

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 AND JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present  
Linda E. Young, President  
Chris Garvey, Vice President  
Patrice Tew, Clerk  
Kevin L. Child, Member  
Erin Cranor, Member  
Carolyn Edwards, 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; Blake Cumbers, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities Division; Joe Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff/Liaison to the Board, Office of the Superintendent; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Eleissa Lavelle, BOC Chair; Jim Halsey, BOC First Vice Chair; Steve Philpott, BOC Second Vice Chair; Charles Kubat, BOC Member; Gene Lazaroff, BOC Member; Debbie Earl, BOC Member; Jacob Reynolds, BOC Member; Eva White, BOC Member; Byron Goynes, BOC Member; and Thomas Morley, BOC Member.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Cranor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Young asked for 30 seconds of silence in observance of Pearl Harbor Day.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except delete Item 4.02, note additional reference material for Item 4.01, note reference material provided for Items 3.03 and 3.05, and move Item 4.01 to follow Item 3.01 as 3.01a. Trustee Garvey also asked for the flexibility to move items as necessary due to time constraints.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous  
Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the special meetings of July 27, 2016, October 5, 2016; and the regular meeting of October 13, 2016, as recommended in Reference 3.01.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous*

## **BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) opened their meeting and approved their agenda by unanimous vote.

## **ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Presentation and discussion regarding items brought forth by the Bond Oversight Committee's assigned working group on possible impacts related to the implementation of the Achievement School District, as enacted in Assembly Bill 448.

There was discussion related to current and future construction warranties, maintenance, and legal ownership of CCSD facilities taken over by the Achievement School District (ASD).

The BOC and the Board discussed a series of concerns that fall under the categories of ownership, warranties, inventory, maintenance, and construction as outlined in BOC Reference 3.01.

## **TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was connected at 9:11 a.m.

## **ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (continued)**

*Motion to transmit the list provided today of issues and concerns to the Board of School Trustees with the recommendation that these items be addressed by regulation and/or additional legislative amendments.*

*Motion: Kubat*

Ms. Miller advised that this is not an action item and suggested that the Board could request under Item 3.06 that the BOC take that action at a future meeting.

Trustee Garvey asked that the Board hear Item 3.06 at this moment.

## **APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 448**

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the Achievement School District, as enacted in Assembly Bill 448, including, but not limited to, development of a Board position on Assembly Bill 448.

**APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 448 (continued)**

*Motion that the Board request that the BOC discuss the information presented here at their next meeting and to bring regulation and legislative recommendations back to the Board as soon as possible.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Tew*

**Public Hearing**

Jana Wilcox Lavin said Achievement Schools offer an option for families and address overcrowding and quality education concerns. She addressed three areas of discussion. She stated that ownership of the buildings would not change; that the Achievement School operator would be responsible for basic building operations, and the owner would be responsible for capital expenses; and that the building would continue to be used to provide a free, public education to neighborhood residents.

Lindsey Dalley said perfect maintenance of CCSD facilities is not happening now, so we cannot expect perfect maintenance to be carried out by a third party. He said the taxpayers would like to see cooperation between the state and CCSD.

Trustee Edwards suggested that the BOC should hold a special meeting to take action on the motion that was made by the Board.

Trustee Cranor suggested that collaboration between the BOC and people at the state level would be beneficial.

*Trustee Garvey amended her motion to include encouraging the BOC to hold a special meeting as soon as necessary.*

*Trustee Tew agreed with the amendment.*

Mr. Kubat asked for clarification with regard to legislative or regulatory items.

Trustee Garvey said District staff would be available to provide technical support to the Committee.

Trustee Cranor offered clarification that the Board is not voting to ask the Committee to arrive at a judgment but to explore the issues on the record and discuss them collaboratively with the state on the record.

Trustee Garvey asked Senator Michael Roberson to move the upcoming Legislative Commission meeting from December 21 to just after January 1 to allow the Committee to do the work they need to do.

**APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 448 (continued)**

Senator Michael Roberson agreed that some points made here during the discussion should be addressed. He said with Ms. Wilcox's comments, it appears that many of these concerns can be addressed through a memorandum of understanding. He offered to speak with Dr. Steve Canavero, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education, about the status of a revised regulation that Dr. Canavero planned to present at the upcoming Legislative Commission meeting but said he would not commit to delaying the meeting. He said he would work with everyone to revise the regulation if necessary.

Trustee Garvey suggested that the Board put forth a request to the governor that the Legislative Commission meeting be postponed until after the holidays.

**CALL FOR THE QUESTION**

Trustee Young called for the question.

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

*Motion to direct Superintendent Skorkowsky to reach out to Governor Brian Sandoval's office to relay the Board's request to postpone the Legislative Commission meeting to be held on December 21, 2016, until after the BOC has the opportunity to work with the Board and Ms. Wilcox.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Tew*

Ms. Lavelle said the BOC would do everything they can to hold their special meeting as soon as possible and would reach out to Ms. Wilcox and Senator Roberson.

Mr. Reynolds said the BOC does not have a copy of the proposed regulation.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said he can try and obtain a working draft of the regulation or if the draft could be found on the upcoming state board meeting agenda.

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

The BOC adjourned their meeting at 9:53 a.m. by unanimous vote.

**APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 394**

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the plan to reorganize the Clark County School District.

Superintendent Skorkowsky provided an update on the implementation of the reorganization of the school district. He discussed the School Organizational Teams, the strategic budget workbooks, surveys, and training. He also talked about the challenges, including the work to develop a new organizational structure.

**APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 394 (continued)**

Trustee Garvey questioned whether this was the appropriate agenda item to be having this discussion under.

Ms. Miller advised that perhaps the Board might want to take both Items 3.02 and 3.03 together.

The Board agreed to hear Item 3.02 and 3.03 together.

**APPROVE ITEMS 3.02 AND 3.03**

Approval of Items 3.02 and 3.03, respectively, as follows:

**APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 394**

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the plan to reorganize the Clark County School District.

**REORGANIZATION**

Approval on the retention by the Board of School Trustees of an agent to represent the Board of School Trustees and the Clark County School District on issues relating AB 394 and AB 448 of the Nevada Legislature and related administrative matters, allowing the Superintendent to focus on traditionally delegated duties related to student achievement.

Superintendent Skorkowsky continued his report, discussing challenges related to the work toward developing a new organizational structure, the development of a training program for School Association Superintendents and other key central office administrators, potential violations by Trustees of their governance structure, and Trustee requests of staff.

Trustees responded to the Superintendent's comments regarding potential violations of their governance policies and the Superintendent's concerns regarding difficulties in moving forward with the implementation of the reorganization of the District.

Trustee Edwards expressed her full support of the Superintendent in the work that he is doing. She suggested that there may need to be an agenda item to discuss the Board's involvement.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was disconnected at 10:15 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 10:15 a.m.

**APPROVE ITEM 3.02 AND 3.03 (continued)**

Discussion continued regarding the Superintendent's expressed concerns related to the work of the implementation of AB394 and the Board's involvement.

**APPROVE ITEM 3.02 AND 3.03 (continued)**

Trustee Cranor asked for clarification of the intent of the proposal to bring in an outside entity or individuals.

Trustee Garvey explained that she wanted to have a discussion with the Board regarding bringing in community members who would like to volunteer their time to help with the transition of the reorganization of the District. She said this would be a short-term aid to the Superintendent and would only help with those items related to AB394, and they would also communicate directly with the Board.

Trustee Cranor stated that she would not be in support of this in any form at this point.

There was discussion regarding Board directives and requests of staff, the question of a consultant being brought on to assist with the reorganization of the school district, what type of support the Superintendent needs from the Trustees in moving forward with the transition, and what is needed for the reorganization of the District to be successful.

**BOARD MEMBER LEAVES**

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 11:19 a.m.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Garvey was connected at 11:29 a.m.

**APPROVE ITEM 3.02 AND 3.02 (continued)**

Trustee Cranor suggested not taking action on this item at tomorrow's meeting but instead crafting a new agenda item for perhaps the first meeting in January that speaks to the advocacy the Board would need to be engaged in and training the Board may be able to gain.

Trustee Garvey said she would prefer to leave the agenda item as is for tomorrow's meeting so that people who are not able to attend a daytime meeting could hear the conversation and then if the Board decides as a whole to have another agenda item as suggested by Trustee Cranor, that could be done.

The discussion continued regarding an individual being brought in to assist with the implementation of AB394 and discussion of this item at tomorrow's meeting.

*Motion to keep the agenda as written as an actionable item on the December 8, 2016, Board meeting agenda.*

*Motion: Garvey*

Ms. Miller advised that Trustee Garvey's motion would be appropriate during the December 8 meeting during the adoption of the agenda.

**APPROVE ITEM 3.02 AND 3.02 (continued)**

Trustee Garvey agreed.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Garvey was disconnected at 11:44 a.m.

**APPROVE ITEM 3.02 AND 3.02 (continued)**

Public Hearing

Ed Gonzalez said Break Free CCSD supports Superintendent Skorkowsky. He said he interpreted the agenda item as written to be an "assault" on the Superintendent's power.

David Gomez disagreed with hiring an outside consultant, and he expressed his support of Superintendent Skorkowsky.

Stephen Silberkraus thanked Superintendent Skorkowsky for his work and commitment to students and the community over the past two years, and he offered his support to the Superintendent.

Wendy Mulcock said the communication that was held at this meeting was necessary and she appreciated that the public was able to witness it.

Glenn Christenson, Community Implementation Council (CIC) chair, thanked Trustee Edwards for her discussion of what he views as the purpose of the CIC, and he talked about the work of the CIC. He invited the Board to Council's first meeting. He asked that Trustee Cranor not step down from the Council.

**RECESS:** 12:00 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 12:09 p.m.

**COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL**

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the Community Implementation Council, including, but not limited to, requests for assistance and recommendations to the Community Implementation Council, as it pertains to the Reorganization of the Clark County School District.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said he would be attending the CIC meeting on December 14, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

The Board decided to combine Items 3.04 and 3.05.

**APPROVE ITEMS 3.04 AND 3.05**

Approval of Items 3.04 and 3.05, respectively, as follows:

### **APPROVE COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL**

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the Community Implementation Council, including, but not limited to, requests for assistance and recommendations to the Community Implementation Council, as it pertains to the Reorganization of the Clark County School District.

### **APPROVE COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL**

Approval regarding the withdrawal of a member of the Board of School Trustees from the Community Implementation Council, as recommended.

#### **Public Hearing**

Glenn Christianson asked Trustee Cranor to remain on the Council. He said he believes it is important to have someone from the Board on the Council.

Trustee Cranor said given the discussion at this meeting, she would be willing to rescind her letter to withdraw from the Council.

Trustee Edwards said she does hope that the CIC considers the statements made by Trustee Cranor in the letter. She said she fully supports Trustee Cranor remaining on the Council.

Trustee Wright said she also supports Trustee Cranor serving on the CIC. She said it is important for the Board to remain engaged with the Council.

Trustee Tew and Trustee Young also expressed their support.

Trustee Cranor officially rescinded the letter she drafted to withdraw from the Council.

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

Trustee Edwards reminded everyone that she requested that a resolution regarding schools being sanctuaries for students and families come forward at the first business meeting in January.

Trustee Child asked for a list of contracts paid to consultants from \$2,000 to \$24,999 from 2014 through 2016 within 5 business days.

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

Trustee Edwards requested that the Board participate in another training session with Dr. Thomas Alsbury, Balance Governance Solutions™, in January or February.

Trustee Child requested that the Board hold a joint meeting with the Moapa Valley Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB) and the Virgin Valley CEAB on January 12, 2017.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Wendy Mulcock said she cannot take the CCSD survey because she is a grandparent. She pointed out that the parent survey had 20 questions and said it would take 5 minutes to complete; and the student survey had 66 questions and said it would take 10 minutes to complete.

**ADJOURN:** 12:26 p.m.

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