

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

WORK SESSION

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

7:34 a.m.

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

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; 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; Blake Cumbers, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities Division; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; and Loreasa Nary, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Child led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Garvey Second: Child Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 19

Approval of the 1998 Capital Improvement Program – Revision 19, Option 2, as recommended by the Bond Oversight Committee on March 17, 2016, as recommended in Reference 3.01.

APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 19 (continued)

Mr. Cumbers presented the 1998 Capital Improvement Program – Revision 19 for the Board's consideration.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was connected at 7:41a.m.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was disconnected at 7:41a.m.

APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 19 (continued)

Trustee Edwards asked if projects that are completed in the 1998 bond program would be placed as a priority for the 2015 capital improvement program.

Mr. Cumbers said yes, they would.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was connected at 7:43 a.m.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was disconnected at 7:43 a.m.

APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 19 (continued)

Public Hearing

David Ballweg urged the Board to support Option 2, Reference 3.01, stating that the Virgin Valley High School gymnasium addition is very much needed in the community.

Bob Sweetin thanked the Board for addressing this issue, as it is very important to the Mesquite community.

Nicholas Montoya also thanked the Board for addressing this issue and said this is of benefit to the students and the Mesquite community.

Kraig Hafen expressed appreciation for all of the work that has been done and the information that has been provided.

Dallas Larsen expressed support of the Virgin Valley High School gymnasium addition and said it is very important for the students.

Jodi Thornley thanked the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) and the Board for all the work they do. She thanked staff for bringing this option forward.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was connected at 7:53 a.m.

APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 19 (continued)

Ms. Thornley spoke in favor of Option 2, Reference 3.01.

Amy Marshall, Mesquite CEAB, expressed gratitude for being able to work with the District and BOC through this process.

Trustee Garvey commended the community for their involvement on this issue. She implored all of the Trustees to support Option 2.

Trustee Edwards agreed with comments made by Trustee Garvey. She commended the community for their efforts.

Trustee Tew expressed her support of Option 2.

Trustee Wright expressed concern that promises made by previous Board members have not been fulfilled, and that this Board is now responsible for making decisions in those areas.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was disconnected at 8:11 a.m.

APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 19 (continued)

Trustee Young expressed support of Option 2, which also includes the West Prep Elementary School addition. She said the community is extremely grateful. She thanked BOC and District staff for their work.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 8:12 a.m.

APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 19 (continued)

Motion to approve Option 2 of the 1998 Capital Improvement Program – Revision 19.

Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Yeses – 6 (Young, Garvey, Tew, Child, Edwards, Wright); No – 1 (Cranor)

The motion passed.

APPROVE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 1

Approval of the 2015 Capital Improvement Program – Revision 1, as recommended by the Bond Oversight Committee on March 17, 2016, as recommended in Reference 3.02.

Mr. Cumbers presented the 2015 Capital Improvement Program – Revision 1.

APPROVE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 1 (continued)

Trustee Cranor expressed concern regarding the modernization shortfall in her area and the potential for interrupted learning time. She said she is looking for ways that this situation could be avoided in the future. She asked if there is a way to postpone the decision to be made regarding building near Treem and Thorpe because using the Galleria and Dave Wood site and building an addition may provide some relief for the Treem, Thorp situation. She asked what is being done as new schools are being built to maintain a level of systems maintenance to prevent major systems failure over the next 50 years.

Mr. Cumbers said there is flexibility in making the decisions, and the Board would be receiving updates along the way. He explained the rationale for building another school as opposed to adding on to Treem and Thorpe is the extreme need there in terms of classrooms.

Superintendent Skorkowsky agreed with those concerns raised by Trustee Cranor and said staff would not be moving forward at this point and would maintain flexibility in making those decisions as information comes forward. He said a rezoning of students from Treem and Thorp to Dave Wood and Galleria, or zoning involving Edna F. Hinman Elementary School might need to be considered.

Mr. Cumbers said the facilities maintenance issue is one that needs to be continuously improved upon and as new schools are built, the District needs to be working with the design community to help lower the cost of construction and have ease of maintenance.

Trustee Cranor said something needs to be done that is critically different than what has been done in the past. She requested a future update on changes that have occurred to make facilities less expensive to maintain.

Trustee Edwards referred to page 16 of 39, Reference 3.02, and expressed concern regarding Decision Number 1. She asked why new prototypes are being designed.

Mr. Cumbers said the current prototypes have now been expanded dramatically to accommodate growth and academic programs, he said so all the schools that are going to be built are new designs.

Trustee Edwards said she believes there is a cost-savings in utilizing an existing prototype. She said this causes her concern because the District has not tested and used existing prototypes that have been invested in, which has not been the practice. She added that this information requesting three more prototypes was not provided to her during the briefing. She asked how and why the decision is being made that the three previous designs are design-bid-build, and the three new designs would be CMAR designs.

Mr. Cumbers explained that CMAR lends itself to new projects for various reasons.

APPROVE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 1 (continued)

Trustee Edwards asked that there be some flexibility in this process so that the decision of what is design-bid-build and what is CMAR can be adjusted if necessary.

Mr. McIntosh offered that what staff was looking for was the flexibility to be able to explore these options. He offered that the Board's motion could state that this gives the Facilities Department the ability to consider new prototype designs.

Trustee Edwards pointed out that on page 27 of 39, Sandy Valley is included as a completion, and that would be incorrect because Phase 2 of the Sandy Valley phased replacement does not include the high school building.

Mr. Cumbers said the principal at Sandy Valley has asked that this design plan be reconsidered.

Trustee Edwards stated that this is a Board decision. She asked if a football field and baseball field are included in Phase 2.

Mr. Cumbers said those fields will be replaced.

Trustee Garvey expressed concern with hiring and growing local talent and expanding resources here in Nevada and not always going outside of the state. She said she would like to get to a point where change orders are not so frequent.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 1 (continued)

Trustee Young referred to page 26 of 39, and she conveyed some of the concerns of the community where schools may be closing. She suggested that before any final decisions are made, she have an opportunity to have a series of meetings with the community so they are informed.

TELECONFERENCE CONNECTED

Teleconference with Trustee Garvey was connected at 9:23 a.m.

APPROVE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 1 (continued)

Trustee Young continued that any proposals that are brought forth need to have community buy-in. She said she is a proponent of employing and involving the community as this moves forward.

Trustee Tew suggested that as the District meets with the architect and design community, in addition to tasking them with making an effort to lower the cost of construction and of maintenance, that they also task them with building school structures that support 21st Century learning.

APPROVE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 1 (continued)

Trustee Wright asked whether Phase 3 and 4 of Boulder City High School includes the new theater as well as the administrative portion.

Mr. Cumbers said Phase 3 and 4 would include the performing arts facility and renovation of the play fields, which complete that project in its entirety.

Motion to approve the design and construction delivery method for the new schools for the 2018-2019 school year, acknowledging that this will move forward with flexibility with relationship to adding new prototypes and whether the schools are design-bid-build or CMAR and acknowledging that with all of this work, local talent would be sought out; motion to approve the siting of 5 new schools with flexibility if needed; motion to approve the siting of 13 school additions for the 2017-2018 mid-year opening with flexibility if needed; motion to approve the siting of 13 school additions for the 2018-2019 school year with flexibility if needed; motion to approve completion of 11 replacement schools, meeting Regulation 7112, with flexibility if needed; motion to approve completion or partial completion of 5 phased replacement schools with flexibility if needed, acknowledging that this would include the fields for Sandy Valley School and with the acknowledgement that the high school would still need to be built at a later time, and that the theater at Boulder City High School would be included in its last phase; and motion to approve the prioritized list with flexibility if needed.

Motion: Edwards Second: Tew

Trustee Edwards commented that the legislature has some responsibility to restore the District's funding to pre-recession levels so that the schools may be properly maintained.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Garvey was disconnected at 9:42 a.m.

APPROVE 2016-2017 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Approval on development and adoption of the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget, and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to file as required by NRS 354.596; and to authorize the Superintendent to initiate a reduction in force because of a lack of money or lack of work, per NRS 288.150(3)(b), as recommended in Reference 3.03.

Mr. McIntosh presented the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget.

Trustee Edwards asked what the English language learner (ELL) funding was and said staff could provide that information at the next budget meeting in May.

Trustee Young asked if information regarding the funding for students who leave the District and then return was available.

APPROVE 2016-2017 TENTATIVE BUDGET (continued)

Ms. Wooden said that information could be provided.

Motion to approve the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget as presented.

Motion: Cranor Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.

BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE

Trustee Cranor and Trustee Edwards left the Board meeting at 10:40 a.m.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Superintendent Skorkowsky notified the Board that the Technical Advisory Committee for AB394 has a meeting scheduled during the Board's May 4 work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 10:40 a.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

Trustees Garvey, Cranor, and Edwards were not present for the vote.