

Your School Board

The CCSD Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members elected by voters of that district. Each trustee represents a different geographic region of Clark County. Although each trustee represents a different region, they are dedicated to ensuring the success of every student in the district through clear, concise direction to the superintendent. Board members serve overlapping four-year terms to ensure continuity of board leadership.

In July 2000, the board adopted the model of Policy Governance® and governs the district through specific policies. The board hires the superintendent and instructs him/her to focus every staff member and all resources on the goal of student achievement. The school board is accountable to you, the citizens of Clark County, and to the state and federal governments.

In 2007, as a result of a decision by the Nevada State Legislature, all board members became eligible to receive a \$750 per-month salary. Acceptance of the salary is optional and at the discretion of each trustee.

The Superintendent



Dwight D. Jones has devoted his career to public education, serving as Colorado's commissioner of education before joining CCSD in 2010. He started out as an elementary school teacher in Junction City, Kansas, then served as principal for elementary, middle and high schools and later became assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction in Wichita.

Mr. Jones has served on a number of commissions and nonprofit boards, including Denver Children's Hospital, McREL, High School Futures and the Southwest Comprehensive Center's advisory board.

In 2010, he co-chaired a National Council on Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) Blue Ribbon Panel on the inclusion of clinical experiences in teacher preparation programs.

In July 2009, the Education and Resource Development Institute recognized Mr. Jones for his work with the "Mike Kneale – Excellence in Education" Administrator of the Year Award. He was the first recipient of the National Middle School Association's "Impact Award," and in 2010 he was inducted into the Troops to Teachers Hall of Fame.

Board Meetings

All board meetings are open to the public. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 East Flamingo Road. Special meetings are held when necessary. Copies of all agendas are available at least three days in advance at www.ccsd.net or in the board office, 799-1072.

A quorum of board members (four of the seven members) must be present for a regular meeting to take place. All actions authorized or required by law are taken in open meetings. State law allows the board to consider matters of personnel in closed session and then vote in open session.

Public Comments

All board meetings feature a time for public communication to the board. Interested citizens may present comments, suggestions, or concerns related to agenda or nonagenda items. Individuals wishing to address the board in person can submit their name by calling 799-1072. The board also receives communication via e-mail, fax, U.S. mail and phone. Citizens are not required to attend meetings in order to have their concerns expressed.

Please remember that the law prohibits the board from discussing specific employees or their job performance at a public board meeting.

Parent Advisory Committee

Board members hold regular PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) or CEAB (Community Education Advisory Board) meetings to solicit public input and to discuss educational issues. CCSD staff are frequently invited to the meetings to update parents on new programs, curriculum initiatives and region information. Your presence is welcomed and encouraged at these meetings. For meeting dates and times in your district, please call the Board Office at 799-1072. Newsletters are also published by each trustee and available at www.ccsd.net. Additionally, the board issues regular informational articles to school newsletters on timely issues. Board members also participate in public service announcements and the live, call-in "School Matters" television program through Vegas PBS.

Be Involved

Citizens are encouraged to communicate with Clark County School District staff and school board members. If you have a concern, the best place to begin is with those directly involved and responsible, usually at the specific school with the teacher and/or principal. It is there that most concerns can be quickly and productively resolved.

If an appropriate resolution is not reached, citizens can use the appeal process to work with the Area Service Centers, the superintendent's staff and then the Board of Trustees. A formal public concern process is also available to citizens.

Questions?

We welcome your ideas, questions or suggestions. With your help, we can achieve our goal of continued excellence in education. Detailed information about the Board of Trustees, meeting agendas and minutes can be found at www.ccsd.net.



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VISION STATEMENT

All students will graduate from high school having the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary to achieve academically, prosper economically, and participate in democracy.



**LORRAINE
ALDERMAN**

District D

A Clark County resident for more than 50 years, Lorraine Alderman was elected to represent District D in 2010. A proud graduate of Valley High School, she received both her Bachelor of Arts degree in history and her Master of

Public Administration degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. A career educator, Alderman began working with students as an admissions officer at UNLV. She then spent 25 years serving Southern Nevada families as a social studies teacher, school administrator and director of the Department of Education Options and the Office for Charter Schools. Passionate about addressing the needs of all children, Alderman has dedicated her life to helping students become their very best. Alderman and her husband, Jim Testa, have one son and one grandson, both CCSD students.



