

Minutes
Clark County School District
Special Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

Adoption of the Final Budget

Monday, May 17, 2021

5:32 p.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: Luke Puschnig, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Jason Goudie, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Unit; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager/Director II, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Director, Board Office; and Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

Teleconference Call Connected

Teleconference call with Trustee Ford was connected at 5:32 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Williams Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

In-person public comment:

Tracy Leonard talked about how her school building is not being cleaned or sanitized. She said the students are not allowed to touch the playground equipment, but students and staff are all sharing surfaces that are not being cleaned. She said also the bathroom soap dispensers are not being refilled and the students do not have water.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (continued)

Voice-recorded public comment:

Ben Scolaria spoke about what his brother gained through being able to attend Global Community High School and how the school has had a positive impact on both their lives. He expressed concern for the future of Global Community High School and future students. He asked Trustee Cepeda for her support.

Kamilah Bywaters said the District has serious representation issues and stated that she and several other representatives of various organizations are in support of three administrators who have applied for positions in the District. She said the information has been sent to Superintendent Jara.

Several Global Community High School students shared their stories of how they came to attend Global Community High School and the opportunities the school gave them and the many things they learned. They also talked about the positive environment at the school. They expressed concern regarding possible changes to the school's program.

Robert Bush, National Action Network, offered his support for the recommendations for three administrative positions. He said they believe these appointments will begin the work of educational equity, increase representation, and decrease economic wealth gaps in CCSD. He said they are not in support of, and are disappointed in, Superintendent Jara's renegotiation of his contract and that he has disregarded the Black community.

Rich Medina expressed concern for the future of Global Community High School and the community it serves. He said he has heard numerous success stories from students who have attended Global. He said these students are in need of specialized education and removing this environment will significantly place students at an unnecessary disadvantage.

Coach Joe Lawrence said they would normally have their fall sports schedules in place by now and they are currently trying to place games but have not been given any direction regarding whether they can schedule games for teams outside of Clark County.

Sean Peterson said he supports safety but face masks do not increase safety and when used improperly they increase the risk of disease. He said information and facts are readily available. He asked that the District remove the masks and said his child can then attend CCSD.

Mrs. Krohn provided a summary of the written comments submitted, as follows:

A writer said if an individual wants to wear a mask or does not want to wear a mask, let them.

A writer asked that science be followed regarding masks and expressed concern that children cannot breathe with the masks now that it is getting hotter. They asked, what examples are we sending the youth if we are not basing decisions off actual facts.

Public Hearing – 2021-2022 Tentative Budget

This is the time and the place that was advertised for the public hearing on the tentative budget per Nevada Revised Statutes 354.596, and interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget of the Clark County School District.

Trustee Cavazos read the public hearing statement.

There was no one wishing to speak on this item.

Approve 2021-2022 Final Budget

Approval on adoption of the 2021-2022 Final Budget and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to file as required by Nevada Revised Statutes 354.598, as recommended in Reference 3.02.

In-person public comment:

Tracy Leonard said the principal at Sandy Valley and Goodsprings schools told some staff members to make large purchases but told others there is very little money in the budget for other items. She said in September 2020 he had \$1 million of carryover funds and said he would not return any of it to CCSD. She questioned what happened with the schools' budget between September and January and what happen to the \$1 million in carryover.

Mr. Goudie presented the 2021-2022 Final Budget, as shown in Reference 3.02.

Motion to approve Item 3.02, 2021-2022 Final Budget.

Motion: Cepeda Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Adjourn: 6:05 p.m.

Motion: Williams Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous