10, 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 RECAP OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS. Discussion and possible action on authorization to include the Recap of Budget Appropriation Transfers between governmental functions for the period beginning October 1, 2012, and ending October 31, 2012, in the official Board minutes as required by NRS 354.598005, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.12)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.13 ACCEPTANCE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT OF THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN AREA CONSORTIUM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION. Discussion and possible action on approval to accept participation in the regional partnership agreement of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area Consortium for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program through the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC), for the District to provide an estimated in-kind contribution not to exceed \$23,931.00 in the form of staff time and expenses, and for Dr. Linda E. Young, President of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the participation agreement, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.13)
- 5.14 EASEMENT AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AT ROBERT E. LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District an easement along the south property line of the Robert E. Lake Elementary School site, 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. 5.14)
- 5.15 INCREASE IN CONTRACT AMOUNT, ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, REMOVE AND REPLACE ASPHALT TO EXPAND PARKING LOT, BUS DROP-OFF, AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS WILLIAM E. FERRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to increase the original contract amount of an engineering services agreement with Integrity Engineering Inc. for an additional separate bid package in support of the design development to remove and replace asphalt to expand the parking lot, create a bus drop-off, and lighting improvements at William E. Ferron Elementary School in the amount of \$3,806.25, for a total amount of \$53,972.95, to be paid from the Qualified School Construction Bond, Fund 3100000000, Project C0012551, 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. 5.15)
- 5.16 ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, REPLACEMENT OF ONE CHILLER AND CENTRAL PLANT UPGRADES, PREPARATORY INSTITUTE, SCHOOL FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT CHARLES I. WEST HALL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the engineering firm of Sigma Mechanical Engineering Consultants, to provide engineering design services in support of the replacement of one chiller and upgrades to the central plant at the Preparatory Institute, School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West Hall in the amount of \$84,960.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012645, 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. 5.16)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.17 **CONTRACT AWARD: UNIT COST CONTRACT, PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACE, REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT, VARIOUS LOCATIONS.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of a unit cost contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to repair or replace the existing playground safety surface at several elementary schools for a total amount not to exceed \$600,000.00, to be paid from Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 1010001023, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, may be recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.17)
- 5.18 **CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$26,997.25 for Valley High School (Professional Design Associates, Inc.), 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 \$61,797.08 plus 240 days to the construction contracts for the Local Area Network Upgrades at Patricia A. Bendorf, Mary and Zel Lowman, and Ullis Newton Elementary Schools (Communication Electronic Systems, LLC), Local Area Network Upgrade at Selma F. Bartlett Elementary School (DataPlus Communications, LLC), HVAC School Modernization at Jack Dailey Elementary School (U.S. Mechanical, LLC), HVAC School Modernizations at Dorothy Eisenberg and Marc Kahre Elementary Schools (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), and Modernization at Ed W. Clark High School (McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.19)

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Cranor Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Presentation and discussion of the 2012 results from the School Performance Framework for the Clark County School District and a comparison of the similarities and differences between the School Performance Frameworks for the District and the State of Nevada.

Pat Skorkowsky, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, briefly spoke about the development of the School Performance Framework (SPF) and the continued improvements and changes that can be seen in the results and moving forward with this model.

Ken Turner, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent, presented the 2012 results from the SPF and discussed comparisons between the SPF for the District and the State of Nevada.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY E-1: VISION STATEMENT

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy E-1: Vision Statement, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 10, 2013, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Trustee Edwards asked to hear the rationale for the proposed changes.

Trustee Young explained that her thoughts were to show a connection from kindergarten or preschool through graduation so that the focus is not only on the secondary level. She said she also wanted to show what is being done in the District to push students beyond high school.

Trustee Edwards disagreed with the order of the attributes listed and suggested that "knowledge" should be first.

Trustee Cranor explained that changing the order was an attempt to capture the progression of grade levels through graduation.

Trustee Cantú suggested strengthening the statement by changing, "...contribute in a diverse global society" to "...competing in a diverse global economy."

Trustee Young offered that with regard to the order of the attributes, the appropriate attitude is needed in order for the student to be able to receive the knowledge.

Trustee Garvey said she would be in favor of adding "...prosper economically..." back into the statement but felt strongly that "...contribute in a diverse global society" should be kept in the statement as well.

Trustee Alderman suggested that a more in-depth discussion on the Board's Vision Statement should take place at a Board retreat. She said she would also be in favor of adding "...prosper economically..." back into the statement after, "...achieve academically..." and keeping the language, "...contribute in a diverse global society."

Trustee Cantú agreed with Trustee Edwards' comments regarding the order of the desired attributes.

Trustee Wright agreed with having "attitudes" listed first and with having "...prosper economically..." and "...contribute in a diverse global society" in the statement.

Trustee Garvey expressed that she is also in favor of having "attitudes" listed first in consideration of fostering positive family attitudes in relationship to education.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY E-1: VISION STATEMENT (continued)

Trustee Alderman suggested gathering input from students by taking this topic to the School Board Student Advisory Committee.

Trustee Edwards said the Board needs to come together and agree on its Vision Statement, so there needs to be further discussion. She suggested taking this topic to Trustees' parent groups and gathering input as well.

Trustee Cranor requested that the students be asked for input on the use of the words "abilities" and "compete."

Trustee Alderman asked if there was consensus to add "...prosper economically..." back into the statement.

There was Board consensus to do so.

Trustee Edwards said she would be speaking with the Student Advisory Committee.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy E-2: Academic Achievement, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 10, 2013, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Trustee Wright stated that the only change to this policy would be the Vision Statement, so she suggested taking no action on this item until the Vision Statement issue is resolved.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 10, 2013, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

Trustee Alderman began going over the proposed changes. She recommended removal of the original Number 1 because that information is addressed in B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, as well as in the chart that accompanies B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD (continued)

Trustee Edwards said in her conversation with Trustee Alderman, she was directed to B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, and she did not find the information in Number 1 to be adequately represented in that policy. She agreed that this statement should be removed from EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board but felt it should be placed in B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance. She suggested not taking any action on this item, and she volunteered to work with someone on B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance.

Trustee Alderman agreed with comments made by Trustee Edwards. She continued to go over the proposed changes.

Trustee Cranor asked if the word "adverse" could be removed from the new Number 4.

The Board agreed.

Trustee Alderman continued to go over the proposed changes. She asked the Board for input regarding deleting Number 10 because the Board does need to ensure that there is effective communication taking place with their committees.

There were no objections to keeping Number 10 in the policy.

Trustee Alderman continued to go over the proposed changes. She explained that she originally thought to delete Number 12 and place it in the glossary. She said that the concern may be in the Board losing their authority in relation to the Consent Agenda if Number 12 were to be removed.

Trustee Edwards stated that in other school board meetings she has attended, there have been conversations on this topic, and discussion was held on why boards approve items that they have no authority over, which she explained was because they are required to by law. She said she believed it would be beneficial to keep this language in policy because it clarifies that obligation for the Board and provides the authority.

The Board members agreed to keep this language in policy.

Trustee Alderman continued to go over the remaining proposed changes.

It was decided that revisions would be made and brought back to the Board at a future date.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY APPENDIX: BOARD COMMITTEES

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy Appendix: Board Committees, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 10, 2013, as recommended in Reference 6.04.

Trustee Garvey went over the proposed changes to Appendix: Board Committees.

Trustee Alderman mentioned that she previously suggested changing the Public Education Foundation liaison term to June to July.

Trustee Wright suggested adding "September" to American Education Week under "Time commitment."

Trustee Alderman suggested adding a November reference under "Trustee role" so that people know to start planning for the November event.

The Board agreed that changes to this policy will come back with changes discussed for Items 6.01 through 6.04.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5113

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 5113, Attendance Enforcement, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Mr. Skorkowsky commented positively on the School Performance Framework event held today.

Trustee Edwards stated that she was concerned with comments made by the public at tonight's meeting regarding promises made, and she said those types of misconceptions need to be addressed.

Mr. Skorkowsky said he would share those comments with Superintendent Jones.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Wright reported that an emergency Sex Education Advisory Committee meeting has been convened for Monday, December 3, 2012, at 3:30 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Garvey reported on the NASB conference held in Reno. She announced that Chris Miller will be the new incoming president, Dr. Greg Koenig will be moving up to president-elect, Erin Cranor will become vice president, and Joe Crim is the legislative chair. She also announced that Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, was recognized as the Outstanding Executive Secretary for School Boards.

Trustee Alderman reported on the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) meeting of November 27, 2012, where they discussed scenarios for different parts of the valley and focus area E2. She said their next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2012.

Trustee Edwards reported on the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Subcommittee on Budget, where they discussed whether or not to raise rates, and the committee's recommendation will be to the Board of Control to raise the regional and state final entrance fee.

Trustee Young reported on the 56th Annual Las Vegas Sun Youth Forum she attended.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Trustee Edwards agreed that working on the Board's Vision Statement at a retreat as suggested by Trustee Alderman would be beneficial. She suggested enlisting a facilitator to help move the discussion forward.

Trustee Cranor suggested using materials from training provided by Davis Campbell to consider a Board Mission statement and organizing the Board agenda according to student-based objectives.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Edwards referred to this meeting, as well as recent past Board meetings, and highlighted areas in which she felt the Board continues to do well.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 8:35 p.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Cantú Vote: Unanimous

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