

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
INNEVATION CENTER, COLLABORATION STATION, THIRD FLOOR
6795 EDMOND STREET, LAS VEGAS, NV 89118

BOARD RETREAT

Friday, February 21, 2014

8:20 a.m.

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

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division; Kirsten Searer, Chief of Staff and External Relations, Office of the Chief of Staff; Joe Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff; Judi Steele, President and CPO, Public Education Foundation and Development and Innovation, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; and Ken Turner, Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Cranor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Edwards Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright did not vote.

Trustee Young was not present for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES: DR. MARGUERITE ROZA

Approval regarding school financial training provided by Dr. Marguerite Roza.

Ms. Steele introduced Dr. Roza.

Dr. Roza discussed topics including, but not limited to, the correlation between finances and academic performance, how spending is in contrast to stated strategies, sustainability of the current funding system and different models of using expenditures for yielding the best results, leveraging the human factor in public education, allocating funding to where it best meets the needs of the District.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVED

Trustee Young arrived at the Board meeting at 8:44 a.m.

APPROVE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES: DR. MARGUERITE ROZA

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Dr. Roza continued her discussion on school finances.

Dr. Turner shared what he has observed as a similarity between the conversations the Board is having and the conversations among District administrators as the District moves in new directions to get better outcomes for students.

Trustee Corbett thanked Dr. Turner for sharing that insight.

The Board thanked Ms. Steel and the Public Education Foundation for their support, and they thanked Dr. Roza for coming to speak with the Board.

Trustee Wright said the Board does not have that insight into the discussions and thoughts of staff, that she suggested that perhaps the Board could be briefed as those discussions move forward. She also suggested that there should be a culture of asking what the possibilities are or considering the options when someone makes a request instead of saying no, as is typically done in this system. She said she would also like to see them build a culture where students know it is okay to fail and know that they are still learning.

Trustee Cranor said Ms. Steel talked about training being a capacity-building experience that happens over time, and she has suggested a series of briefings for the Board over the next few years.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said it is important for Dr. Roza to speak with the District's executive team and Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officers so they can hear the same message that the Trustees heard today, and for her to spend time with the Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officers so they can understand how to better support principals in the decisions they make.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 11:00 a.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous