

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 24, 2013

4:00 p.m.

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Roll Call:    Members Present  
Carolyn Edwards, President  
Lorraine Alderman, Vice President  
Deanna L. Wright, Clerk  
Erin E. Cranor, Member  
Chris Garvey, Member  
Patrice Tew, Member  
Linda E. Young, Member

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

**FLAG SALUTE**

Bonanza High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Lead Pastor Larry Davis, Aliante Community Baptist Church, performed the invocation.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except move Item 7.01 to follow Item 5.13 as 5.13a.*

*Motion: Wright    Second: Young    Vote: Unanimous*

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Stephanie Williams, student body president at Bonanza High School; Veronica Allen, student body president at Indian Springs High School; and Cole Bryan, student body president at Palo Verde High School, represented by Patrice Tew, District E Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

**RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Dr. Porter Troutman, on behalf of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), thanked Linda Young, the Board, and Superintendent Jones for their past support of the association. He presented the Founders' Award to Dr. Young for her support and commitment to NAME and her support of the association's most successful conference to date.

Trustee Edwards acknowledged that Trustee Young received the Educator of the Year Award from the Clark County Democratic Black Caucus.

### **PRESENTATION OF LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

Recognition of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area as a partner with the Clark County School District for providing many educational experiences to the students of the Clark County School District. Cheryl Wagner, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

### **PRESENTATION OF GREENPOWER PROGRAM, DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Overview of the GreenPower Program of the Desert Research Institute, which provides free trainings, workshops, professional development, curriculum, and supplies for educators across the state of Nevada. Greg Bortolin, Director of Communication and Government Affairs, Desert Research Institute; Amelia Gulling, GreenPower Program Administrator, Desert Research Institute.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Trustee Edwards, on behalf of the Board, presented Trustee Young with a plaque in recognition of her service as Board President for 2012.

**RECESS:** 4:49 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:20 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Christina Cris, Cody Cris, Karina Foster, Polly Williams, Jeannie Espstein, Coleen Sedlmeir, and Emma Williams spoke in support of a Las Vegas Academy teacher who they said could be facing unfair disciplinary action. The speakers described the teacher as a dedicated, caring, and gifted teacher.

Eva Simmons spoke on behalf of Delta Sigma Theta in support of Trustee Young. She said members of the organization were disappointed that Trustee Young was not elected to a second term as Board President and deeply concerned that certain segments of the community would not be heard.

John Carr said the Board is supposed to promote retention of good teachers. He expressed concerns regarding the cost of the support staff employees' healthcare plan.

### **ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

#### **Public Hearing**

Richard Tellier suggested that the District's Open Book would be more valuable if it showed actual expenditures compared to the budget. He said true transparency would be informing the public of how the money is being spent.

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, pulling Item 5.05 for separate discussion.*

*Motion: Garvey      Second: Young*

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

Trustee Wright shared that the Sex Education Advisory Committee is working with outside groups in an effort to get more publishers to respond to requests for materials to broaden the number of materials that the committee would have to choose from.

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

- 5.01 TRAVEL AND REGISTRATION—NEVADA DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA. Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with the Nevada Distributive Education Clubs of America, also referred to as Nevada Association of Marketing Students, for registration and lodging fees for approximately 336 students and 87 adult advisors totaling approximately \$64,000.00 for the State Career Development Conference (SCDC) on February 10–12, 2013, at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, effective January 25, 2013, through March 1, 2013, to be paid from Fund 0279, Internal Order G4447004013, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEX EDUCATION MATERIALS. Discussion and possible action on the approval of items 1275–1276 and 1277–1281, as recommended by the Sex Education Advisory Committee, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REGIONAL GRANT, UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY—WEST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Environmental Education Regional Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to promote environmental stewardship and encourage student interest in environmental careers, in the approximate amount of \$30,685.63, to be paid from Fund 0280, from February 18, 2013, to February 17, 2014, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.04 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – ARISANT, LLC. Discussion and possible action on approval to contract with Arisant LLC., for professional services for the implementation of Oracle Identity Management Suite, to include implementation and design services, to provide connectivity to IBM Mainframe to automate user provisioning and workflows, billed at \$150.00 per hour, plus travel expenses, for a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00, effective January 25, 2013, to June 30, 2013, to be paid from Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 1010001056, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.04)
- 5.06 CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE STATE-FUNDED SALARY PROGRAMS. Discussion and possible action for permission to accept Grant funds for the Certified Employee State-Funded Salary Programs for the 2012-2013 school year to be paid from FY 13, Fund 0279, in the approximate amount of \$694,397.00, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.06)

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 5.07 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 December 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2012, in the official Board minutes as required by NRS 354.598005, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.07)
- 5.08 STUDENT EXPULSIONS. Discussion and possible action on approval of student expulsions according to NRS 392.467 (Board Policy 5114 and Regulations 5114 and 5141.1), as listed, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.09)
- 5.10 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$442,655.91, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.10)
- 5.11 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$322,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 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: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$267,220.40 to the construction contracts to Construct the Northwest Transportation Facility (Core Construction) and HVAC School Modernization at Helen Herr Elementary School (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.13)

**APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF NEVADA**

Approval on an agreement between the Clark County School District and Communities in Schools of Nevada to provide community resources and services for at-risk students at designated schools from February 1, 2013, to January 31, 2014, and for the Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations to sign the agreement, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

Trustee Garvey said that as the District moves forward with more public-private partnerships, she believes the Board should be aware of how they are entrusted with the money, and how they leverage it. She asked that the Trustees review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), specifically, page 5 of 19, Section 19a, and provide their input.

**APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF NEVADA (continued)**

Trustee Garvey explained that currently if the amount to enter into an agreement is under the threshold of \$50,000, the Board is not directly notified of the agreement, nor is the Board's permission directly sought. She said she would like to have a notification process so the Board is aware of the status of those relationships, including growth and setbacks.

Trustee Cranor suggested that the Board needs the assurance of having the contract language clarify and reflect the information that is in the summary documents the Board receives as backup material.

Trustee Alderman said that she believed Section 19a refers to ensuring that when the school is open that school staff is present and everything is functioning properly, and she asked for clarification of Section 19a.

Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, explained that Section 19a is a standard contract clause that refers to CCSD's expectation of funds needed to be able to carry out the obligations in the contract.

Trustee Garvey said she had not seen that clause in any other MOU with other providers. She asked in consideration of uniformity with all MOU's if this section could be removed, leaving the integrity of the document intact.

Mr. McDade said that clause could be removed leaving the rest of the contract valid, and that the attorney for Communities in Schools of Nevada (CISN) agreed to execute the contract if this clause were to be deleted.

Trustee Young said she did not recall seeing this clause in other MOU's either, and she asked Mr. McDade for an explanation.

Mr. McDade explained that this language is a standard contract clause, but not in CCSD contracts, and he is now making this a standard clause in CCSD contracts. He said the language in the contract states that CCSD will fulfill its obligations under the contract, and that CCSD anticipates that it will have the funds to fulfill the obligations under the contract.

Trustee Cranor asked for clarification of whether the District could incur a cost in the future without modifying the contract and having it come back before the Board for approval.

Mr. McDade said that is correct. He said this clause does not authorize any obligation to CSIN; that it only states that if there is any obligation elsewhere in the contract, this clause applies, which there is none.

## **APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF NEVADA (continued)**

Trustee Cranor asked if counsel would recommend removing the clause or does counsel feel that it is necessary to have it in because this clause is going to be standard in other contracts.

Mr. McDade said in this particular instance, since it is of concern to the Board, staff could remove the clause, and he can possibly revise it to address the Trustees' concerns.

Superintendent Jones said that he does want to make sure that the Board is comfortable with the contract, and he does want to continue to be transparent. He said he believes that combining District resources with its partners' resources would be beneficial in expanding the scope of work that could be done, but before that could take place, it would come before the Board.

Trustee Cranor requested that if a conversation needs to take place regarding committing District funds to community partners, that the conversation take place well in advance.

Trustee Edwards said this clause was put in the contract presumably because legal counsel thought it was necessary.

Mr. McDade answered yes, as protection for the District.

Trustee Edwards said she would prefer to keep the clause in.

Trustee Garvey said she would be in support of the contract as it is currently presented, and she requested that the Board be given notification of any financial commitments as mentioned by Trustee Cranor.

*Motion to accept Item 5.05 with the understanding that any financial commitment by the District would be communicated to the Board prior to any action being taken.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous*

## **TURNAROUND SCHOOLS UPDATE**

Presentation and possible discussion on Turnaround Schools.

Jeffrey Geihs, Academic Manager, Turnaround Zone, presented an update on the Turnaround process. His presentation included the following topics: Turnaround Decision Process Overview; Turnaround Decision Process: The Internal Review; Turnaround Decision Process – The External Diagnostic Review; Turnaround Decision Process – The External Review Criteria; Schools Under Consideration for Inclusion to the Turnaround Zone (TAZ); Turnaround Decision Process – Strategic School Decision Making Team; SSD Team Process; Timeline; and Turnaround Zone Support for Central Office Leaders.

**APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 THROUGH 6.04**

Approval of Items 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, and 6.04, respectively, as follows:

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-9: MEETING PLANNING**

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy GP-9: Meeting Planning, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-10: CONSTRUCTION OF THE AGENDA**

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy GP-10: Construction of the Agenda, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD**

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY B/SL-5: MONITORING SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE**

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees' Governance Policy B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, as recommended in Reference 6.04.

Trustee Alderman briefly noted the changes being proposed for Reference 6.03, page 2 of 2.

*Motion to approve Items 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, and 6.04.*

*Motion: Wright    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3210**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 3210, District Funds and Fund Control, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 14, 2013, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division, stated that the proposed changes to Regulation 3210 are being made to move information from the regulation to the school bankers manual.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Cranor    Second: Wright*

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3210**  
(continued)

Trustee Wright requested that the Board be notified if significant changes are made to any school's banking procedures.

Superintendent Jones agreed to notify the Board as requested by Trustee Wright.

Trustee Cranor suggested keeping a current copy of the school bankers manual in the School Board Office for review.

The Board and the Superintendent agreed with Trustee Cranor's suggestion.

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

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3241**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 3241, Acceptance of Gifts, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 14, 2013, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

Mr. Weiler explained that the revisions being proposed in Regulation 3241 are to clarify and simplify language.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Young    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

**BOARD MEMBER LEAVES DAIS**

Trustee Garvey left the dais at 6:56 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING—REVIEW OF AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR FEDERAL IMPACT AID SECTION 8003**

This is the time and place that was advertised for the Public Hearing on the Review of application for Federal Impact Aid Section 8003, and interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the application of the Clark County School District.

No one wished to speak on this item.

**AUTHORIZE IMPACT AID SECTION 8003**

Authorization to file the application for Impact Aid Section 8003, for federal Fiscal Year 2014, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

Trustee Cranor asked if this would be impacted by sequestration.



**AUTHORIZE IMPACT AID SECTION 8003 (continued)**

Kimberly Wooden, Chief Student Services Officer, Student Support Services Division, said she would confirm that information and get an answer to the Board.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Cranor Second: Young Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

**PUBLIC HEARING, INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS**

Now is the time and place to hear objections for the transfer/exchange of 1.4 acres, more or less, of real property adjacent to Frank F. Garside Junior High School located at 300 Torrey Pines Drive, for a 1.7 acre, more or less, portion of an overall 14.02 acres of real property, known as Cragin Park, located at 1020 Hinson Street, and enter into an Interlocal Agreement to Exchange Real Property with the City of Las Vegas, as approved by the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees on January 10, 2013.

No one wished to speak on this item.

**APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS**

Approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the Clark County School District for the Exchange of Real Property and Escrow Instructions, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 277.053, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the agreement, as recommended in Reference 7.07.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Alderman Second: Young Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Jones gave a briefing of his State of the District address. He said topics included the District's path to education reform, and the "Open Book" portal was revealed.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Trustee Edwards acknowledged that members of the Student Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees were in attendance to observe the Board meeting.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Cranor requested an agenda item to discuss recommended changes to the Audit Advisory Committee's Bylaws and Calendar.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)**

Trustee Edwards asked if Trustee Young would work with her on the diversity policy, and she said that would be coming forward at a later time.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Cranor announced that there is a vacancy on the Audit Advisory Committee, and there may be a second vacancy soon, and she said the open vacancy is currently being advertised for applicants until the end of January.

**BOARD MEMBER RETURNS TO THE DAIS**

Trustee Garvey returned to the dais at 7:09 p.m.

**BOARD REPORTS (continued)**

Trustee Alderman reported on the Public Education Foundation board of directors' meeting held last week and on the reception for the Dr. Rick Hess, celebrating the release of his new book, "Cage-Busting Leadership." She briefly touched on the progress of the Leadership Institute. She said the Public Education Foundation is slated to award up to \$750,000 this year, and to raise those funds the annual Make a Difference campaign is underway. She said the foundation is currently looking to move to a new location.

Trustee Alderman reported on the Southern Nevada Public Television board meeting, and she announced that Vegas PBS is the number one public television station in the nation in terms of viewer market share, and that Cyndy Robbins, Director, Programming, Vegas PBS, has been recognized as one of the top programmers in the county.

Trustee Alderman announced that the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Splendor in the Glass event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at the LVH Las Vegas Hotel and Casino; that on Wednesday, January 30, 2013, Vegas PBS would be hosting an inaugural reception for the Vegas PBS Women's Engagement Council at Las Vegas Country Club; and that the National PBS board would be holding a meeting at the District's Virtual High School/Distance Education campus next week. She said more board members are needed for Southern Nevada Public Television, and she asked for suggestions or recommendations.

Trustee Young gave an update on the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC), reporting that the new chair is Councilman Bob Coffin, and the vice chair is Councilwoman Anita Wood. She said that the SNRPC has combined their youth program with the healthy communities initiative convened by the United Way of Southern Nevada. She said areas of concern that the youth program has agreed to look at are suicide prevention and human trafficking.

Trustee Edwards reported on the recent Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) meeting and said an affiliate membership and an associate membership were discussed, and those proposed memberships would be coming through the legislature. She said language to address transgender issues was also discussed.

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

None.

## **MONTHLY DEBRIEFING**

Trustee Alderman referred to the Board's debriefing document and highlighted the areas in which she felt the Board performs well.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Dr. S. S. Rogers, Reverend Fouston Jordan, and Reverend Raymond Giddens expressed disappointment and concern that Trustee Young was not reelected to serve a second term as Board President.

**ADJOURN:** 7:39 p.m.

*Motion: Wright    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous*

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.