

Minutes
Clark County School District
Meeting of the Board of School Trustees

TELECONFERENCE ONLY

Board Retreat

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

9:25 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Linda P. Cavazos, President
Irene Cepeda, Vice President
Evelyn Garcia Morales, Clerk
Lola Brooks, Member
Danielle Ford, Member
Lisa Guzmán, Member
Katie Williams, Member

Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Luke Puschnig, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Joe Caruso, Executive Director, Community Services Department, Office of the Superintendent; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager/Director II, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Director, Board Office; and Dr. Thomas Alsbury, Balanced Governance Solutions™.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda, except note additional reference material for Items 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.07, 3.08, and 3.09. Please note this is a flexible agenda, and some items will be taken out of order.

Motion: Brooks Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Voice-recorded public comment:

Anna Binder spoke on Item 3.05 and stated this is concerning to parents and to the community because it appears to be from one Trustee to try to limit other Trustees when they do not agree. With regard to Item 3.01, she said she was interested to hear the Board's discussion considering they have a proposed policy that attempts to silence opposing viewpoints on discussion items.

Board Review of Proposed Board Governance Policy Board Public Communication

Discussion and possible action on the review of a proposed Board Governance Policy, Board Public Communication, for the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, is requested. By direction of the Board, any recommendations made at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

Dr. Alsbury gave an overview of the structure and procedure of today's policy review and discussion, as shown in Reference 3.01(B).

The Board and Superintendent Jara discussed next steps following this work session for policy revisions.

Dr. Alsbury clarified that based on the discussion, he would send the revisions to the Board and copy Mr. Caruso and Ms. Miller.

Recess: 10:04 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:20 a.m.

Board Review of Proposed Board Governance Policy Board Public Communication

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Dr. Alsbury led the Board through the process for review and revision suggestions for Draft Governance Policy Board Public Communication, which included input from legal counsel and Superintendent Jara.

No action was taken on this item.

Board Review of Proposed Board Governance Policy Board Report and Progress Monitoring

Discussion and possible action on the review of a proposed Board Governance Policy, Board Report and Progress Monitoring, for the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, is requested. By direction of the Board, any recommendations made at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

The Board completed the process for review and revision suggestions for Draft Governance Policy Board Report and Progress Monitoring, which included input from legal counsel and Superintendent Jara.

No action was taken on this item.

Board Review of Proposed Board Governance Policy Board Report Content

Discussion and possible action on the review of a proposed Board Governance Policy, Board Report Content, for the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, is requested. By direction of the Board, any recommendations made at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

The Board completed the process for review and revision suggestions for Draft Governance Policy Board Report Content, which included input from legal counsel and Superintendent Jara.

No action was taken on this item.

Recess: 12:37 p.m.

Reconvene: 12:52 p.m.

Board Review of Proposed Board Governance Policy Board Report Vetting

Discussion and possible action on the review of a proposed Board Governance Policy, Board Report Vetting, for the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, is requested. By direction of the Board, any recommendations made at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

The Board completed the process for review and revision suggestions for Draft Governance Policy Board Report Vetting, which included input from legal counsel and Superintendent Jara.

No action was taken on this item.

Board Review of Proposed Board Governance Policy Board Report Schedule

Discussion and possible action on the review of a proposed Board Governance Policy, Board Report Schedule, for the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, is requested. By direction of the Board, any recommendations made at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

The Board completed the process for review and revision suggestions for Draft Governance Policy Board Report Schedule, which included input from legal counsel and Superintendent Jara.

No action was taken on this item.

**Board Review of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy
GP-9: Meeting Planning**

Discussion and possible action regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, GP-09: Meeting Planning, is requested. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

The Board completed the process for review and revision suggestions for Draft Governance Policy GP-9: Meeting Planning, which included input from legal counsel and Superintendent Jara.

No action was taken on this item.

**Board Review of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy
GP-10: Construction of the Agenda**

Discussion and possible action regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, GP-10: Construction of the Agenda, is requested. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

The Board completed the process for review and revision suggestions for Draft Governance Policy GP-10: Construction of the Agenda, which included input from legal counsel and Superintendent Jara.

No action was taken on this item.

Board Member Leaves

Trustee Cepeda left the Board meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Item 3.03 and Item 3.04

The Board agreed to move Item 3.03 and Item 3.04 to a future meeting, as requested by Ms. Miller.

**Board Review of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy
B/SE-1: Board and Superintendent Evaluation Methodology**

Discussion and possible action regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, B/SE-1: Board and Superintendent Evaluation Methodology, is requested. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

No action was taken on this item.

**Board Review of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy
B/SL-2: Unity of Control**

Discussion and possible action regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, B/SL-2: Unity of Control, is requested. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

No action was taken on this item.

Public Comments at Board Meetings

Discussion on how public comment is currently conducted at virtual and in person meetings of the Board of School Trustees.

Voice-recorded public comment:

Anna Binder said she finds it odd that the Board would have this agenda item at a meeting that is closed off from the public when they are going to be discussing how public comment is currently conducted at Board meetings.

No discussion took place on this item.

Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Thursday, April 8, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Cavazos stated the next meeting would be held at the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts High School, Lowden Theater.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

A comment was received in regards to a student suicide. The writer also asked that someone call him to explain why spectators cannot watch outside sports.

A parent wrote about his children who are suffering from depression and anxiety because they are not able to return to school full time. He asked that CCSD approve a comprehensive plan of in-class learning or transition back to school full time immediately.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (continued)

Comments were received asking that CCSD, in coordination with all key players, commit to reopening school for all grades full time in the fall, stating that education is essential and parents need to know that their children will never experience an interruption like this again.

Adjourn: 3:20 p.m.

Motion: Garcia Morales Second: Ford Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Cepeda was not present for the vote.