**DEANNA L.
WRIGHT**

District A

Deanna L. Wright was elected to the Board in November 2008 and represents District A, which includes Boulder City, Henderson, Laughlin and Primm. Wright and her husband of 19 years, Jason, have two children who attend CCSD schools. Since elected to the

Board, Wright has served on the Clark County Parks and Recreation Committee as well as Board Liaison to the Student Advisory Committee, Sex Education Committee, AZAC Commission Liaison, American Education Week and was voted Board Clerk for the 2011 year. She is passionate about protecting public education and continuing to work on preserving education dollars for all students. Wright is an advocate for the use of technology in all classes and relevant lessons needed in the 21st century world.



**JOHN
COLE**

District E

Trustee John Cole's involvement with the school district began with his service on the District's Bond Oversight Committee prior to taking on his current role as a Trustee serving District E. John and his wife, Ellen, have two sons that attended CCSD schools and

reside in Summerlin. The family came to Las Vegas in 2003, as Cole became the head of a financial services organization for a Fortune 100 company, and since that time, has held senior executive positions with numerous well-known companies. He has over 25 years of business experience working for a wide variety of large and small, as well as publicly and privately owned companies. Cole strongly believes in giving back to the community, is active at church and with a number of local charities and business organizations.



**CHRIS
GARVEY**

District B

Chris Garvey was elected to the Board in 2008. A native Nevadan, Garvey has resided in District B for 21 years. A member of PTA during the 1990s, Garvey was involved in the grassroots campaign for the 1998 bond that provided 101 new schools. She was also

an advocate for class size reduction, zoning, safety and mandatory kindergarten. Garvey received her associate's degree in dental hygiene from the College of Southern Nevada. She is committed to children and education by volunteering both in the classroom and in dental clinics for under-served children. Garvey builds coalitions within our community that also focus on improving the lives and education of our children. She and her husband of 30 years have three children, each of whom has attended Clark County District Schools.



**CAROLYN
EDWARDS**

District F

Carolyn Edwards was elected trustee of District F in both 2006 and 2010 and is currently serving as Board president. She has resided in District F and Nevada since 1992. She served on the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission from 1999 to 2006.

Edwards currently serves on the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control; chairs the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Commission; serves on the Board of the Southern Nevada Public Television Association and is President-Elect for the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB). Edwards' awards include the 2008 NASB Director of the Year; the 2009 NASB Executive Director's Award and the 2011 Educator of the Year by the Asian Chamber of Commerce. Edwards has a bachelor's degree from Earlham College and a master's in social work from Rutgers University.



**DR. LINDA E.
YOUNG**

District C

Dr. Linda E. Young was elected to the Board in 2008 and represents District C. She received her Bachelor of Science in Spanish, Speech and English and Master of Science in school psychology from the University of Dayton, Ohio.

She has educational certificates in special education and school administration and received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Young was an employee of the District for 32 1/2 years. She served as a high school teacher, school psychologist, coordinator for special education programs, elementary special education teacher, high school dean and assistant principal, sixth grade center principal and director of districtwide diversity educational programs. She is a strong advocate for equity and cultural diversity education, special education and at-promise programs for under-served and under-represented students, parents and communities.



**ERIN
CRANOR**

District G

Erin Cranor was elected trustee of District G in 2010. She holds a master's degree and a bachelor's degree in human biology, with a minor in chemistry, from Brigham Young University. While at BYU, she helped document a fatal

form of dwarfism in research collaboration with Harvard University. Highlights of her career as a technical writer include bringing computer labs to Boys & Girls Clubs in Southern Nevada and facilitating fiscal turnarounds of youth development organizations in other states. Her civic involvement has included chairing numerous boards and directing outdoor youth rappelling and archery. Cranor speaks and writes Greek and is learning Spanish. Cranor and her husband, Bud, have been raising their family here since 1995.