

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
**BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
BONANZA HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 101  
6665 DEL REY AVENUE, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89146

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

11:30 a.m.

**Members Present**

Blackman-Taylor, Jeana  
Charlton, Patricia  
Gurdison, Robert  
Konrad, Chad

Lazaroff, Gene  
Lehman-Donadio, Nicole  
Lopez, Alfonso

**Members Absent**

Earl, Debbie-Excused  
Goynes, Byron-Excused  
Jones, Walter-Excused  
Williams, Yvette-Excused

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1.01 ROLL CALL.

Ms. Patricia Charlton, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:44 a.m.

1.02 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

*Motion to approve the May 20, 2021 agenda.*

*Motion: Konrad*

*Second: Blackman-Taylor*

*Vote: Unanimous*

2.01 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

3.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

*Motion to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes.*

*Motion: Gurdison*

*Second: Lopez*

*Vote: Unanimous*

3.02 REPORTS BY STAFF AND/OR LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Gurdison: I have no update but I would like to thank Jeff Wagner for the tour of this school before the meeting. It helped to understand the issues and the costs related to Bonanza High School.

Ms. Charlton: I think this is a wonderful way to start these meetings with a tour to see the campuses.

Mr. Lazaroff: I requested from the county information on property parcels and I got a partial report back. What I'm looking at is land at each school that is irrigated and reducing the impact of the irrigation water. I have requested some overhead shots to do an in-depth study to determine the cost analysis on field conversions.

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### 3.02 REPORTS BY STAFF AND/OR LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES (cont.)

Mr. Wagner: We are currently out to bid for a unit-priced contract to replace approximately 2.5 million square feet of non-field turf. We have an aggressive plan to self-plant nearly 2.5 million square feet across the district. We don't currently have plans to modify any other athletic fields with artificial turf. The cost of just the turf system itself for the football fields was well over a million dollars. The average investment for the football fields was between 1.5 and 1.7 million dollars depending on specifics. We also replaced all of the lighting at those fields.

We do have aerials of every school with the turf identified. I will ask our director of sustainability, Mark Campbell, to share that information with you. I think that will speed up what you're looking into.

Ms. Blackman-Taylor: I've had a chance to meet with Kirsten Searer from the Public Education Foundation. I'm trying to coordinate some community outreach. This is in the preliminary stages so there is no outcome as of yet.

I would like to thank Jeff Wagner and Trustee Guzman for testifying yesterday on the bill for the bond.

### 3.03 REPORT BY THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES' LIAISON.

Trustee Guzman: The senator is carrying our bond legislation SB 450. Yesterday it was heard in front of the Senate Committee of Finance. There was no opposition. That is a really good sign. I have a good feeling about it. Jeff Wagner and our lobbyists, Dr. Keating, Jason Goudie were so great yesterday and I really appreciate it. It was a very good showing.

Mr. Wagner: According to Dr. Keating he expects today and/or tomorrow that the bill may be heard on the floor of the Senate. It just came to committee last night and came out of committee with a 3 to 2 vote to approve the Bill. There was no public opposition to this Bill and there is broad support. The team did an excellent job. Jeremy Aguero put together an excellent presentation that I now feel confident that I can share with you. I know Ms. Blackman-Taylor had requested this. If you would like that presentation I can forward it to you. Jason Goudie answered several questions on how we get funded and how that funding is distributed. It is imperative that everybody realizes that this is a moving target. Our need changes, how we address our projects changes, and while we have put forth proposed projects, we will of course, if the funds are approved, do a comprehensive analysis of each project before we go to construction to ensure that we are spending the funds the most prudent way possible.

We encourage everybody to be involved in the legislative process.

Trustee Guzman: And email your senators.

### 3.04 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) SUMMARY STATUS.

Mr. Foutz presented the Clark County School District (CCSD) 2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Summary Status Report Revenues and Expenditures as of March 31, 2021 as well as the CCSD 2015 CIP Projects in Process Report as of March 2021.

Mr. Foutz: As you can see on presentation 3.04 (A), the Revenue Total –To-Date section is at \$2.17 billion. We are issuing another \$200 million which should close in July. Our Expenditures-To-

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### 3.04 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) SUMMARY STATUS (cont.)

Date are at \$1.77 billion with another \$176 million that's encumbered giving us a total of just about \$1.94 billion.

Presentation 3.04 (B) shows that we anticipated \$4.14 billion which is what we have been reporting. We obviously believe that prior to any add-on of another 10 years we can raise more money than that. That's what we've been using as our benchmark. Currently we have \$3.75 billion of projects which is that list before you. Our available proceeds which we currently have planned for modernization type projects, is another \$394 million. Anything that we wouldn't potentially use in our technology side or potentially even if we did not purchase land, those funds would be available through a Revision 5 or later on to use on other projects.

Ms. Charlton: We are getting a lot of environment changes with the increase in cost for lumber, etc. Is that having adverse impact on projects that have already been identified or just moving forward?

Mr. Wagner: In projects that are hard-bid the risk is assumed by the contractor at the time that the project has been bid. There are strains and supply chain issues in the construction industry and there always has been. The cost of wood has increased in cost by 400% in the last year. We did not see the impact of that particular commodity increase in any major way. There is some wood used in our buildings but it is not the primary structural system. Luckily we had a lot of things bid earlier this year so we don't have a lot on the street now.

### 3.05 CONTRACTOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY.

Mr. Wagner: This presentation will include information on Clark County School District's (CCSD) use of Minority, Women, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (MWDBE), the preferences given to contractors per NRS 338, and workforce diversity data. In response to comments made by the committee in previous meetings, we approached our peers within the public sector and asked them how they were navigating this particular issue, what they are doing, how they interpret the NRS statutes, and what they were allowed to do. Across the board the response was supportive. There is no statute that gives us the latitude to require this in our contracts. We reviewed the information with our legal counsel and we are publically allowed to support this with our goals and the following statement:

"The Clark County School District (CCSD) supports equal opportunity for minority owned, women owned, and other small disadvantaged business enterprises (MWDBE) to compete for contracts awarded by CCSD. CCSD also supports efforts to encourage local businesses to compete for CCSD contracts."

This statement, while we stand behind it, doesn't have a lot of legislative teeth behind it. I cannot award or not award contracts based on that information. However, we do have involved conversations with the individuals we do business with about how important this is for us as an organization and the committee as a whole. The selected CMAR contractor for North East Career and Technical Academy (NECTA), pending Board approval, has committed to a goal of 25% MWDBE participation.

From January 2017 to the present CCSD has awarded 64 projects worth \$426,477,440 to MWDBE contractors. We currently have 18 prequalified contractors out of 87 that are listed as MWDBE.

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- 3.05 CONTRACTOR WORKFORCE DIVERSITY (cont.)  
There are preferences given to contractors per NRS 338 statute.

Contractors holding the NRS 338.147 Certificate of Eligibility from the Nevada State Contractors Board will have a 5% discount applied to their submitted bid for the purpose of determining the low bid.

Contractors holding the NRS 338.1384 Preferences for Bidders on Smaller Contracts by Local Business Owned and Operated by Veterans with Service Connected Disabilities certificate will have a 5% discount applied to their submitted bid. This preference is only applied to projects that are less than \$250,000.

NRS 338.070 addresses investigation of violations by public bodies; withholding of certain sums by public bodies and contractors; maintenance and inspection of records regarding employees; regulations regarding procedures for electronic filing of records regarding employees; penalty for noncompliance.

New project workforce diversity update was provided along with Clark County demographics. Per Mr. Wagner updates on this information will be brought back to this group on a biannual basis to demonstrate the progress we are making on this work.

Ms. Charlton: As far as the Clark County demographics, what period of time does this information reflect?

Mr. Baldwin: This is 2020 school year.

Mr. Lazaroff: Is this information broken down into union vs. nonunion employees?

Mr. Wagner: This is not something that we track primarily because we require prevailing wage.

Ms. Blackman-Taylor: In the follow up presentation can you incorporate previous presentations so that we can compare that information to current information and note progress? Also, can you include gender information?

Mr. Wagner: Yes. We can provide trending data and gender information in future presentations.

Mr. Konrad: What qualifies a business entity as being MWDBE?

Mr. Wagner: We don't self-certify companies. The MWDBE certification is a federal certification and there is a rigorous process they must go through to obtain it. I am not certain of the requirements.

Mr. Konrad: What percentage of ownership are they looking at?

Mr. Wagner: I believe it's a majority of ownership. I can gather that information and bring it back to you.

Some discussion continued.

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### 3.06 QUESTIONS ON AND/OR REMOVAL OF ITEMS ON MOTIONS AND TASKINGS.

Ms. Blackman-Taylor: Given that the presentation from today included the number of minority contractors CCSD has used and diversity and inclusion plans, can you take those off the Motions & Taskings or do we leave it on there because we will be seeing it again in 6 months?

Mr. Wagner: Internally the staff has made the decision that it makes sense to bring this back on a biannually much the way Rodney brings his presentation to the committee monthly.

Ms. Blackman-Taylor: Because Mr. Jones and Ms. Williams are not here I want to make sure this presentation answered their questions before removing it. They are the ones that sponsored it. Also, Mr. Jones had asked for information on what programs CCSD has used to reach out to minority owned businesses. I want to make sure they are satisfied before we remove it.

Ms. Charlton: Yes. I think that should be reviewed at the next meeting. We won't open it up for addition questions because it has been an agendized item.

I know that Mr. Reynolds is no longer on this committee but is there still any analysis being done on the economic benefit of K-8 schools in the district? Is this relevant with Mr. Reynolds not being on this body?

Mr. Wagner: Staff is looking at this information ongoing. I can't speak to when this will be ready to bring forward. We opened a K-8 campus, Jo Mackey, so there is a real world example that's being analyzed and understood. Last year has not the best year to analyze cost or data but we are constantly evaluating the most efficient way to deliver curriculum to our students. This is a working document for the committee so it's up to the committee's preference to remove or leave this on Motions and Taskings. We will continue to do that work internally according to our understanding or how our schools work.

Ms. Blackman-Taylor: If that's going to be a conversation and we are currently looking at information about whether or not to continue with that model then I would leave it on there and bring it back when more information is available.

Ms. Charlton: We'll leave that on the Motions and Taskings.

### 3.07 FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING.

Ms. Charlton: Can we get clarification from staff as to when it's more appropriate to put items on Motions and Taskings opposed to Future Agenda Planning?

Mr. Wagner: In my experience the BOC Motions and Taskings has been used to clearly identify items that you would like us to bring forward. Future Agenda Planning is not that vehicle. In my opinion those two things get smooshed together in the process. Obviously presentations are a huge part of our agenda. I believe it is appropriate that if a member would like a specific presentation to put that on Motions and Taskings. If member Lazaroff would like a presentation on land needs and how we fulfill those needs it should be added to Motions and Taskings. I would recommend that member Lazaroff meet with our Real Property Management director to focus that presentation on your specific request before we bring it to the larger committee.

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### 3.07 FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING (cont.)

Mr. Lazaroff: I would like information regarding the irrigation on our resource conservation, mainly water, and the conversions of our school's fields. I don't see a line item where we set aside money in the future to get those conversions if we plan on doing those at all. Are we planning on doing those conversions from natural grass turf to artificial turf?

Mr. Wagner: The conversions are not typically funded by bond funds that is why you're not seeing them on the report. The most recent conversions were funded through a combination of GST funds and statutory reserve funds. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, we are currently out for a unit-price contract to replace non-play turf, approximately 2.5 million square feet across the district that also will not be funded by bond funds. I am happy to bring forward a general report of what we have done for water conservation and what our plans for water conservation are moving forward. Our director of Sustainability, Mark Campbell can be available for that presentation. It's good information but again not governed by bond funds. We are evaluating whether we should replace soccer fields, baseball fields, etc. with artificial turf. Some reasons for replacing the football fields with artificial turf are safety factors, equity factors, and the fact that the football fields see more use than any other field in a school system.

Ms. Charlton: Is that something that would be built into the plans for new schools even though it's not related to bond funds. I'd like to have a report brought back on sustainability.

Mr. Wagner: I'd be happy to bring back a report on sustainability. We build new schools to a standard and that standard currently has natural turf. If we were to build a new comprehensive high school the fields at that school would meet the standard at every other high school so it would be an artificial turf build.

Ms. Charlton: So Gene we have this committee bringing back a presentation on sustainability and we will add this to Motions and Taskings.

Mr. Lazaroff: That would be great. I have one more. I'd like to see a report on refund agreements, as far as, what's out there and what is now expired.

Ms. Charlton: Can I get clarification on what refund agreements are?

Mr. Wagner: Sometimes when we build a school we extend infrastructure and if additional customers utilize that infrastructure we have the opportunity to be refunded by the utility for some of that cost. We'd be happy to bring forward a report on the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan and where we're at with those agreements.

Ms. Austin: Excuse me madam vice chair. Can I get clarification regarding the report on sustainability? Is that going to be added to Motions and Taskings? If so, we need a motion, second and vote.

Ms. Charlton: First we want to add to Motions and Taskings a presentation on land needs and real property whole needs and where we stand with land acquisition.

Ms. Blackman-Taylor: Yes and that's pending that conversation to define that scope.

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3.07 FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING (cont.)

Mr. Wagner: We'll bring that presentation forward. I just ask that Mr. Lazaroff meet with Linda Perri to narrow that scope to specifically what you would like to see us bring forward.

Ms. Charlton: Is there a motion to add that to Motions and Taskings?

*Motion to add a presentation on real property needs and land acquisition.*

*Motion: Blackman-Taylor                      Second: Konrad                      Vote: Unanimous*

*Motion to add a presentation on sustainability regarding water conservation and the conversion of school's fields.*

*Motion: Gurdison                      Second: Blackman-Taylor                      Vote: Unanimous*

*Motion to add a presentation on the status of refund agreements to include the outcome of those refunds by utilities.*

*Motion: Gurdison                      Second: Lopez                      Vote: Unanimous*

Ms. Charlton: I would like a summary of the items and reports that are brought back on a periodic basis by staff. Can we have a summary at the next meeting?

Mr. Wagner: We can provide a list to the committee before the next meeting.

4.01 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

5.00 ADJOURN.

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:39.*

*Motion: Gurdison                      Second: Lopez                      Vote: Unanimous*