

Minutes
Clark County School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room
2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

Thursday, March 23, 2023

5:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Evelyn Garcia Morales, President
Lola Brooks, Vice President
Irene Bustamante Adams, Clerk
Linda P. Cavazos, Member
Lisa Guzmán, Member
Katie Williams, Member
Brenda Zamora, Member

Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Announcements

Trustee Garcia Morales acknowledged that the land on which they are gathered is the territorial homelands of the Nuwu-the Moapa Band of Paiutes and the Las Vegas Band of Paiutes.

Flag Salute

Trustee Guzmán led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Bustamante Adams Second: Cavazos Vote: Unanimous

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Public Hearing

James Bayliss said his son was arrested two times when he attended John C. Fremont Professional Development Middle School for no reason. He said the learning environment at the school should be evaluated and suggested the funding should go towards having counselors at the school.

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

Anna Binder said she has concerns regarding the purchasing award for Third Party Administrator Services showing an amount of \$0.00. She stated that Data Insight Partners showed information that indicates the District's teacher shortage numbers are more than double what the District is reporting. She said everyone deserves to understand why there is a discrepancy. She pointed out that the District has paid several multimillion dollar settlements because of abuse of a special education student by a CCSD employee. She asked what the District's lifetime insurable rate was; what the District's risk is; and what would happen when the District has to become self-insured.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda.

Motion: Guzmán Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous

2.01 Approval of the Minutes.

Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of February 23, 2023, and the special meeting of February 27, 2023, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** (Ref. 2.01)

2.02 Sex Education Advisory Committee — Request for Approval of Sex Education Materials.

Discussion and possible action on approval to accept the recommendation of the Sex Education Advisory Committee for items 1337, 1337a, 1338 and 1338S, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1341a, 1342, 1343, and 1344, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Dustin Mancl] (Ref. 2.02)

2.03 Revision of the Clark County School District Sex Education Advisory Committee Bylaws and Sex Education Operational Guide for K–12 Curriculum Development.

Discussion and possible action on approval to revise the Clark County School District Sex Education Advisory Committee Bylaws and Sex Education Operational Guide for K–12 Curriculum Development, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Dustin Mancl] (Ref. 2.03)

2.04 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. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jason Goudie] (Ref. 2.04)

2.05 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 February 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023, in the official Board minutes as required by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 354.598005, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jason Goudie] (Ref. 2.05)

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

2.06 Engagement with Sherman & Howard L.L.C.

Discussion and possible action on the approval of the engagement with Sherman & Howard L.L.C. to represent the Clark County School District as bond counsel and special counsel in connection with the 2023 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Examination Audit of the General Obligation (Limited Tax) Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015C., for an approximate fee of \$35,000.00 to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program Bond Fund, Fund 3150000000, Cost Center 1031502060, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jason Goudie] (Ref. 2.06)

2.07 Unified Personnel Employment.

Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.07)

2.08 Licensed Personnel Employment.

Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.08)

2.09 Purchasing Awards.

Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$3,037,000.00 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.09)

2.10 Purchase Orders.

Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,746,070.28 as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.10)

2.11 Professional Services Agreement: Commissioning Services Comprehensive Modernization at Aggie Roberts Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for commissioning services with TMCX Solutions, LLC, to provide commissioning services in support of the comprehensive modernization at Aggie Roberts Elementary School in the amount of \$120,000.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0015054; and for Mark Campbell, Interim Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mark Campbell] (Ref. 2.11)

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

2.12 Contract Award: Construction Services Comprehensive Renovation at Bonanza High School.

Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to Martin-Harris Construction, for the best qualified construction manager at-risk for construction services in support of the comprehensive renovation at Bonanza High School in the amount of \$58,797,134.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0014823; and for Mark Campbell, Interim Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mark Campbell] (Ref. 2.12)

2.13 Architectural Design Services: Comprehensive Modernization Aggie Roberts Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of Bloc9 Architecture, LLC, to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other construction documents for a design, bid, and build method of construction in support of the comprehensive modernization at Aggie Roberts Elementary School, in the amount of \$755,000.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0015054; and for Mark Campbell, Interim Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mark Campbell] (Ref. 2.13)

2.14 Architectural Design Services: Comprehensive Modernization at Desert Rose Adult High School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of Bloc9 Architecture, LLC, to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other construction documents for a design, bid, and build method of construction in support of the comprehensive modernization at Desert Rose Adult High School, in the amount of \$765,000.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0015521; and for Mark Campbell, Interim Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mark Campbell] (Ref. 2.14)

2.15 Change in Services.

Discussion and possible action on ratification of change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreement for a net increase of \$111,006.25 to the agreements for Ernest A. Becker Middle School (\$41,706.25) to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000 Project C0014414, John C. Fremont Professional Development Middle School (\$69,300.00) to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000 Project C0001623, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mark Campbell] (Ref. 2.15)

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

2.16 Approval of Settlement.

Discussion and possible action on settlement of United States District Court Case No. 2:22-cv-00495-ART-VCF, L.N., a minor, by and through her guardian Cherine Archer v. CCSD, et al. in the total amount of \$9,000,000.00, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the settlement agreement, and to authorize Luke Puschnig, General Counsel, to execute the appropriate settlement agreement, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Luke Puschnig] (Ref. 2.16)

2.17 Amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 4291.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 4291, Placement and Advancement on the Unified Administrative Salary Schedule, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.17)

2.18 Amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 4352.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 4352, Military Leave: All Employees, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.18)

2.19 Amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 4357.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 4357, Political Leave: All Employees, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.19)

Focus: 2024 Strategic Plan Update — Chronic Absenteeism

Presentation and discussion on the acceptance of a report as presented on Focus: 2024 Indicators and Results pertaining to SS-4(B): Chronic Absenteeism.

Yolanda Flores, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services Division, provided the strategic plan update on chronic absenteeism as shown in Reference 3.01.

There was discussion regarding including kindergarten students in the calculation for chronic absenteeism; student town hall meetings; the attendance officer training structure; reasons for chronic absenteeism; working with partners who provide additional supports needed to help address this issue; working with external agencies addressing chronic absenteeism and behavioral challenges; and what has been learned through home visits to students and families and the need for partnerships with the municipalities.

Focus: 2024 Strategic Plan Update — Student Discipline

Presentation and discussion on the acceptance of a report as presented on Focus: 2024 Indicators and Results pertaining to SS-4(C): Student discipline.

Focus: 2024 Strategic Plan Update — Student Discipline (continued)

Ms. Flores provided the strategic plan update on student discipline as shown in Reference 3.02.

Discussion was held regarding the concern around the equitable application of resolutions; educating students and families on the offenses and courses of action; the implementation of restorative justice practices; the monitoring system protocol; and working toward closing the gap for Black students who are disproportionately disciplined.

Approve Naming of District Facilities

Approval to forward a recommendation to name a career and technical academy, the Northeast Career and Technical Academy for approval to the Board of School Trustees, as recommended in Reference 4.01.

Tod Story, Chief Communications Officer, Communications Unit, presented the recommendation to name a career and technical academy (CTA) the Northeast Career and Technical Academy.

Public Hearing

Rebecca Gipson, Assistant City Manager, City of North Las Vegas, spoke in opposition to the proposed name for the facility and asked that the Board consider the name the North Career and Technical Academy instead. She stated the name she is proposing is more appropriate based on the school's location and that approving the current recommendation would limit naming options if the District were to consider building a CTA in the true northeast area of the valley in the future.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Williams Second: Guzmán

Trustee Guzmán shared that the School Name Committee did have a discussion regarding the placement of the school and that there would probably be another high school in that area that could be named North.

Trustee Brooks asked what the likelihood was of having a CTA built in the north part of the valley.

Superintendent Jara said the District does have property in the north slated for a future CTA but said it is approximately three miles from the CTA of discussion. He said they must consider whether it is prudent to place two CTAs so close together or whether it should be a different type of high school.

Trustee Brooks suggested that if the District placed another CTA in more of the central area, the word "central" could be added to the name.

Trustee Garcia Morales said she would be in favor of this CTA being named North Career and Technical Academy given that it is unlikely the District would place another CTA in close proximity to this one.

Approve Naming of District Facilities (continued)

Trustee Zamora said after looking at the maps and seeing all the new builds in the northeast, she would agree with Trustee Garcia Morales.

Trustee Guzmán asked Mr. Story to speak to how changing the name now would impact the opening and the branding of the school.

Mr. Story said this was discussed at the School Name Committee meeting and said it was a concern that it could delay the opening because of the branding for the school that had already been purchased.

Superintendent Jara said that because of the branding that had already been purchased, it would be a cost to the school.

Trustee Williams said this school is in her area, and it is disheartening to hear this issue of the name coming forward only just now at this point in the process of building and opening the school after all the planning and all the meetings. She said she would hate to delay the opening of the school because of the students who would benefit from being there.

Vote on Trustee Williams's motion: Yeses – 4 (Brooks, Cavazos, Guzmán, Williams); Noes – 3 (Bustamante Adams, Garcia Morales, Zamora)

The motion passed.

Approve Naming of Portions of Facilities

Approval to forward a recommendation to name the maintenance building at the Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center, the Paul Sawicki Vehicle Maintenance Building, for approval to the Board of School Trustees, as recommended in Reference 4.02.

Mr. Story presented the recommendation to name the maintenance building at the Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center the Paul Sawicki Vehicle Maintenance Building.

Public Hearing

Rae Paravia spoke on behalf of her siblings in favor of the recommendation to name the facility after their father, the Paul Sawicki Vehicle Maintenance Building.

Motion to accept the recommendation to name the maintenance building at the Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center the Paul Sawicki Vehicle Maintenance Building.

Motion: Cavazos Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment on Items Not Listed as Action Items on the Agenda

James Bayliss stated many federal laws have been broken in the treatment of his son and his family because he is Cherokee Indian. He said considering all that has taken place, the Board should start stepping up and taking responsibility.

Public Comment on Items Not Listed as Action Items on the Agenda (continued)

Michael Parra spoke about a generating more planned, organized, and rational substitute teachers through a Title I school mathematics scholarship.

Dan Thomas requested a meeting with Superintendent Jara. He spoke about what he has done for the District and for education and students and about how being dismissed as a baseball coach at Shadow Ridge High School has affected his life.

Rochelle Wescott spoke on behalf of Mr. Thomas and said she was there to challenge the firing of the baseball coach. She said she believes Mr. Thomas was wrongfully terminated and asked that a formal investigation be carried out.

Anna Binder expressed frustration that the Board does not allow public comment on certain agenda items. She said she was asked to help with an incident that took place at Canyon Springs High School before spring break involving a nonverbal, autistic, African American student being left unattended on campus and how he was treated by school staff and police when he was found.

Brandon Summers spoke about the issues affecting teachers and how they are leaving the District and looking for alternative careers. He suggested increasing pay for educators, including substitute teachers, offering a pathway to health insurance for substitute teachers, and being more transparent.

Ed Gonzalez expressed gratitude that the health clinic at Dr. William H. "Bob" Bailey Middle School is now also open to Liliam Lujan Hickey Elementary School and Sunrise Mountain High School students. He said he was thankful for the all the work that has been done.

Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Garcia Morales stated the Board's upcoming work session would be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

Adjourn: 6:48 p.m.

Motion: Guzmán Second: Williams Vote: Unanimous