

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, February 28, 2013

4:03 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  
Dr. Linda E. Young, Member

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

**FLAG SALUTE**

Sunrise Mountain High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Innocent Anyanwu, C.S.SP of St. Anne Catholic Church, performed the invocation.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except delete Items 5.15 and 6.01, move Item 7.04 to follow Item 7.01 as 7.01a, and move Item 7.05 to follow Item 9.01 as 9.01a.*

*Motion: Cranor    Second: Alderman    Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Regular meeting – January 10, 2013*

*Motion: Alderman    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Michaela Tomchek, student body president at Arbor View High School; Ashton Evans, student body president at Legacy High School; and Juan Contreras, student body president at Sunrise Mountain High School, all represented by Chris Garvey, District B Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

#### **STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

Javier Aget-Torres, chair of the Student Council Advisory Committee, reported on the February 5, 2013, meeting of the Committee. He shared that Jeffrey Geihs, Academic Manager, Turnaround Zone, Instruction Unit, discussed Turnaround schools with the group. He said topics of discussion included committee members' observations of the January 10 and January 24 Board meetings and rules and regulations that the Board must follow when discussing issues outside of Board meetings.

#### **PRESENTATION OF USA SEVENS RUGBY, LAS VEGAS RUGBY ACADEMY, AND JOSH STEVENS FOUNDATION**

Recognition of USA Sevens Rugby, Las Vegas Rugby Academy, and the Josh Stevens Foundation for their participation in the Adopt-a-Country program. Judy Myers, Assistant Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

#### **PRESENTATION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA READING COUNCIL**

Students that won the Nevada Reading Week T-shirt design art contest were recognized. Laura Fischer, Southern Nevada Reading Council member; Marcia Sebulsky, Southern Nevada Reading Council member.

**RECESS:** 4:54 p.m.

#### **BOARD MEMBER LEAVES**

Trustee Cranor left the Board meeting at 4:54 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:25 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Larissa Marcum spoke about her teen-based organization whose members go out to the community to raise awareness and education on teen suicide and to provide support for teens.

#### **TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Garvey was connected at 5:27 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

Terri Shuman expressed concern regarding legislative action on the education initiative. She asked for signatures of those who were in support of getting the education initiative passed.

#### **ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Young    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Cranor was not present for the vote.*

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 5.01 **MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—TITLE V, PART C, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit the grant application and implement the federally-funded Magnet Schools Assistance Program, from October 1, 2013, to September 30, 2016, to be paid from Fund 0280, in the approximate amount up to \$10,000,000.00, with no impact to the general fund; to adopt the resolution in support of the magnet school grant application; to adopt the three-year magnet school plan as part of the District's voluntary desegregation plan, as required for funding under the Magnet Schools Assistance Program; and to direct the superintendent to implement the new magnet programs, as required for funding under the Magnet Schools Assistance Program, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 **MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT—STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE RESULTS AND THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS FOR MATHEMATICS.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Mathematics and Science Partnership grant project, Strategies to Achieve Results and the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics through the Nevada Department of Education in partnership with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in the amount of \$207,029.00, to be paid from Fund 0279, from March 1, 2013, through May 30, 2014, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 **NEVADA LIBRARY BOOKS PURCHASING PROGRAM GRANT—NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.** Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and to implement the Nevada Library Books Purchasing Program grant under the Nevada Department of Education, to assist the Clark County School District in the purchase of school library books for media centers or school libraries, in the estimated amount of \$449,142.00, to be paid from Fund 0279, Internal Order G4409000113, from March 1, 2013, to June 28, 2013, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.04 **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NEVADA HEALTH CENTERS, INC.** Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an agreement with Nevada Health Centers, Inc. for the provision of school-based health services at no cost to the students or the Clark County School District, for two years from the date of execution and for the Chief Student Services Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.04)

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.05 VEGAS PBS - CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING, EXPANDED LEARNING THROUGH TRANSMEDIA CONTENT COHORT SUSTAINABILITY GRANT. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Expanded Learning Through Transmedia Content cohort sustainability grant to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, for the project period of February 29, 2013, through September 29, 2013, in the amount of \$35,000.00, with no matching funds required and no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Thomas Axtell] (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 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. 5.06)
- 5.07 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 5.07)
- 5.08 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$668,966.89, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.09)
- 5.10 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$8,443,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.10)
- 5.11 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. 5.11)
- 5.12 APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT. Discussion and possible action on settlement of the claims of Gary Henderson, in the amount of \$100,000.00, and Barbara Henderson, in the amount of \$100,000.00, for a total amount of \$200,000.00, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Carlos McDade] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT. Discussion and possible action on settlement of the matter of Cynthia Kappenman-Cohen v. CCSD, in the amount of \$100,000.00 for attorney's fees, costs, and compensatory damages and up to \$25,000.00 in back wages, for a total amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Carlos McDade] (Ref. 5.13)

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 5.14 VOLUNTARY RESOLUTION AGREEMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval of the Voluntary Resolution Agreement regarding the U.S. Department of Education OCR Complaint #10121197 and authorization for Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent, to sign the necessary document(s) is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
[Contact Person: Carlos McDade] (Ref. 5.14)
- 5.16 VEGAS PBS - CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING, EMERGENCY ALERT AND COMMUNICATION GRANT, MOBILE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM PROPOSAL. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement a Corporation for Public Broadcasting Emergency Alert and Communication grant to implement a Mobile Emergency Alerting System (M-EAS) program that is compliant with the United States Department of Homeland Security, for the period of April 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014, in the amount of \$162,900.00, which includes in-kind and staff contributions from Vegas PBS in the amount of \$15,000.00, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.  
[Contact Person: Thomas Axtell] (Ref. 5.16)
- 5.17 VEGAS PBS - CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING, EMERGENCY ALERT AND COMMUNICATION GRANT, METRO DATA CASTING PROPOSAL. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the funded Corporation of Public Broadcasting Emergency Alert and Communication grant, with implementation of the data casting project to begin on April 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014, in the approximate amount of \$89,539.00, with no matching funds required and no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Thomas Axtell] (Ref. 5.17)
- 5.18 FUND-RAISING INCENTIVES, FOREST INCENTIVES. Discussion and possible action on authorization to purchase program specific membership/fund-raising incentives from Forest Incentives, to be used as pledge incentives during on-air membership drives for an approximate cost of \$120,000.00 per year for five years, for an approximate total cost of \$600,000.00, effective March 7, 2013, through June 30, 2018, to be paid from funds secured by Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television from Unit 0140, Fund 2200000000, Cost Center 2022008140, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.  
[Contact Person: Thomas Axtell] (Ref. 5.18)
- 5.19 VEGAS PBS – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION AND THE NEVADA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION. Discussion and possible action to authorize Vegas PBS to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Restaurant Association and the Nevada Restaurant Association to offer the ServSafe Alcohol course and other future online courses for continuing education and certification for restaurant employees, managers, and owners; and to equally share net tuition revenues received, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.  
[Contact Person: Thomas Axtell] (Ref. 5.19)

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

**5.20 CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$285,495.48 for Rose Warren Elementary School (Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects), Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts (MSA Engineering Consultants), Sandy Valley Elementary, Middle, and High School (Nevada By Design), and Robert E. Lake Elementary School (SH Architecture), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.20)

**APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL APPLICATION – ANDRE AGASSI COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

Approval regarding the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy application for renewal of a written charter for a period of six years including, but not limited to, approval, rejection, or further consideration of the application, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Dan Tafoya, Coordinator, Office of Charter Schools, Student Support Services Division, gave a brief report on the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy.

Maureen Shafer, Agassi board member, spoke about Agassi's achievements and accomplishments toward reaching established goals with relation to their dropout rate and per-pupil spending, the student demographics, the school's enrollment, and the schools performance evaluation policy.

Trustee Alderman asked about information on enrollment of special education resource room students.

Ms. Shafer said that Marsha Irvin, Agassi board member, has been asked to present the charter's full board with a plan of action for addressing the needs of the special education students as an academy with the expanded enrollment. She offered to provide that plan to the Board when it becomes available.

Trustee Alderman said she believes it is important to have the enrollment projections identified for each grade level. She asked that the Board be provided with this additional information.

Chris Smith, Agassi chief operating officer, said that the enrollment projections for the charter over the next three years could be provided to the Board. He clarified that the numbers that have been provided here are not being proposed as enrollment caps.

*Motion to accept the charter school renewal application for the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy.*

*Motion: Young      Second: Alderman*

**APPROVE CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL APPLICATION – ANDRE AGASSI COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY (continued)**

*Trustee Alderman asked if the motion could include that a report would come back to the Board within three months on the charter's special education plan and enrollment projections per grade level.*

*Trustee Young agreed to that amendment.*

*Vote on Trustee Young's motion was unanimous.  
Trustee Cranor was not present for the vote.*

**APPROVE LEGISLATION**

Approval regarding state and federal legislation which may affect education, including, but not limited to, reports of current legislative issues and events; the development of the District's legislative goals, platform, and courses of action; the establishment of the District's position on proposed legislation; and guidance to District representatives in the legislative process.

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, reported on how issues are progressing in Carson City during the Legislative Session; on education-related bills AB162, AB161, AB163, and SB182; and on upcoming activities in the Session.

**APPROVE ITEM 7.02 AND 7.03**

Approval of Items 7.02 and 7.03, respectively, as follows:

**CONVERSION FROM A NINE-MONTH CALENDAR TO A YEAR-ROUND SCHEDULE, STAFF RECOMMENDATION OPTION 1**

Discussion on converting Robert L. Forbuss, Carolyn S. Reedom, and William V. Wright Elementary Schools from a nine-month calendar to a year-round schedule, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. This option may be considered as an alternative to, or in conjunction with, other recommendations in order to increase seating capacity and provide optimal enrollment relief.

**CONVERSION FROM A NINE-MONTH CALENDAR TO A YEAR-ROUND SCHEDULE, STAFF RECOMMENDATION OPTION 2**

Discussion on converting Tony Alamo, Kathy L. Batterman, Mark L. Fine, Robert L. Forbuss, Charles and Phyllis Frias, Carolyn S. Reedom, Aldeane Comito Ries, Judith D. Steele, Evelyn Stuckey, Wayne N. Tanaka, and William V. Wright Elementary Schools from a nine-month calendar to a year-round schedule, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. This option may be considered as an alternative to, or in conjunction with, other recommendations in order to increase seating capacity and provide optimal enrollment relief.

**APPROVE ITEM 7.02 AND 7.03 (continued)**

Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division, presented options for converting from a nine-month calendar to a year-round schedule. His presentation included Current Situation – Elementary School; Percent Over/Under Capacity; Convert to Year-Round Schedule Options 1 & 2 – Context; Convert to Year-Round Schedule Option 1; Convert to Year-Round Schedule Option 2; Zoning Option 3 – AZAC Recommendation, March 6; No Change Option 4; Costs Option 1-4; and Timeline for Decisions.

Trustee Wright said in her opinion Option 4 is not a feasible option, and she expressed concern with Option 3 with affecting so many students from so many schools.

Trustee Edwards stated that if the Superintendent does make the decision to convert to a year-round schedule, it would be her preference that it be the three schools in Option 1 as opposed to the 11 schools in Option 2. She said that at some point there needs to be a discussion regarding going out with another question to the voters in 2014.

Trustee Tew asked what capacity would be for a four-track, year-round school and for a five-track, year-round school and if there is a trigger system in place in the event that the capacity is exceeded.

Superintendent Jones said staff would look into that and provide Trustee Tew with an answer.

Trustee Tew stated that she would prefer Option 1.

Trustee Alderman said she would prefer Option 1 as well, and she agreed with the need to go out to voters again.

Trustee Young said she also views Option 1 as the best option at this time.

Trustee Garvey commented that of the available options, she would lean toward Option 1 as well.

Trustee Edwards stated that if the Superintendent moves forward with Option 1, rezoning for those schools listed would be unlikely.

**Public Hearing**

Ryan Prince spoke in opposition to rezoning, stating that his community is farthest away from Judith D. Steele Elementary School, and his children would lose sleep time and time away from home if rezoned.

Derek Imig expressed concern that with Option 1 parents will try to move away from the school to avoid being on a year-round schedule and possibly teachers as well. He spoke in favor of rezoning. He said rezoning is equitable, flexible, and more sustainable than the temporary year-round solution.

**APPROVE ITEM 7.02 AND 7.03 (continued)**

Shannon Regin said she and others, as staff members at Carolyn S. Reedom Elementary School, would prefer to convert to a year-round schedule than to be uprooted and possibly sent to another school.

Deborah Meldrum said the options of rezoning and converting to year-round schedules create problems in families and school communities, and she asked where the money is coming from to make these changes.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Garvey was disconnected at 7:55 p.m.

**APPROVE ITEM 7.02 AND 7.03 (continued)**

Jill Panozzo said the District moved schools to a nine-month calendar years ago to save money, and she thinks that the District should not be spending money to convert schools to year-round schedules when those schools have not met the triggers as of yet.

Kristie Pace (phonetic) shared that of 637 families of Frias Elementary which responded to comment cards sent home 59 percent favored Option 1; 22 percent favored Option 2; and 19 percent favored Option 3.

Superintendent Jones anticipated that a decision would be made Friday or Monday morning.

Trustee Edwards asked that some information be provided to be able to explain to the public how the District is able to justify going back to converting schools to a year-round schedule to address the lack of capacity and the lack of capital dollars for building.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Jones congratulated Kristi Watson at Myrtle Tate Elementary School for being named the 2013 Pacific Region Elementary Art Educator of the Year by the National Art of Education Association. He also recognized Jhone Ebert, Chief Technology Officer, Technology and Information Systems Services Division, as being selected as one of the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Technology Leadership Network's (TLN) 20 to Watch.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Wright shared her experience visiting in the schools and reading to the students.

Trustee Alderman reported on the Public Media Summit that she and Trustee Edwards attended in Washington, D. C., and she spoke about her most recent Making Connections event where a parent suggested that the District look at how to empower its employees to come forward with ways that the District could save money.

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

None.

#### **BOARD MEMBER RETURNS**

Trustee Cranor returned to the Board meeting at 8:14 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

#### **EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION**

*Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.*

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

**RECESS:** 8:16 p.m.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE**

Trustees Tew and Young left the Board meeting at 8:42 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 8:42 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 8:42 p.m.

*Motion: Cranor Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous  
Trustees Garvey, Tew, and Young were not present for the vote.*

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