

MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
GREEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, LIBRARY  
460 ARROYO GRANDE BLVD., HENDERSON, NV 89014

BOARD RETREAT

Friday, December 5, 2014

8:24 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Erin E. Cranor, President  
Linda E. Young, Vice President  
Patrice Tew, Clerk  
Carolyn Edwards, Member  
Deanna L. Wright, Member

Members Absent

Stavan Corbett, Member  
Chris Garvey, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Paul Johnson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Jhone Ebert, Chief Innovation and Productivity Officer, Innovative Teaching and Learning Unit, Technology and Information Systems Services Division; Leslie Arnold, Assistant Superintendent, Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement; Danielle Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Design and Professional Learning Division; Mike Barton, Chief Student Achievement Officer, Instruction Unit; Jeffrey Geihs, Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officer, Instruction Unit; Jeffrey Horn, Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officer, Performance Zone 10; Lorna James-Cervantes, Assistant Chief Student Achievement Officer, Performance Zone 5 and Zoom Schools, Instruction Unit; Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education Department, Office of the Superintendent; Jeanne Donadio, Director, Career and Technical Education, Instructional Design and Professional Learning Division; Justin White, Coordinator IV, Data Services, Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement; Nathan Trenholm, Coordinator III, IDS – Instructional Data Services, Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; and Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Cranor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

## **ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except note reference material provided for Item 3.01.*

*Motion: Young Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Skorkowsky gave an update on staff's work toward the goals outlined in the District's Pledge of Achievement, specifically with relation to Value and Return on Investment and the formation and tasks of the Superintendent's Executive Advisory Group.

## **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION RELATED TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Presentation and discussion regarding progress of initiatives and support strategies to improve student achievement.

Ms. Arnold explained the changes to the cohort graduation rate formula.

Mr. White presented the high school cohort visualization tool. He explained how this data visualization tool is used and how it can be beneficial to schools in impacting student achievement.

Mr. Horn talked about some of the accomplishments and successes of Green Valley High School. He spoke about the measures they took during his time as principal to address the implementation of the cohort graduation rate and to raise their graduation rate.

Christa Fialkiewicz, teacher at Green Valley High School, talked about programs and efforts that helped Green Valley High School increase their graduation rate.

Kent Roberts, Principal, Green Valley High School, talked about a mentorship program run by administrators that targets seniors at risk for not graduating and next steps for the program. He also shared information about a peer mentoring program developed by a student.

Dr. Geihs noted the increase in Sunrise Mountain High School's graduation rate under the leadership of Grant Hanevold, Principal, Sunrise Mountain High School.

Mr. Hanevold briefly shared what his experience has been throughout his career in CCSd. He talked about the work he has done at Sunrise Mountain High School to improve student success.

## **BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 9:41 a.m.

## **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION RELATED TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**

Mr. Hanevold continued the presentation, sharing the work that has gone on to improve student achievement at Sunrise Mountain High School.

**RECESS:** 10:15 a.m.

**RECONVENE:** 10:23 a.m.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION RELATED TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**

Ms. Arnold presented data related to the District's achievement gap in elementary and middle schools.

Jeff Hernandez, chief executive officer, and Artur Glants, chief operations officer, National Academic Educational Partners, introduced the Cultural Responsiveness Framework (CRF) and engaged the Board in a training exercise.

Bevelyn Smothers, Principal, Lawrence Junior High School, shared her vision for closing the achievement gap and how that work would be done.

**BOARD MEMBER LEAVES**

Trustee Wright left the Board meeting at 11:45 a.m.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION RELATED TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**

Ms. Smothers continued the discussion about the work that has been done at Lawrence JHS toward closing the achievement gap.

Stacy Schaumburg, teacher at Lawrence Junior High School, shared her perspective on what she felt has helped the school toward closing the achievement gap. She mentioned cultural competency training, inclusion, best teaching practices professional development, building trust with students and students feeling valued.

**RECESS:** 12:10 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 12:34 p.m.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION RELATED TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**

Dr. Miller shared Zoom School data and discussed the Zoom School Initiatives and progress.

Ms. James-Cervantes continued with the presentation, discussing the Zoom School initiatives and plans for accomplishing their goals, seeing growth in the Zoom Schools, increasing the graduation rate and the number of students in Advanced Placement (AP) classes and taking the AP exams, and decreasing disproportionality in our schools.

Tim Adams, Principal, Reynoldo Martinez Elementary Zoom School, and Jon Herring, Principal, Rose Warren Elementary Zoom School, reported on the impact on their schools through the Zoom School initiative.

Mr. Trenholm presented AP and Career and Technical Education (CTE) data.

## **BOARD MEMBER RETURNS**

Trustee Wright returned to the Board meeting at 1:11 p.m.

## **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION RELATED TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (continued)**

Ms. Donadio talked about changes in the CTE program to align the courses with the Nevada Department of Education, to ensure that information in Infinite Campus was aligned to the state department's programs of study, and to apply the new Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) regulations to the CTE program. She discussed courses and opportunities that will be offered to students.

Dr. Miller presented data on AP course offerings and the top 10 schools in AP pass rates in the District.

Jill Penelton, Principal, Clark High School, talked about what Clark HS has done to create success in the AP program and how those things can be replicated and modified and placed in other schools.

Mike Piccininni, Principal, Coronado High School, discussed the development of The Coronado School of Advanced Placement Studies and their goals for success.

Dr. Peay gave an update on the District's Operation Respect/Welcoming Schools project.

## **APPROVE BOARD BRIEFINGS**

Approval on how the Clark County School District Board of Trustees are briefed by staff regarding student achievement on various programs, initiatives and other educational issues taking place within the Clark County School District.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said staff is in the process of establishing a briefing schedule for the Board. He said it is being modeled after the Clark County Commissioners' briefing schedule.

Trustee Young suggested having the option of attending a briefing via Skype or by phone or email in the event there are circumstances preventing a Trustee from attending the briefing in person.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said staff would look into that. He said he would like to start the schedule in January on a trial basis for approximately two months.

## **AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None.

## **DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 2:49 p.m.

*Motion: Young    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*