

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, April 13, 2023

5:02 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

Teleconference Call Connected

Teleconference call with Trustee Bustamante Adams was connected at 5:02 p.m.

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 Zamora led the Pledge of Allegiance with the flag salute led by the Clark High School Junior ROTC.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Guzmán Second: Cavazos Vote: Unanimous

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Public Hearing

James Bayliss said if members of the public are able to recommend staff for dismissal, he would ask the Board to consider removing Gerald Bustamante. He said he has information that shows Mr. Bustamante's involvement in an attempt to force him to sign a disclosure, and he said Mr. Bustamante also violated a court order.

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Williams Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous

2.01 Approval of the Minutes.

Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes from the regular meetings of March 9, 2023, and March 23, 2023, and the work session meeting of March 1, 2023, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** (Ref. 2.01)

2.02 Grant Application: Ukrainian Refugee School Impact Grant, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.

Discussion and possible action on authorization to implement the Ukrainian Refugee School Impact Grant, funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement through Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, to provide academic and enrichment services for eligible elementary and secondary Ukrainian refugee students, in the amount of \$87,921.00, effective October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, to be paid from the Ukrainian Refugee School Impact Grant, Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Dustin Mancl] (Ref. 2.02)

2.03 Grant Application: Designated STEM Schools Grant, Walter Bracken Elementary School, Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology.

Discussion and possible action on authorization to utilize funds made available through the Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology with a Designated Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Schools Grant to provide STEM-related professional learning and planning opportunities for educators at Walter Bracken Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$24,652.00, to be paid from the Designated STEM Schools Grant, Fund 0279, from April 14, 2023, through June 30, 2023, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Deanna Jaskolski] (Ref. 2.03)

2.04 Grant Application: Designated STEM Schools Grant, Roger D. Gehring Academy of Science and Technology, Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology.

Discussion and possible action on authorization to utilize funds made available through the Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology with a Designated Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Schools Grant to provide STEM-related professional learning and planning opportunities for educators at Roger D. Gehring Academy of Science and Technology, in an amount not to exceed \$24,261.00, to be paid from the Designated STEM Schools Grant, Fund 0279, from April 14, 2023, through June 30, 2023, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Deanna Jaskolski] (Ref. 2.04)

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

2.05 Focus: 2024 Strategic Plan Update — Chronic Absenteeism.

Acceptance of a report as presented on Focus: 2024 Indicators and Results pertaining to SS-4(B): Chronic Absenteeism. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 2.05) *(According to Governance Policy B/SE-3: Board Report and Progress Monitoring) B/SE-4: Board Report Content, B/SE-6: Board Report Schedule, and B/SE-7 Response to Board Report)*

2.06 Focus: 2024 Strategic Plan Update — Student Discipline.

Acceptance of a report as presented on Focus: 2024 Indicators and Results pertaining to SS-4(C): Student Discipline. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Barton] (Ref. 2.06) *(According to Governance Policy B/SE-3: Board Report and Progress Monitoring) B/SE-4: Board Report Content, B/SE-6: Board Report Schedule, and B/SE-7 Response to Board Report)*

2.07 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. 2.07)

2.08 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. 2.08)

2.09 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. 2.09)

2.10 Licensed Personnel Dismissal Recommendation.

Discussion and resolution to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissal of licensed personnel, as listed, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.10)

2.11 Purchasing Awards.

Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$159,492,145.10 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.11)

2.12 Purchase Orders.

Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$2,209,618.03 as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.12)

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

2.13 Architectural Design Services: School Replacement at Walter Bracken Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of KNIT, to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other construction documents for a design, bid, and build method of construction to replace the elementary school at Walter Bracken Elementary School, in the amount of \$1,036,047.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0001646; 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: School Replacement at Cyril Wengert Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of Ethos Three Architecture, 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 elementary school replacement at Cyril Wenger Elementary School, in the amount of \$1,057,355.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0001650; 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 Architectural Design Services: Comprehensive Modernization at Desert Rose High School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of IZ Design Studio, 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 High School, in the amount of \$427,530.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0015069; 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. 2.15)

2.16 Contract Award: Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Upgrade at Rancho High School.

Discussion and possible action on approval of award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrade at Rancho High School in the amount of \$2,431,000.00 to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C00015440; 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. 2.16)

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

2.17 Professional Services Agreement: Commissioning Services Comprehensive Modernization at Desert Rose Adult High School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for commissioning services with BCC Management, Inc., in support of the comprehensive modernization at Desert Rose Adult High School in the amount of \$160,400.00, 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. 2.17)

2.18 Professional Services Agreement: Commissioning Services Comprehensive Modernization at Desert Rose High School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for commissioning services with Henderson Building Solutions, LLC, to provide commissioning services in support of the comprehensive modernization at Desert Rose High School in the amount of \$89,000.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0015069; 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. 2.18)

2.19 Professional Services Agreement: Commissioning Services Auxiliary Gym and Elementary Classroom Addition at Laughlin Junior/Senior High School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for commissioning services with BCC Management, Inc., to provide commissioning services in support of the auxiliary gym and elementary classroom addition at Laughlin Junior/Senior High School in the amount of \$69,800.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0015935; 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. 2.19)

2.20 Professional Services Agreement: Commissioning Services School Replacement at Red Rock Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for commissioning services with Henderson Building Solutions LLC to provide commissioning services in support of school replacement at Red Rock Elementary School in the amount of \$126,500.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0001641; 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. 2.20)

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

2.21 Professional Services Agreement: Commissioning Services Replace Elementary School at Ruby S. Thomas Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for commissioning services with Henderson Building Solutions, LLC, to provide commissioning services to replace the elementary school at Ruby S. Thomas Elementary School in the amount of \$129,650.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0001635; 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. 2.21)

2.22 Professional Services Agreement: Commissioning Services New School at St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for commissioning services with Henderson Building Solutions, LLC, in support of the partnership with St. Jude's Ranch for Children to build and operate a new school in the amount of \$64,570.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0001671; 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. 2.22)

2.23 Grant of Easement to Southwest Gas Corporation at Clark County School District Family Support Center.

Discussion and possible action on approval of an easement to Southwest Gas Corporation at the Clark County School District Family Support Center at 1720 South Maryland Parkway, to install and maintain a natural gas pipeline or pipelines and appurtenances; in conjunction with the construction activities, across, over, under and through the property, 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. 2.23)

2.24 Grant of Easement to Southwest Gas Corporation at Global Community High School.

Discussion and possible action on approval of an easement to Southwest Gas Corporation at Global Community High School, to install and maintain a natural gas pipeline or pipelines and appurtenances; in conjunction with the construction activities, across, over, under and through the property, 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. 2.24)

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)

2.25 Approval of Settlement.

Discussion and possible action on settlement of H.W. and B.W., as parents/guardians of H.W. against the Clark County School District, in the total amount of \$1,400,000.00, 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. 2.25)

2.26 Memorandum of Agreement Between the Clark County School District and 100 Black Men of Las Vegas.

Discussion and possible action on approval of an agreement between the Clark County School District and 100 Black Men of Las Vegas to provide mentoring programming, from April 14, 2023, through April 14, 2026, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Shana Rafalski] (Ref. 2.26)

Approve 2023-2024 Tentative Budget

Approval on the development and adoption of the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget, and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to file as required by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 354.596; authorization for the superintendent to initiate a reduction in force, if necessary, because of lack of work or lack of money, per NRS 288.150(3)(b); and acceptance of a report as presented on Focus: 2024 Indicators and Results pertaining to SFMF-2(C): Unassigned Ending Fund Balance, as recommended in Reference 3.01.

Jason Goudie, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Unit, presented the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget as shown in Reference 3.01.

There was discussion related to the projected enrollment information the District receives; the differences between the operational costs for new schools and the bond costs for new school construction; how school sites budget and guidelines and requirements they must meet; the District's ending fund balance and school carryover balances; testing and assessment programs; more detailed budget information available on Open Book; the funding for Zoom and Victory schools; the definition of the new "at-risk" category; community feedback on the use of the Data Dashboard; the District having met all guidelines and timelines related to the Governor's executive order for school districts to provide their financial audit information; tools available to the public to view District financial information, including Open Book, BoardDocs®, and the data dashboard; how the amount of money that is provided to school districts to educate a student is determined; and what components must be negotiated in collective bargaining agreements.

Motion that the Board direct Mr. Goudie to file this report.

Motion: Williams Second: Guzmán

Approve 2023-2024 Tentative Budget (continued)

Trustee Guzmán added "...as presented" to the motion.

Vote on Trustee Williams's motion was unanimous.

Legislative Update

Update and discussion regarding state legislation related to education, including, but not limited to: current legislation and the District's position; and guidance to the superintendent and legislative staff.

Tod Story, Chief Communications Officer, Communications Unit, and Patricia Haddad, Director, Government Relations Department, Communications Unit, provided an update on the legislative session.

There was some discussion regarding the process of determining that the District's position would be neutral on a given bill, and how the District might change its position on a bill from neutral to supporting or opposing.

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

Isabella Campos spoke about the need for water access in schools and said water refilling stations are needed. She said without the refilling stations, students would be forced to drink from unsanitary water fountains.

Katelyn Fisk and Blake Eecklor spoke about CCSD Regulation 5127 and said they believe the GPA cap only has a negligible to nonexistent effect on improving students' mental health. They noted that the GPA cap went into effect beginning with the class of 2024, impacting students who have already worked so hard.

Robert Garcia stated access to clean water is not only a basic human right, but also a critical factor in ensuring students thrive academically. He spoke about how students could be negatively impacted if they do not have access to clean drinking water.

Adrian Amparan expressed his support for ensuring that students have access to clean water. He said installing water refilling stations is imperative and would provide students with a more hygienic and convenient way of hydrating as opposed to traditional water fountains.

Lily Burickson shared information about a math program created by Carnegie Mellon University professor Po-Shen Loh. She talked about how students could benefit from the math program and the work he is doing to help students.

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

Albert Tew said his son participated in junior varsity football and was asked to pay \$400 for sports equipment and said his son got the impression that he would not be allowed to play if the fee was not paid. He said students having to pay high fees to play a sport that they love in a public school is not right. He disagreed with the academic standards for CCSD students and said the standards are lackadaisical. He said these policies are not helping students and need to be reassessed.

Edgar (phonetic) and Valerie McDonald spoke about an incident in which their granddaughter was attacked at school and what happened following that incident. They said as it stands, their granddaughter cannot go back to that school, nor can she reenroll in a school close to their home because of an address on a driver license. They expressed that they would like to consider a distance learning option.

Vicki Kreidel talked about placing more of a focus on teacher retention and said focusing on teacher recruitment before fixing the retention problem will bring in new teachers who will later leave. She spoke about how the Time for 20 initiative would benefit educators and schools. She expressed appreciation for the use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds to pay for the English Language Acquisition & Development (ELAD) certification.

Diana Bernabe spoke in support of CCSD allocating funds to install water bottle refilling stations at schools to provide water access to all students. She said as temperatures rise it is essential for students to have access to water at school. She said right now if students want water, they must pay for bottled water in the vending machines.

Coco Zhang spoke about the need for access to water in CCSD schools. She said water fountains are often dirty and unsanitary. She said this is an opportunity to teach children about the importance of conservation and sustainable practices and the importance of hydration as it relates to success in school. She suggested giving students access to refillable water stations and allocating money from government grants to provide the stations.

Jeslyn Cho asked that the youth be allowed to be part of the conversation, and she asked that the District provide refillable water stations on campuses. She said this is not a trivial issue with only 9 percent of plastic being recycled; with the drought affecting the entire state; and with the increasing heatwaves.

Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Thursday, April 27, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Garcia Morales stated the upcoming meeting of the Board would be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 6:56 p.m.

Motion: Williams Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous