

Minutes  
Clark County School District  
Special Meeting of the Board of School Trustees  
Clark County School District Administrative Center, room 243  
5100 West Sahara Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89146

Work Session

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

8:05 a.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present  
Lola Brooks, President  
Linda P. Cavazos, Vice President  
Chris Garvey, Clerk  
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; Carrie Bourdeau, Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Diane Gullett, Deputy Superintendent, Office of the Deputy Superintendent; Christopher Bernier, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent; Deanna Jaskolski, Associate Superintendent, Student Services Division, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Unit; Jon Okazaki, Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Robert Weires, Director, Psychological Services, Instructional Services Unit; Cindy Krohn, Director, Board Office; and Jeanetta Edmond, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

**Flag Salute**

Trustee Ford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

*Adopt agenda.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Ford Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Cavazos and Trustee Young were not present for the vote.*

**Public Comment Period on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

### **Approve Appointment of a Member to the Audit Advisory Committee**

Approval to appoint Elsie Lavonne Lewis for a period of two-years commencing July 1, 2019, as recommended in Reference 3.01.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Cepeda Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Cavazos and Trustee Young were not present for the vote.*

### **Board Member Arrives**

Trustee Young arrived at the Board meeting at 8:08 a.m.

### **Board Member Arrives**

Trustee Cavazos arrived at the Board meeting at 8:12 a.m.

### **Assembly Bill 309 Committee Assignments**

Discussion to establish committees to review the requirements of Assembly Bill 309 as it pertains to early childhood education, one or more programs to reduce truancy, and one or more programs of adult education.

Trustees gave an overview of what took place at the special meeting held on July 12, 2019, to discuss chronic absenteeism, pre-kindergarten, and workforce training.

Trustee Brooks proposed assigning two Trustees to be paired with two Clark County Commissioners for each topic. She said the pairs would be responsible for facilitating discussions in the community about how to improve in these three areas, looking at existing data, and identifying strategic partnerships.

Trustee Brooks proposed Trustee Cavazos and Trustee Cepdeda would be assigned to chronic absenteeism; Trustee Ford and Trustee Wright would be assigned to workforce training; and Trustee Young and Trustee Garvey would be assigned to pre-kindergarten.

The Trustees agreed.

### **Public Hearing**

Dr. S. S. Rogers expressed support of Assembly Bill (AB) 309 and specifically of early childhood education. He asked that the Board and Superintendent include the community in this process.

## **Student Services Division**

Presentation and discussion on special education programs within the Clark County School District, to provide an overview of the services and supports provided for students with Individualized Education Programs.

Dr. Jaskolski and Mr. Weires presented an overview of the services and supports provided for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) as shown in Reference 4.01.

Trustee Wright asked for data related to occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech services. She also asked for data from last year related to threat assessment and information related to Secure Our Schools (SOS).

Trustee Ford asked for information related to the number of students diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and how they are supported.

Mr. Weires explained children can present with more than one disorder or disability, but the vast majority of students with attention deficit profiles are categorized under health impairment classification. He said he would provide the actual number of students. He said the support provided to the student is based on that student's individual needs.

Trustee Ford spoke about the need to understand ADHD and offer adequate, comprehensive support to those students. She asked that staff gather new, pertinent information and facilitate discussions with parents, community members, and school staff.

Trustee Garvey asked where Nevada ranks compared to similar states and if CCSD's special education population reflects the same need as is seen nationally or in other states.

Superintendent Jara said staff would look at that information. He stated that a report would be coming forward by December with comprehensive information related to the District's English Language Learner (ELL) program and special education program.

Trustee Garvey asked that data on disproportionality in terms of different groups of children with disabilities or special needs relatable to pre-kindergarten programs be provided to the Trustees prior to the community meetings.

There was continued discussion around supports for teachers in the classroom and Maintenance of Effort.

Trustee Garvey asked that the Board be kept apprised of the status of the \$40 million that was allocated last year for special education in comparison to this year's allocation.

### **Drug Policy and Marijuana**

Discussion on reviewing the existing Clark County School District drug policies as it relates to changes in Nevada law.

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Okazaki presented an update on current law and CCSD policy regarding marijuana as shown in Reference 4.02.

Superintendent Jara recommended reviewing other school district policies that have reconciled the legalization of marijuana and then updating CCSD policy.

The Board directed the Superintendent to bring this policy back to the Board for further discussion.

### **Board and Superintendent Communication**

None.

### **Trustee Requests for Agenda Items or Information**

None.

### **Public Comment Period on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**Adjourn:** 10:49 p.m.

*Motion: Cavazos    Second: Young    vote: Unanimous*