

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CENTER  
3950 S. PECOS-MCLEOD ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

3:15 p.m.

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**Student Attendance Status** (present unless indicated otherwise)

Arbor View HS .....	Jacqueline Mumford (absent)	Las Vegas HS .....	Jordan Lukow
A-Tech .....	Quentin Scott	Liberty HS .....	Maurice-Aime Green
Basic Academy .....	Madison Meyer	Moapa Valley HS .....	Chase Kruse
Bonanza HS .....	Sam Williams	Mojave HS .....	Clayton Fontano
Boulder City HS .....	Kenadee Bailey	Northwest CTA.....	Aviva Lessnick
Canyon Springs .....	Alejandra Nunez-Roblero (absent w/notice)	Palo Verde HS .....	Nicholas Jones (absent w/notice)
Centennial HS .....	Lovely Warner-McRoy	Rancho HS .....	Kaitlin Tucci
Chaparral HS.....	Tanvi Bhagat	Sandy Valley HS.....	Randi Tetreault
Cheyenne HS.....	Elliott Payne	Shadow Ridge HS.....	Emilee Moody
Cimarron-Memorial HS ...	Makenna Osborne	Silverado HS .....	Georgina Martinez
Clark HS .....	Alexis Fenton	Spring Valley HS.....	Aleta Dignard-Fung
Coronado HS.....	Samantha Giannantonio	SW CTA.....	Rosalia Sedano
Desert Oasis HS.....	Anthony Martinez	Valley HS.....	Hadley Mitchell
Desert Pines HS .....	Genesis Diaz	Veterans Tribute CTA ...	Taylor Campese
East CTA .....	Tyler Baker	West CTA .....	Jonah Miller
Foothill HS .....	Alyssa Miele (absent)		

Kaitlin Tucci called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Approval to Adopt Agenda was approved.*

Motion: Makenna Osborne, Cimarron-Memorial HS

Second: Georgina Martinez, Silverado College Prep & Career/Tech HS

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Superintendent Skorkowsky introduced the guests in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Approval to Adopt Minutes was approved.*

Motion: Randi Tetreault, Sandy Valley HS

Second: Anthony Martinez, Desert Oasis HS

Vote was unanimous.

## **SCHOOL STAFFING/RATIOS**

Andre Long addressed the committee regarding school staffing. He explained the budget was affected due to low property taxes collected by the state.

He explained that class sizes will be increased in the 2016/2017 school year in some grade levels by 1 or 1.5 students per class which will result in less teachers needed. The school district is planning internal transfers to fill vacancies so teachers will not lose their job, but the school district will still need to hire an additional 2,000 teachers to fill additional vacancies.

A question and answer period followed. Some points of interest include:

- When asked if there would be more money for teachers, he replied the new salary schedule that is in place for teachers will not change.
- When asked if electives would be dropped first, he replied that the schools will determine their specific needs and decide which classes would be dropped, if necessary.
- When asked about the property tax amount, Mr. McIntosh, Director of Finances/Budget, replied that the school district experienced a loss of approximately \$15-20 million.

## **AMENDED 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDARS**

Mr. Long distributed a handout and explained that beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the school start date will be earlier in order for the first semester to end prior to the Winter Break in December. This earlier start date will result in the school year ending in May.

The cost difference in air conditioning, etc. will be negligible, he stated.

When asked about the Thanksgiving break change, he explained that the professional development days that ordinarily occur throughout the school year will change to include students and teachers to be off school the three days prior to the Thanksgiving break and one additional day (on election years-beginning in the 2016-2017 year-there will be a day off on the election day [11/8/16]; on non-election years, there will be a day off for teachers/students the day following the spring break). Teachers will have professional development outside of their regular work day to compensate for these days off during the school year.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Mike Barton explained that a notice of intent was proposed to the School Board requiring students who take AP/IB classes to take the AP exam. There are two exceptions within the proposal.

- Students with more than 3 AP classes can choose to opt out of any AP exams beyond 3.
- If a parent/guardian requests the student not take the AP exam, then they will not be required; however, there will not be a 5% bump in the credit, only a 2.5% bump.

Money was a concern to most students who commented, since there is a charge for taking AP exams. Mr. Barton explained that the school district is looking into possibly subsidizing the fees so students would either not have to pay at all or have a reduced fee. He explained that the current budget would have to be looked at to determine where the funds would come from.

There was a discussion about AP classes at smaller/rural schools and less opportunities for AP classes in general. Mr. Barton spoke about on-line opportunities through NV Learning Academy and other outlets.

There was also a discussion about AP teachers who do not have the qualifications to teach AP classes. Mr. Barton discussed that data from AP scores has been gained and beginning next school year, this information will be part of a teacher's evaluation; therefore, giving the school district valuable information to use in order to help struggling teachers whose student scores are below 3. He said those teachers will be addressed by school administration, if necessary.

The committee discussed large AP classes and the need for qualified teachers. Students had mixed opinions about this, with concerns toward the quality of AP teachers versus the quantity of data.

### **REVIEW OF THE BYLAWS AND RULES OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Proposed changes were recommended to the bylaws as seen in Ref. 3.05.*

Motion: Maurice-Aime Green, Liberty HS

Second: Kenadee Bailey, Boulder City HS

Vote: Unanimous

### **REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION R-5310, SCHOOL BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Proposed changes were recommended to Regulation R-5310 as seen in Ref. 3.06.*

Motion: Randi Tetreault, Sandy Valley HS

Second: Tanvi Bhagat, Chaparral HS

Vote: Unanimous

*Recommendation to remove Section III, Subsection A and B of the Bylaws.*

Motion: Georgina Martinez (Silverado HS)

Second: Hadley Mitchell (Valley HS)

Vote: Unanimous

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Kaitlin Tucci and Rosalia Sedano shared items from the March 31 School Board meeting.

### **AGENDA PLANNING**

No items were brought forth.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next meeting will be May 3, 2016.
- Reminder about the scholarship application due on April 15, 2016. Winner will be announced at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The scholarship is not limited to Nevada schools.
- Mrs. Ginger congratulated Hadley Mitchell from Valley HS, who is a finalist for the Student Representative of the State Board of Education.
- Kaitlin Tucci told committee members that next meeting seniors will be asked what their plans are after graduation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- None

**ADJOURN**

Motion: Randi Tetreault, Sandy Valley HS

Second: Rosalia Sedano, Southwest CTA

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.