

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

Work Session

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

4:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Evelyn Garcia Morales, President
Lola Brooks, Vice President
Irene Bustamante Adams, Clerk
Linda P. Cavazos, Member
Lisa Guzmán, Member
Katie Williams, Member
Brenda Zamora, Member

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

Also present were: Nicole Malich, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office (via teleconference); Dr. Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Deputy Superintendent, Office of the Deputy Superintendent; Patricia Haddad, Director, Government Relations Department, Communications Unit; Cindy Krohn, Director, Board Office; Carmen West, Executive Manager/Director II, Office of the Superintendent; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Ben Mackey, Council of the Great City Schools (via teleconference).

Teleconference Call Connected

Teleconference call with Trustee Guzmán was connected at 4:06 p.m.

Announcements

Trustee Garcia Morales acknowledged that the land on which they are gathered is the territorial homelands of the Nuwu-the Moapa Band of Paiutes and the Las Vegas Band of Paiutes.

Flag Salute

Trustee Garcia Morales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda, except note revised reference material provided for Item 2.01 and note revised additional reference material provided for Item 2.02.

Motion: Zamora Second: Cavazos Vote: Unanimous

Professional Development Training from the Council of the Great City Schools

Discussion to enter into an agreement with the Council of the Great City Schools for professional development for the Board of Trustees and to approve a timeline, is recommended.

Mr. Mackey gave an overview of the work that has taken place up to this point and the goal moving forward to build an implementation plan. He reviewed the 12 major consensus points or priorities gathered through discussions with Trustees as outlined in Reference 2.01(A).

There was discussion regarding the proposed timeline and whether it aligned with the Board's timeline for the Superintendent's evaluation; costs; implementing some of the work or recommendations already made by Public Consulting Group (PCG); how this work would help the Board improve upon their existing governance model; adjusting the timeline as necessary; the monitoring timeline and calendar; concerns regarding the stipulation for a unanimous vote by the Board; onboarding of new Board members; and possible travel expenses for the Council of Great City Schools (CGCS).

Trustee Cavazos requested that when this item comes back for a Board vote on the agreement, that it be placed under Board business items and not within the consent agenda.

Trustee Garcia Morale agreed with Trustee Cavazos' request. She said she intends to bring this item back to the Board for action the last Board meeting in August.

Assembly Bill 175 of the 82nd (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature

Discussion and updates regarding Assembly Bill 175 of the 82nd (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Trustee Garcia Morales asked Trustees to reflect on and discuss their thoughts regarding questions she previously posed related to implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 175. She reviewed the letter sent to the municipalities as shown in Reference 2.02(A).

Ms. Haddad provided an overview of AB 175 as well as the amendments that had been made to the bill.

Trustee Zamora suggested utilizing community meetings to inform the community of the responsibilities of municipality appointees as well as the roles and involvement of legislators, county commissioners and the Board. She suggested holding a community meeting prior to the appointed members joining the Board.

Trustee Brooks recommended that the Board prioritize transparency about the process. She suggested in the spirit of collaboration inviting the municipalities to present on what their process is and introduce their appointee. She said it is important for Trustees to know who to direct people to for questions they may have regarding the process.

Assembly Bill 175 of the 82nd (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature (continued)

Trustee Williams suggested directing people who have questions to AB 175 because anything the Trustees say can be misconstrued. She suggested the Board set up a meet-and-greet to be introduced to the appointees instead of having them presented at a Board meeting.

Trustee Brooks suggested providing information to the municipalities regarding research on effective board members and a resource for their process in selecting their appointee, as well as the ethical constraints for Board members.

Trustee Zamora suggested the Board could provide an overview of AB 175 because it is a complicated bill. She suggested instead of providing guidelines to the municipalities and singling any one of them out, they could provide information via email to all bodies in response to any inquiries.

Public Comment on Items Not Listed as Action Items on the Agenda

Rickeysha Sconiers stated that her son is autistic and disabled, and she discussed an incident in which her son was mistreated at school and not given his meals as instructed and mistreated and antagonized by the school principal.

Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Thursday, August 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Garcia Morales stated the upcoming Board meeting would be a special meeting held on Friday, August 4, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

Adjourn: 5:42 p.m.

Motion: Williams Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous