

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

Thursday, January 9, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>
	Erin E. Cranor, President	Patrice Tew, Clerk
	Linda E. Young, Vice President	
	Stavan Corbett, Member	
	Carolyn Edwards, Member	
	Chris Garvey, Member	
	Deanna L. Wright, Member	

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

FLAG SALUTE

Eldorado High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Bonnie Polley of Christ Church Episcopal performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Young Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

STUDENT REPORTS

Breanna Cripe, student body president at Sandy Valley High School; Ryan Heinz, student body president at Desert Oasis High School; Ashlee Coate, student body president at Spring Valley High School; and Jacob Boulton, student body president at Durango High School, all represented by Carolyn Edwards, District F Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

**PRESENTATION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC TELEVISION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
CLOSE-OUT**

Presentation of check on behalf of Vegas PBS recognizing Southern Nevada Public Television's efforts to raise funds for the Vegas PBS Educational Technology Campus.

PRESENTATION OF LENS CRAFTERS®

Recognition of LensCrafters® for providing free eye exams and eye glasses for students.
Kurt Arnold, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Skorkowsky shared recent activities and accomplishments of CCSD students, teachers, and schools throughout the District.

RECESS: 4:50 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Joe Spencer spoke about an article in the Las Vegas Review-Journal in which he said Trustee Young was quoted as saying, "People do not have a lot of confidence in us as a Board." He thanked Trustee Young for recognizing that. He offered suggestions for the Board to engage their constituents.

John Carr spoke about the changes in support staff employees' health benefits and expressed concern with the information that is being given to employees regarding who is responsible for the changes.

Tracy Fannin thanked the Board for her position as a second grade teacher.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Motion to accept the consent agenda.

Motion: Young Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the regular meetings of October 24, 2013, and November 14, 2013, is recommended.
- 5.02 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.04 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,568,774.27, as listed, is recommended.
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.04)
- 5.05 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$15,978,580.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.05)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.06 **WARRANTS.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum to be presented at the Board meeting, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY – NEVADA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY – CLARK COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM.** Discussion and possible action on the authorization to accept the federally-funded Homeland Security Grant award to update the Clark County School District Police Department (CCSDPD) dispatch communications system to increase the local and regional interoperability of its system through the Southern Nevada Area Communications Council System (SNAAC), from January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014, through Unit 0137, FY 14 and FY 15, Fund 0280, in the amount of \$164,000.00, with no impact to the general fund; and to name James Ketsaa, CCSDPD Chief of Police, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: James R. Ketsaa] (Ref. 5.07)
- 5.08 **RECAP OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to include the Recap of Budget Appropriation Transfers between governmental functions of all funds for the period beginning November 1, 2013, through November 30, 2013, in the official Board minutes as required by NRS 354.598005, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 **CONTRACT AWARD: PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, REX BELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the best qualified construction manager at-risk for preconstruction services in support of the electrical and low voltage systems upgrades at Rex Bell Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012209, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.09)
- 5.10 **CONTRACT AWARD: PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, KENNY C. GUINN MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the best qualified construction manager at-risk for preconstruction services in support of the electrical and low voltage systems upgrades at Kenny C. Guinn Middle School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012713, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.10)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.11 **CONTRACT AWARD: PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, INDIAN SPRINGS MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL.**
Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the best qualified construction manager at-risk for preconstruction services in support of the electrical and low voltage systems upgrades at Indian Springs Middle/High School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012695, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 **CONTRACT AWARD: PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, MATT KELLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the best qualified construction manager at-risk for preconstruction services in support of the electrical and low voltage systems upgrades at Matt Kelly Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012696, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 **CONTRACT AWARD: PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, HOWARD WASDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**
Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the best qualified construction manager at-risk for preconstruction services in support of the electrical and low voltage systems upgrades at Howard Wasden Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012712; and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.13)
- 5.14 **CONTRACT AWARD: CLOCK AND INTERCOM SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT, LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to replace the clock and intercom systems at Lincoln Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012741, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.14)
- 5.15 **CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS.**
Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$11,975.00 to the agreements for Walter Bracken and Halle Hewetson Elementary Schools (Harris Consulting Engineers), is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.15)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5.16 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$151,745.96 to the construction contract for the Intrusion Alarm System, Paging System, and Guard Shack at the Food Service Department (Great Salt Lake Electric), is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.16)

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 5127

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 5127, High School Graduation Requirements, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 13, 2014, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said the proposed changes to CCSD Policy 5127 are in direct response to Assembly Bill (AB) 288, which affects the high school graduation requirements. He said these changes are being made to bring the policy into compliance with the new law.

Jhone Ebert, Chief Innovation and Productivity Officer, Innovative Teaching and Learning Unit, walked the Board through the proposed policy changes.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNS

Trustee Wright returned to the dais at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 5127

(continued)

Motion to accept Item 7.01.

Motion: Edwards Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5127

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 5127, High School Graduation Requirements, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 13, 2014, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Ms. Ebert commented on the work that has been done to bring these changes forward and thanked everyone involved for their work. She explained the changes that are being proposed for CCSD Regulation 5127. She pointed out that on page 15 of 16, item D. 1. should read, "Students graduating are eligible for an Advanced Honors Diploma."

Trustee Cranor asked where parents can access the information that was removed from the regulation regarding Academic Credit for Career and Technical Education Courses.

Ms. Ebert said all high school course catalogs are posted on the CCSD website, thought at this time there are no dual credit classes being offered.

Motion to accept with the noted change of the language on page 15 of 16.

Motion: Young Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AND RENEWAL APPLICATION EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY

Approval regarding the Explore Knowledge Academy application for renewal of a written charter and contract agreement for a period of six years including, but not limited to, approval, rejection, or further consideration of the application, as recommended in Reference 7.03, and for Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools, to sign the agreement on behalf of the CCSD Board of Trustees.

Kristine Minnich, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services Division, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit, presented the recommendation for renewal of the charter for Explore Knowledge Academy.

Dan Tafoya, Director, Office of Charter Schools, Student Services Division, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit, discussed the process by which the recommendation is being brought forward.

Abbe Mattson, Explore Knowledge Academy Superintendent, spoke to the Board about the school's challenges and achievements.

Steve Keener, Explore Knowledge Academy Board of Trustees President, spoke in support of Explore Knowledge Academy as a member of the governing body and as the parent of two students who attend the academy.

Trustee Edwards expressed concern that the school shows a decrease in their enrollment projections for high school in 9th grade from 63 to 26 in 12th grade.

Ms. Mattson stated that their high school program is rigorous and is project-based, making it difficult for some students coming to them in high school. She said what also may contribute to the decrease in enrollment is that the academy is unable to offer some sports and other activities the students at that level are interested in. She said some students leave them to participate in early college opportunities at other schools, such as CSN High School.

Trustee Young asked how the academy balances ensuring students are performing well on tests and meeting state requirements while also allowing creativity and innovation in learning.

Ms. Mattson said this has been a challenge because they were solely a project-based school, and she said what they have had to do is align their projects to a specific course, especially science, so the end product is a mini project instead of a test to keep that innovation and creativity. She said they had to be more traditional when it came to English and math.

Trustee Corbett commended the academy on their success and their level of parent engagement. He encouraged parents to share their stories and experiences because he believes there is an opportunity for these successes to be duplicated.

APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT AND RENEWAL APPLICATION EXPLORE KNOWLEDGE ACADEMY (continued)

Trustee Cranor asked Ms. Mattson to speak to the sharing and collaboration that has been happening between Explore Knowledge Academy and the District.

Ms. Mattson attributed the successful collaboration, in part, to Mr. Tafoya's efforts to bring the academy and the District together. She shared that she attended a symposium where a CCSD school who had achieved 5 star status talked about what they believed contributed to their success, and all the CCSD charter schools were present to hear that and learn from that. She said they have also received additional support with crisis response from the District. She said there was an instance where the District was able to learn from the academy about their technology program and use of iPads in the classroom.

Motion to approve the charter school contract and renewal application for Explore Knowledge Academy.

Motion: Young Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES THE DAIS

Trustee Corbett left the dais at 6:05 p.m.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS

Motion to accept the contract as presented for confidential employee assigned as Chief Financial Officer.

Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Corbett was not present for the vote.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Skorkowsky acknowledged members of the School Board Student Advisory Committee present. He gave an update on the meeting of 12 of the state's 17 school superintendents in Reno, Nevada, to lay the platform for iNVest 2015.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNS

Trustee Corbett returned to the dais at 6:10 p.m.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards informed the Board and staff that with January being National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Vegas PBS is putting together a panel which will be led by Catherine Cortez Masto. She said the panel would screen a film called *Surviving Sin City* about human trafficking in Las Vegas, followed by a panel discussion, and this would air on Thursday, January 16, 2014, on channel 10.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Tracy Fannin talked about technology issues at Walter Long Elementary School and said the students need technology implemented in their lessons and activities to help them be motivated and excited.

ADJOURN: 6:16 p.m.

Motion: Young Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous