

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 8, 2015

8:01 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
 Linda E. Young, President
 Chris Garvey, Vice President
 Deanna L. Wright, Clerk
 Kevin L. Child, Member
 Erin Cranor, Member
 Carolyn Edwards, Member
 Patrice Tew, 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; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; and Norma Herrera, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Garvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except note additional reference material provided for Item 4.01.

Motion: Garvey Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Edwards was not present for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was connected at 8:05 a.m.

APPROVE COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARDS (CEABs)

Approval to retain, restructure, or expand the Community Education Advisory Boards (CEABs) that have been created by the Clark County School District Board of Trustees.

Trustee Garvey explained that a Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB) is an advisory committee to the Board and act as a sort of liaison between their community and the Board of Trustees. She said she has one CEAB in Mesquite and one in Moapa. She said the committee allows for parents, teachers, and community members to look at issues that are of concern in their community related to education.

Trustee Garvey stated that at one time there was a policy in place, policy 1411, but that has since been eliminated. She said the Board may want to consider bringing back a policy that addresses CEABs. She went on to say the reason for this discussion is because of a bill that has come forward in this legislative session that is looking to deconsolidate the District with the premise that it would allow communities to have closer contact with their representative and give more local control.

Trustee Garvey suggested that CEABs could be structured with the Performance Zones, of which many are feeder aligned.

Trustee Cranor shared her experience being part of the CORE CEAB. She said they never felt the need to bring a formal recommendation to the Trustees because the communication happened in the meetings. She said parents were happy with the process, and the CEAB only existed for a couple of years. She said she felt it would be great if more parents knew about this process.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said that state law allows for the forming of CEABs. He said bylaws are required from the groups so they become official, and that does come before the Board.

Ms. Miller said one of the reasons the District may want to consider having a policy in place is to have a procedure for parents who want to form an advisory board. She said there needs to be some mechanism for the parents to get them started and ready for Board approval.

Trustee Garvey agreed and said the policy could align with state law and ensure that the Board is in compliance. She also asked how this could conjoin with the parent engagement piece.

Trustee Young said she said she would like to see something like a CEAB tied to her parent and community meetings or some type of blend. She said she would like to know how the Trustees could give more emphasis and support to their meetings that would make their meetings more powerful.

Trustee Wright asked if the District could accommodate parents and have something to the effect of a Southeast CEAB that would include the performance zones for a joint meeting.

APPROVE COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARDS (CEABs) (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky said that Family and Community Engagement Services (FACES) could provide training on how to start a CEAB. He said he needs to consider how this would be structured because he would not want this to take over the school level meetings, including PTA/PTOs, or make more work for staff.

Trustee Child said there could be a cost. He stated that he makes himself available to parents and schools where people can come and voice their opinions. He expressed concern that it would take valuable time away from staff.

Trustee Garvey asked for job descriptions and expectations of the FACES department. She also asked the Superintendent if the Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officers are required to be in communication and engage with parents.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said that the Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officers should already be attending each trustee's meeting, as well as an Ombudsman.

Trustee Tew recommended getting community feedback to see what they would like, possibly scheduling a community linkage meeting.

Trustee Edwards said she has no CEABs in her area nor have parents expressed any interest. She agreed it is important for parents to give input and to have the ability to get their concerns addressed. She said she would like to see this come back with staff input.

Trustee Garvey requested a presentation on FACES. She said she would like to look at what is in place and how this can be integrated. She said at the next meeting she would talk about Policy 1411, and she asked to take the lead for a follow-up agenda item.

Trustee Edwards asked Trustee Garvey to consider areas of town that have not formed CEABs and make sure as things move forward and that their needs are addressed as well.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said he would bring a presentation on FACES to the Board as soon as plans are finalized.

APPROVE BYLAWS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARDS (CEABs)

Approval regarding bylaws and responsibilities of Community Education Advisory Boards (CEABs) of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees.

Trustee Garvey said reviewing the bylaws and responsibilities is probably part of future work as they look at next steps but she wanted this on the agenda so there was an opportunity for discussion.

APPROVE 2015-2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Approval on development and adoption of the 2015-2016 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 4.01.

Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division, presented the 2015-2016 Tentative Budget as shown in Reference 4.01.

Trustee Edwards pointed out that the waiver for Regulation 3110 was not attached to this budget or as a separate agenda item. She requested that the waiver be brought to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting and suggested that in the future it should be brought forward with the budget for approval at the same time.

Superintendent Skorkowsky agreed.

Trustee Garvey said she hoped the District was communicating to legislators the potential impact some of the decisions they make could have on school districts and education.

Motion to approve the tentative budget as presented, understand the budget is very fluid given the circumstances at the legislature and noting a waiver for the ending fund balance would be coming forward for approval.

Motion: Garvey Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVE 2015-2016 TENTATIVE BUDGET (continued)

Ms. Miller noted that the recommended action on this agenda item included authorization for the Superintendent to initiate a reduction in force (RIF) because of a lack of money or work, and she asked if the maker of the motion intended to include that as part of her motion.

Trustee Garvey stated yes, if actions at the legislature dictated that it must be done.

Trustee Wright agreed.

ADJOURN: 10:11 a.m.

Motion: Cranor Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous