

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

SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS

Friday, April 27, 2018

9:00 a.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present  
Deanna L. Wright, President  
Carolyn Edwards, Vice President  
Lola Brooks, Clerk  
Linda P. Cavazos, Member  
Kevin L. Child, Member  
Chris Garvey, Member  
Linda E. Young, 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, Ancillary Support; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager/Director II, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office; and Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Wright stated no action would be taken at this meeting.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Cavazos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

## **CONDUCT SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS**

The Board of School Trustees will conduct interviews with Mike Barton, Ed.D., Donald T. Haddad, Ed.D., Shonda Huery Hardman, Ed.D., Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D., Jesse Welsh, D.Ed., and Eva White, Ed.D., for the position of superintendent of schools of the Clark County School District.

The Interviews began with Dr. Welsh and Dr. Haddad.

During each candidate's interview, they addressed the Trustees and spoke about their backgrounds, providing a description of their experience and an outline of their accomplishments. The candidates also shared their vision for CCSD, their interest in the position, and what they would bring to the District as Superintendent of Schools.

The Board members asked a series of interview questions of the candidates to which they responded, giving specific examples of the work being done in the District and what needs to carry forward and situations specific to their experience, as well as addressing specific concerns and issues unique to Clark County School District. Candidates also addressed how they would work toward the goals of the Board and District for the students of Clark County.

Candidates discussed their commitment to education, what they would like to accomplish for the future of public education, and the importance of the impact of public education on the community and on the nation.

**RECESS:** 11:25 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 12:15 p.m.

## **CONDUCT SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS (continued)**

The interviews continued with Dr. Barton and Dr. Hardman.

**RECESS:** 2:44 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 3:10 p.m.

## **CONDUCT SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS (continued)**

The interviews concluded with Dr. Jara and Dr. White.

## **Public Hearing**

Autumn Tampa said she thought the interview questions were excellent except she did not hear much regarding employee unions and negotiations. She said internal candidates are more familiar with the District and said she had some concern that the external candidates did not seem to hold any of their prior positions for very long.

### **CONDUCT SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS (continued)**

Yvette Williams expressed concern that there was not a lot of emphasis around African-American students, who the school district is obligated to make a priority. She said she did hear some emphasis on the English Language Learner (ELL) Master Plan, and although the Board may feel that the ELL Master Plan includes native-speaking students, the emphasis has been on second language, and that has been the focus of the teachers and the staff.

Dr. S.S. Rogers spoke in support of Dr. Barton for the work he has done in support of the community, and he spoke in support of Dr. White as well.

Tom Novotny spoke in support of Dr. Barton, and he talked about what Dr. Barton was able to accomplish at West Prep and his dedication and hard work in the District.

Sylvia Lazos suggested whittling the candidates down to two or three finalists at this point. She spoke in favor of Dr. Jara, Dr. White, and Dr. Barton for those finalists.

David Gomez disagreed with bringing someone into the District that is unfamiliar with the work. He spoke in favor of Dr. Barton and said Dr. Barton promised to be involved with the Black community and to work with every community and to communicate with parents.

Robert L. Green spoke in support of Dr. Barton. He said he believes Dr. Barton would improve the morale of the school district and would work to close the achievement gap. He talked about the support Dr. Barton gives to schools.

Sonia Joya spoke about the support and encouragement Dr. Barton gives to students.

Tom Rodriguez spoke in support of Dr. Barton. He said he believes Dr. Barton has the same qualities as past CCSD superintendent Dr. Brian Cram. He spoke highly of Dr. Barton's honesty and integrity.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Autumn Tampa talked about external pressures and the intensity of the decision the Board has to make. She encouraged the Board members not to be swayed by outside pressures.

David Gomez said he researched some of the external candidates and based on what he found, he does not want them in the Clark County School District.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

Fernando Romero spoke in support of Dr. Barton because of what he has done for students and for the community.

**ADJOURN:** 6:17 p.m.

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Child    Vote: Unanimous*