

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

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

8:54 a.m.

Roll Call:	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>
	Lola Brooks, President	Chris Garvey, Clerk
	Linda P. Cavazos, Vice President	
	Irene Cepeda, Member	
	Danielle Ford, Member	
	Deanna L. Wright, Member	
	Linda E. Young, Member	

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

Also present were: Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Eleissa Lavelle, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Ancillary Support; Ignacio Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent, English Language Learner Division, Instructional Services Unit; Deanna Jaskolski, Associate Superintendent, Student Services Division, Instructional Services Unit; Julie Kasper, Director, Early Childhood Program, Instructional Services Unit; Deena Holloway, Coordinator, Zoom Initiative Services, Instructional Services Unit; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager/Director II, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office; and Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

Teleconference Call Connected

Teleconference call with Trustee Young was connected at 8:54 a.m.

Flag Salute

Trustee Cavazos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Cavazos Second: Cepeda Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

Public Comment Period on Non-Agenda Items

Dr. S. S. Rogers said he submitted a letter to the Board on May 9, 2019, and was still requesting the items listed in that letter. He listed his concerns to include the overinclusion of Black and Hispanic students in behavioral schools and who have been expelled from school, the lack of Black males in leadership positions, the lack of African American representation on Board committees, and the lack of minority contractors working with the District.

Vicki Kreidel said she previously requested that there be a reporting mechanism for school staff to report issues at their sites. She said teachers have told her that site issues with administrators are more likely to have them leave the District than salary issues. She said teachers deserve to feel heard and supported.

Trustee Young stated that Reverend Rogers has asked to be responded to and has attended several Board meetings and addressed the Board and Superintendent but has not gotten a response.

Trustee Brooks asked that Dr. Jennifer Cupid-McCoy, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent, have a conversation with Reverend Rogers.

Approve Reappointment of Members to the Audit Advisory Committee

Approval to reappoint Eric M. Bashaw and B. Keith Rogers to the Audit Advisory Committee for a period of two-years commencing July 1, 2019, as recommended.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Young Second: Cavazos Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

Approve Appointment of Members to the Audit Advisory Committee

Approval to appoint Cody Goulding and Robert Reed for a period of two-years commencing July 1, 2019, as recommended in Reference 3.02.

Trustee Brooks stated that Robert Reed was no longer available to serve on the Committee.

Motion to appoint Cody Goulding to the Audit Advisory Committee and that the appointment of Elsie Lavonne Lewis be brought back for consideration.

Motion: Young Second: Ford Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

Approve Board Review of the Clark County School District Board of Trustee Governance Policy GP-15: Board Committees

Approval regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to Governance Policy GP-15: Board Committees, as requested in Reference 3.03. 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. Trustee Brooks verified that per previous discussions the American Education Week committee and the Community Education Advisory Board would be removed. She said the Board still must have two members serve on the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB), but they would remove the NASB alternative and the deputy director and legislative representative and just have two members involved in NASB serving in all capacities. She said would also remove the Clark County Parks and Recreation assignment and would add the Sex Education Advisory Committee Recommending Committee.

Trustee Brooks stated that at the last School Board Student Advisory Committee, the Committee members expressed that they wanted to make changes to the Committee's structure. She said those changes included having the Committee function under the Superintendent instead of the Board of Trustees so they would not have to be subject to the Open Meeting Law and could have more candid, open discussions and having the meetings being held at different locations around the Valley.

Trustee Cavazos said she proposed to the students how they could be more responsible for the agenda topics for their meetings. She said they also discussed at that meeting having different students participate on the Committee, not just students who are in student council, so there is a wider diversity of the student population.

Trustee Young suggested providing support to students such as transportation.

Trustee Brooks said the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) was considering focusing on homelessness and addressing the issue from a county and city perspective, so there is not a lot of work the Board could do in that capacity. She suggested that the Board should opt out of the SNRPC.

Trustee Brooks suggested, in the interest of ensuring that the Board's time is being used efficiently in serving on the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA), that the five appointments be divided into one Board member on the NIAA Board of Directors and four principals that would represent each of the divisions, and that each division be represented by a different Trustee district.

Trustee Brooks said she spoke with Trustee Garvey regarding her proposal, and Trustee Garvey stipulated that if a Trustee is serving on the NIAA, and it is that Trustee's final term, that Trustee would give an open appointment to someone else and serve as a mentor. She said another stipulation was that a Trustee who cannot fulfill the entire term would not be appointed to a committee.

**Approve Board Review of the Clark County School District Board of Trustee Governance
Policy GP-15: Board Committees (continued)**

Trustee Young said she does not support this proposal. She expressed her disappointment that she was still not able to represent District C on the NIAA as a Trustee.

Trustee Ford said she is in complete support of appointing Trustee Young to the NIAA as a matter of respect for the time Trustee Young has served on the Board. In terms of Trustee Brooks' proposal, she said she feels two Board members should be on the NIAA.

Trustee Cepeda agreed with Trustee Brooks' proposal, stating it would allow for more diversity.

The Board decided the structure of this committee would remain as is in policy, and they would revisit it in the future.

Public Hearing

Robert Cowles agreed with comments made by Trustee Young about maintaining the committee policy as is, and he stated that Trustee Young should be appointed to the NIAA if for no other reason than she asked for it.

Trustee Young said she would like to propose some language changes. She said the language in GP-15 Board Committees, Number 1 and Number 1C is unclear.

Ms. Miller suggested ending the sentence in Number 1C after "affiliates," and in Number 1 adding "...except as noted in Appendix – GP-15 Board Committees..."

Trustee Young said in Number 2 the language should include a reference for "Trustee service on committees" and "Board committee principles."

Ms. Miller stated that the language is meant to be broad as to include any future policies that may be adopted and suggested leaving it as is.

Trustee Young suggested changing the last sentence in Number 2 to read, "The construction and posting of the agenda, as well as the minutes for these meetings...responsibility of the chair or leadership of the organization...."

Trustee Brooks suggested leaving the broader language of just "organization."

Trustee Young suggested changing in Number 3 "decided" to "approved." She proposed adding to the end of the paragraph after Number 3, "All Board and community committees must reflect the diversity of the schools and district communities and represent a balance of all Trustee districts' constituents and their communities." She also proposed adding another sentence to read, "If there is a conflict between Trustees serving on a committee, the Trustee with the most seniority should be given the strongest consideration for the committee position."

Approve Board Review of the Clark County School District Board of Trustee Governance Policy GP-15: Board Committees (continued)

Trustee Brooks said she was in support of the sentiments expressed by Trustee Young but she would not be in favor of adding firm language to the policy.

Trustee Young suggested replacing “must” with “should” in the first proposed additional sentence.

The Board agreed with adding language that says an attempt would be made to ensure diverse representation on committees.

Trustee Brooks also disagreed with Trustee Young’s second proposed sentence addition because she said there are extenuating circumstances but after some discussion agreed with language that states the Trustee’s seniority would also be considered.

Trustee Ford suggested “The president shall take into consideration seniority, Trustee’s desire, experience, et cetera.” She suggested reviewing the other recently revised policies for language.

Motion to approve the following changes: Remove American Education Week, remove Community Education Advisory Boards, remove Clark County Parks and Recreation, keep two Board members only on NASB, add the Sex Education Advisory Committee Recommending Committee, move the School Board Student Advisory Committee to the Office of the Superintendent, keep NIAA the same, and remove the SNRPC if necessary and make the language changes proposed by Trustee Young and agreed upon by the Board.

*Motion: Cavazos Second: Ford Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

Focus: 2024, Student Discipline Presentation

Presentation and discussion regarding student discipline as aligned to the *Clark County School District’s Five-Year Strategic Plan, Focus: 2024.*

Dr. Tammy Malich, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services Division, presented information regarding student discipline as aligned to the District’s Strategic Plan, Focus: 2024, as shown in Reference 4.01.

Trustee Brooks asked for in-house suspension data. She said she would also like to look at disproportionality by socioeconomic status and requested a breakdown of free and reduced lunch (FRL) or students who qualify for FRL through the direct certification process and individual education plan (IEP) status.

Trustee Ford asked that the information related to in-house suspensions be provided to the Board as soon as possible. She requested data that shows the percentage of students who have had disciplinary issues and were later identified as needing additional support or special education services.

Focus: 2024, Student Discipline Presentation (continued)

Dr. Malich said identifying the number of students who are being disciplined who should have been assessed for special education may not be achievable without knowing the student's history.

Trustee Young noted that the American Indian/Alaska Native group was not included in the disciplinary action to support strategies and said all students need to be included.

Board Member Leaves

Trustee Cavazos left the Board meeting at 11:12 p.m.

Focus: 2024, Chronic Absenteeism Presentation

Presentation and discussion regarding chronic absenteeism as aligned to the *Clark County School District's Five-Year Strategic Plan, Focus: 2024*.

Dr. Malich presented information regarding chronic absenteeism as aligned to the District's Strategic Plan, Focus: 2024, as shown in Reference 4.02.

Teleconference Call Disconnected

Teleconference call with Trustee Young was disconnected at 11:17 a.m.

There was no longer a quorum.

Focus: 2024, Chronic Absenteeism Presentation (continued)

Dr. Malich continued with the presentation.

Trustee Cepeda requested a spreadsheet that shows this information broken down by gender for absenteeism and discipline.

Trustee Ford asked that a strategy be added to this document to address transportation issues.

Superintendent Jara explained that for accountability transportation falls under operational and not instructional.

Trustee Ford suggested including a separate area in this document for operations so that all the strategies are located in one place.

Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Presentation and discussion on pre-kindergarten programs within the Clark County School District.

Ms. Jaskolski, Ms. Kasper, Ms. Holloway, and Mr. Ruiz presented information regarding CCSD prekindergarten programs, as shown in Reference 4.03.

Pre-Kindergarten Programs (continued)

Trustee Ford asked for a breakdown of schools that are offering these programs in a map format. She asked if there is any tracking to determine what early interventions kindergarten students might have had.

Ms. Kasper said staff knows if students attended a program the District has through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) but for students who have attended programs through private centers, the parents would have to notify the District. She said they also track those children who have been identified through Nevada Early Intervention Services.

Trustee Cepeda asked how long the students are tracked.

Ms. Kasper said the students through the Nevada Ready preschool grant were tracked through eighth grade as required. She said she would research the other funding sources and provide that information to the Board.

Trustee Cepeda asked for the total number of students served, the number of potential prekindergarten students, and the total number of programs.

Ms. Kasper said on the last day of school, there were 10,191 students enrolled in CCSD.

Superintendent Jara stated that with regard to the potential prekindergarten students, there were approximately 25,000 age-appropriate children based on birth records.

Ms. Kasper said there are currently 452 early childhood programs, and that number would remain approximately the same next year.

Trustee Ford asked if the prekindergarten registration form asks what early childhood programs children have participated in.

Ms. Jaskolski said she could look into that and get back to the Board with an answer.

Trustee Brooks asked what the qualifications were for prekindergarten teachers.

Ms. Jaskolski said the requirement for CCSD teachers is Nevada Department of Education licensure. She said she was unsure of the requirements for private preschool centers outside of the District but could research that and provide that information to the Board.

Vegas PBS Technology Replacement and Business Opportunities

Presentation, discussion, and possible action to authorize a capital campaign for Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC) 3.0 broadcast television and production equipment, renegotiation of Educational Broadband Service (EBS) spectrum leases, and approval to participate in ATSC 3.0 television market conversion planning and spectrum marketing.

This item was pulled from the agenda due to lack of a quorum.

Board and Superintendent Communication

None.

Trustee Requests for Agenda Items or Information

Trustee Cepeda requested information regarding the assessment requirement for elementary school students.

Trustee Brooks asked if Trustee Cepeda was looking for all assessments for students in prekindergarten through 12th grade.

Trustee Cepeda said that would be fine.

Superintendent Jara said that information was provided as part of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) presentation during the previous meeting.

Trustee Brooks asked Trustee Cepeda if her request is for the assessments that everyone is using.

Trustee Cepeda said yes.

Superintendent Jara said he would provide information to the Board.

Trustee Cepeda asked for information regarding how CCSD is supporting teachers who have temporary teaching licenses.

Trustee Ford requested information regarding what is on the prekindergarten and kindergarten registration or intake form as it relates to student success in the strategic plan and that she receive that information now so the form could be modified if necessary for the upcoming school year.

Public Comment Period on Non-Agenda Items

None

Adjourn: 12:12 p.m.

Motion: Ford Second: Cepeda Vote: Unanimous

Trustees Cavazos, Wright, and Young were not present for the vote.

There was no quorum.