

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, March 26, 2015

4:00 p.m.

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

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

FLAG SALUTE

John F. Miller School Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Mary Bredlau of Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church performed the invocation.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Wright left the dais at 4:03 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 5.11, line D, Item 5.17, and Item 7.04; note additional reference material provided for Item 3.03, Item 7.02, and Item 7.06; and move Item 7.07 to follow Item 9.01 as 9.01a.

Motion: Garvey Second: Cranor

Trustee Edwards asked that Items 6.01 and 6.02 be taken together.

Vote on Trustee Garvey's motion was unanimous.

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNS

Trustee Wright returned to the dais at 4:05 p.m.

STUDENT REPORTS

Rayshon Slack, student body president at Cheyenne High School, Linda Young, District C Trustee; Emily Benites, student body president at Desert Oasis High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F Trustee; Riley Beck, student body president at Sierra Vista High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F Trustee; and Rachel Martinez, student body president at Southwest Career and Technical Academy, Carolyn Edwards, District F 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

Keely Eshenbaugh, chairperson of the Student Council Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees, reported on the Committee's March 3, 2015, meeting. She stated that topics of discussion included the District's bullying protocol and procedures and the discussion at the legislative session of a possible change in the school calendar.

PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Recognition of the American Chemical Society for sponsoring an art contest for high school students during the past four years. Judy Myers, Assistant Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF VARSITY QUIZ

Presentation of the Varsity Quiz program, which is in its 46th year with Clark County School District providing students the opportunity to demonstrate their academic talents in a competitive arena.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

RECESS: 5:04 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Tonya Jones talked about the CCSD social workers' workload and the impact of losing eight positions due to the loss of a grant. She asked that the Board consider funding the positions.

Gene Collins stated there are no new schools slated to be built in his community as part of the District's 10-year plan. He asked the Board if they felt the children in his community should be given the same opportunities as children in other communities.

Benjamin Schmauss said his son and daughter both have long-term substitute teachers at John Dooley Elementary School. He said teachers are leaving because they are being mistreated.

Jane Heenan said after speaking with and working with CCSD staff, she was told a transgender guide would be developed, but that has not happened as of this date.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Elena Rodriguez expressed concerns about Isaac Stein being assigned to Desert Pines High School as the principal without having the experience of being a vice principle. She said Lezlie Fouchess does have that experience but has been assigned as acting principal at Matt Kelly Elementary School. She said this seems to be a racial issue, and Black and Hispanic principals are not treated the same as others.

Alex X said he continues to ask for the resignation of Superintendent Skorkowsky and the dismissal of Ms. Adams and Mr. Green. He asked why it is only in the Black community there is an acting principal. He said CCSD continues to teach "white supremacy and black inferiority."

David Gomez requested CCSD Food Service Department bank statements for the past three years. He asked why Charles Anderson was placed in another department if he did, in fact, commit a crime.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, noting the deletion of Item 5.11, line D, and the deletion of Item 5.17.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the special meeting of January 5, 2015; and the regular meeting of October 9, 2014, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** (Ref. 5.01)

(According to Governance Policies GP-8: Clerk's Role and GP-17: Cost of Governance)

5.02 JOB'S FOR NEVADA'S GRADUATES 2015-2017. Discussion and possible action on authorization for the Clark County School District (CCSD) to enter into an agreement with Jobs for Nevada's Graduates Incorporated (JNG) to continue the implementation of the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Nevada program, with an anticipated program period of July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2017; at no cost to CCSD; and for Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools, to sign the agreement, is recommended.

(For Possible Action) [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.02)

Strategic Imperative(s): Engagement; Academic Excellence

Focus Area(s): College and Career Readiness

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5.03 MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001, TITLE II, PART B: INTUITIVE THINKING IN K-3 MATHEMATICS.

Discussion and possible action on the authorization to submit and implement *Intuitive Thinking in K-3 Mathematics*, a Mathematics and Science Partnership Project, funded through Title II Part B of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, to increase teacher content knowledge and improve classroom instruction of 80 mathematics teachers in Grades K-3 from public, private, and charter schools in the counties of Clark, Lincoln, and Washoe, with an anticipated project period of April 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, to be paid from Fund 0280, in the amount of \$422,319.55, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.

(For Possible Action) [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.03)

Strategic Imperative(s): Academic Excellence

Focus Area(s): Academic Growth

5.04 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS – DOCUMENT-BASED QUESTION PROJECT. Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with the Document-Based Question (DBQ) Project to purchase additional project materials for the District's middle and high school social studies teachers, for an approximate cost of \$313,994.07, effective March 27, 2015, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Fund 0100, Cost Center 1010035110, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.04)

Strategic Imperative(s): Academic Excellence; Engagement; School Support

Focus Area(s): Proficiency; Academic Growth; College and Career Readiness

5.05 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES – COLLEGE BOARD SPRINGBOARD PROGRAM. Discussion and possible action on authorization to contract with the College Board to purchase SpringBoard instructional materials in English language arts and mathematics for approximately 42,500 students at 32 middle schools for an approximate cost of \$1,481,775.00, and professional development services for approximately 1,220 teachers and administrators for an approximate cost of \$93,800.00, for an approximate total cost of \$1,575,575.00, effective March 27, 2015, through June 30, 2016, to be paid from multiple cost centers, Grant 6668016, G/L 5330000000, \$9,380.00, FY16; Grant 66330221716, F10002216, \$84,420.00, FY 16; Fund 0100, Cost Center 1010057110, \$1,481,775.00, FY15, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.05)

Strategic Imperative(s): Academic Excellence; Engagement; School Support

Focus Area(s): Proficiency; Academic Growth; College and Career Readiness

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.06 SOFTWARE LICENSES, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT – COMPUTER ASSOCIATES TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Discussion and possible action on approval to contract with Computer Associates (CA) Technologies, Inc., for the annual purchase of additional license seats, maintenance, and support of CA Service Management Package with unlimited Service Catalog, with a first-year cost of \$91,200.00 for upgrade licenses and maintenance, a second-year cost of \$117,795.00 for additional license seats and maintenance, and a third-year cost of \$54,400.00 for maintenance, for an approximate three-year total cost of \$263,395.00, effective March 27, 2015, through April 1, 2018, to be paid from Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 1010001057, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**
[Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.06)
Strategic Imperative(s): School Support; Clarity and Focus
Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment
- 5.07 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**
[Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.07)
Strategic Imperative(s): Academic Excellence
Focus Area(s): Proficiency; Academic Growth; Achievement Gaps; Disproportionality
- 5.08 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**
[Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.08)
Strategic Imperative(s): Academic Excellence
Focus Area(s): Proficiency; Academic Growth; Achievement Gaps; Disproportionality
- 5.09 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) (For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Billie Rayford] (Ref. 5.09)
Strategic Imperative(s): School Support
Focus Area(s): Disproportionality
- 5.10 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$848,864.22, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.10)
Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus
Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment
- 5.11 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$6,528,079.72 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.11)
Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus
Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 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. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.12)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment

- 5.13 **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, 2015, through February 28, 2015, in the official Board minutes as required by NRS 354.598005, is recommended. **(For**

Possible Action) [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.13)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment

- 5.14 **ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, ROOF REPLACEMENT, HYDE PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of JMA Architecture to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other construction documents for a design, bid, and build method of construction for a roof replacement at Hyde Park Middle School in the amount of \$195,920.00, to be paid from the Government Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Project C0013058; and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.14)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment

- 5.15 **ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, ROOF REPLACEMENT, QUANNAH MCCALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of JMA Architecture to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other construction documents for a design, bid, and build method of construction for a roof replacement at Quannah McCall Elementary School in the amount of \$62,805.00, to be paid from the Government Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Project C0013054; and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**

[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.15)

Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus

Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.16 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, ROOF REPLACEMENT, J. M. ULLOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of JMA Architecture to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other construction documents for a design, bid, and build method of construction for a roof replacement at J. M. Ullom Elementary School in the amount of \$89,270.00, to be paid from the Government Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Project C0013056; and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.16)
Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus
Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment
- 5.18 RENEWAL OF ENGAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015. Discussion and possible action on approval to renew the engagement with Eide Bailly, LLP, as the independent financial auditing firm for the Clark County School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, to perform the District's financial and federal compliance audits; review annual reports for Vegas PBS in order to meet certification requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and a review of compliance with the Board of School Trustees' Governance Policies EL-5: Financial Planning/Budgeting, EL-Financial Condition and Activities, EL-8: Asset Protection, and EL-9: Compensation and Benefits, for an approximate fee of \$178,450.00, to be paid from Cost Center 1010001060, Fund 1000000000, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.18)
Strategic Imperative(s): Clarity and Focus
Focus Area(s): Value/Return on Investment

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02

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

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-11: PUBLIC HEARINGS

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy GP-11: Public Hearings, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY APPENDIX: PUBLIC SPEAKING GUIDELINES

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy Appendix: Public Speaking Guidelines, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Trustee Edwards provided a sample of a comment card for public speaking she drafted for the Board's consideration.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02 (continued)

Trustee Garvey suggested that the time allotted for public speaking be in bold print on the back of the card.

Trustee Young suggested the phone number for people to call for more information or to be placed on the list to speak should also be in bold print.

Trustee Tew suggested also having the statement, "Citizens are not required to address the Board in person..." in bold print.

Motion to accept Item 6.01 and Item 6.02.

Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GOVERNANCE POLICY APPENDIX: DEBRIEFING DOCUMENTS**

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy Appendix: Debriefing Documents, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE AMENDMENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 6144

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 6144, Exemptions from Course Requirements, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

UPDATE ON THE BUDGET AND OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES

Presentation and discussion regarding an update on the District's budget and other financial issues.

Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division, presented a budget update as shown in Reference 7.02.

APPROVE COMMUNICATION PLAN

Approval of a communication plan between the Clark County School District's Facilities Division, the Bond Oversight Committee, and the Board of School Trustees, to include frequency, level of detail of project plans, and ongoing communication, as approved by the Bond Oversight Committee on March 19, 2015, as recommended.

APPROVE COMMUNICATION PLAN (continued)

Mr. McIntosh presented recommendations from the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) for a possible communication plan to ensure timely, accurate, and adequate communication between the Board and the BOC.

Trustee Cranor suggested that agenda items to be brought forth by the BOC be voted on by the Board to hear that item.

Trustee Garvey suggested placing an item on the Board agenda to discuss issues the Board would like to communicate to the BOC.

APPROVE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Approval of the Clark County School District's 2015 Capital Improvement Plan, to include twelve new and two replacement projects, as approved by the Bond Oversight Committee on March 19, 2015, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

Mr. McIntosh presented the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan start-up projects as listed in Reference 7.05 for funding authorization by the Board. He noted that the District applied for a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lease to construct a new school at Ford and Riley but has not received an answer as of yet so the alternative site selected for the school is at Ford and Gagnier. He said he would prefer the Ford and Riley site but would like Board approval for Ford and Gagnier as an alternate site.

Trustee Garvey said she was not comfortable being encumbered with the money needed to build new schools until she receives more information concerning Assembly Bill (AB) 394.

Trustee Tew asked if it would be possible to fashion the motion so that it would take into consideration legislative action and the approval of the BLM lease.

Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, said the motion could be conditional, and this would also come back before the Board a final time.

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, gave an update on the legislative session regarding bills and actions pertinent to education.

APPROVE 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (continued)

Trustee Wright said the Board needs to have a discussion with the community and with BOC around building schools that would be year-round or building schools that would be 9-month schools, which could have an impact on the building design.

Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, recommended including the following language at the end of the motion: "On the condition that AB 394 is passed, the Board will reconsider this agenda item at the next meeting."

Motion to approve the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan, as presented, understanding that it is fluid, depending on whether the BLM lease for Ford and Riley is approved; that if anything else changes, it would be brought back to the Board as well; that as this moves forward in the bid process, that information would come back to the Board; and that the approval is on the condition that if AB 394 is passed, the Board will reconsider this agenda item at the next meeting.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards requested a presentation from the English Language Acquisition (ELA) committee in May.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards reported that the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) selected a new executive director. She reported on the military hiring job fair held at Vegas PBS with over 200 veterans in attendance.

Trustee Tew shared that she visited several schools and read to the students and was also able to attend some of their school activities.

Trustee Cranor said she was enjoying being in Carson City and working with the other counties.

Trustee Garvey reported on the recent BOC meeting. She said with the new bond program and the construction process being decided, the committee voted to approve having staff look at any changes that the District may want to include in its prequalifying of responsible bidders to ensure that it is lawful and supportive of Nevada families and builds quality and safe schools.

Trustee Young reported on the National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference where the focus was supporting public education.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Young said the Board meeting was well-attended, participation was balanced and diverse viewpoints were shared, Board members were respectful of each other, Trustees put students first, Trustees are mindful of the law, and the Board attempts to be strategic in their leadership.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Gomez said Lezlie Fouchess has not been named principal at H. P. Fitzgerald Elementary School, and he is doing an outstanding job as acting principal.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURN: 8:43 p.m.

Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous