

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

WORK SESSION

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Linda E. Young, President  
Chris Garvey, Vice President  
Patrice Tew, Clerk  
Erin Cranor, Member  
Carolyn Edwards, Member

Members Absent

Kevin L. Child, Member  
Deanna L. Wright, 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; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Danielle Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Design and Professional Learning Division; Roger West, Principal, Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School; Kathleen Decker, Principal, Walter Bracken, Howard Hollingsworth, and Walter V. Long Elementary Schools; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office;

**FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Tew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except delete Item 4.03 and note additional reference material provided for Item 4.02.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous  
Trustee Cranor was not present for the vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-3: BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

Approval regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, GP-3: Board Responsibilities, as requested in Reference 3.01. 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 Tew said her comments would likely apply to all of the items under the Board of School Trustees. She stated that in terms of the shift in the Trustees' role on Board committees from being the Board liaison, her concern is that in that capacity, the Trustee brings a unique perspective to the committee, and the Trustee represents constituents, and a Trustee probably brings a level of expertise and knowledge of the educational system. She said she feels there is also a better balance in the committees between administrative staff and a Trustee and that there is a higher level of transparency and accountability when a Trustee is involved.

Trustee Garvey said she appreciates the clarity of roles in the committees that the changes bring. She agreed that the Trustees may have a better understanding of the system but said she feels it is their responsibility to mentor and educate the public so they understand those things. She said with the Sex Education Advisory Committee and the Audit Advisory Committee, she would be open to having an appointee from each Trustee district sit on these committees. She said the Board could reevaluate it after one year.

Trustee Young agreed with comments made by Trustee Tew. She said District staff has a lot of influence on the committees. She said as Trustees they may want to be more involved; be able to give input. She said she is concerned that this shift does not provide balance.

**BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Cranor arrived at the Board meeting at 8:27 a.m.

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-3: BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)**

Trustee Edwards said in order to give Balanced Governance™ a genuine chance, she feels the Board ought to first go with the recommendations of Dr. Alsbury for one year and then reevaluate.

There was some discussion regarding reevaluating this change after six months.

*Motion to accept with a six-month review to take place at the March 2017 work session.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Garvey Vote: Yeses – 4 (Edwards, Garvey, Young, Cranor);*

*No – 1 (Tew)*

*The motion passed.*

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-4.2: BOARD MEMBERS' PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION**

Approval regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, GP-4.2: Board Members' Principles of Operation, as requested in Reference 3.02. 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 Garvey briefly went over the changes in Reference 3.02.

Trustee Edwards referred to page 17 of 17, Reference 3.02, and said she would hope that the Board would not limit teambuilding opportunities to Board work sessions.

*Motion to accept GP-4.2: Board Members' Principles of Operation with the understanding that the Board would embed opportunities for social dialogue and relationship building during Board work sessions and other appropriate venues.*

*Motion: Garvey    Second: Edwards*

*Trustee Edwards said she was not sure the language "and other appropriate venues" needed to be added. She suggested that it could be reviewed in one year and added then if necessary.*

*Trustee Garvey agreed with that suggestion.*

*Vote on Trustee Garvey's motion was unanimous.*

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-6: PRESIDENT'S ROLE**

Approval regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, GP-6: President's Role, 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 Garvey briefly went over the changes in Reference 3.03.

*Motion to accept GP-6: President's Role.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Garvey    Second: Unanimous*

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-14: BOARD COMMITTEE PRINCIPLES**

Approval regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, GP-14: Board Committee Principles, as requested in Reference 3.04. 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 Garvey briefly went over the changes in Reference 3.04.

Trustee Tew said her remarks stand as made in relation to GP-3: Board Responsibilities and the Trustees' role on Board committees.

Trustee Young said this policy would also be brought back and reviewed in six months.

*Motion to accept GP-14: Board Committee Principles, noting that the Board would review this policy in six months.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-15: BOARD COMMITTEES**

Approval regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, GP-15: Board Committees, as requested in Reference 3.05. 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 Garvey briefly went over the changes in Reference 3.05. She said if the Board decided to have committee members appointed from each Trustee district, it would be added to the footnotes on page 3 of 3.

Trustee Cranor suggested gathering parent and community during the sixth-month trial period that it is being reviewed.

Trustee Edwards expressed concern about the impact of changing the makeup of the Sex Education Advisory Committee and possibly diluting the vote of the community members assigned by statute. She suggested hearing from the committee members and from staff.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said staff would do some research regarding changing the makeup of the committee and inform the Board.

*Motion to accept GP-15: Board Committees with the two language changes as noted and with the understanding that staff would provide information to the Board regarding possibly changing the composition of the Sex Education Advisory Committee and having it reviewed in six months.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Edwards Vote: Yeses – 4 (Young, Garvey, Edwards, Cranor); No – 1 (Tew)*

*The motion passed.*

**APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY APPENDIX: BOARD COMMITTEES**

Approval regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, Appendix: Board Committees, as requested in Reference 3.06. 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 Garvey briefly went over the changes in Reference 3.06.

*Motion to accept Item Appendix: Board Committees.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Garvey*

*Trustee Edwards amended her motion to include that this would be reviewed in six months.*

*Trustee Garvey agreed to that amendment.*

*Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion: Yeses – 4 (Young, Edwards, Garvey, Cranor); No – 1 (Tew)  
The motion passed.*

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2016, as recommended in Reference 3.07.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous*

**FINANCIAL LITERACY**

Presentation and discussion on financial literacy instruction within the social studies and mathematics curriculum for Grades K-12 in the Clark County School District.

Dr. Miller, Mr. West, and Ms. Decker gave a presentation on financial literacy instruction as shown in Reference 4.01.

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND STUDENT WELLNESS IN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Presentation and discussion on physical fitness activity during the school day and the positive impact of student wellness on student achievement.

Dr. Miller gave a presentation on physical activity and student wellness as outlined in Reference 4.02.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Tew asked if the Board would be interested in taking a position on Question 2 on the ballot.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)**

Ms. Miller stated that as a governmental board, they are prohibited from using any staff time or resources to take a position on any ballot question.

**DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 10:16 a.m.

*Motion: Garvey    Second: Cranor    Vote: Unanimous*