

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, April 24, 2014

4:00 p.m.

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

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was connected at 4:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Western High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Lead Pastor Marty Williams of Community Church at Anthem performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 7.07, note revised confidential reference material for Item 5.05, additional reference material for Item 7.05, and the addition of reference material for Item 7.06.

Motion: Young Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Tew and Trustee Wright were not present for the vote.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Wright Arrived at the Board meeting at 4:07 p.m.

STUDENT REPORTS

Breanna Valdespino, student body vice president at Canyon Springs High School; Erika Carrera, student body president at Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy; Isabella Munguia, student body present at Western High School; and Deanna Konopka, student body president at Cimarron-Memorial High School, all represented by Linda E. Young, District C 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

Samantha Wolk, chair of the Student Council Advisory Committee to the Board of School Trustees, reported on the Committee's April 1, 2014, meeting. She stated that the main topic of discussion was the Open Meeting Law (OML) and its impact on the Committee. She said they also discussed their concerns about lowering the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) standards and having broader access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

PRESENTATION OF EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF NEVADA

Recognition of Epilepsy Foundation of Nevada for providing a variety of services for Clark County School District for over three years. Debbie Tomasetti, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF WILLIAM "BILL" ENDOW FOUNDATION

Presentation of recipients of the William "Bill" Endow Scholarship by the Asian Chamber of Commerce. Caryl Suzuki, Director, William "Bill" Endow Foundation.

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: 5:06 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:45 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Tew was connected at 5:46 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Lou Filardo said the book *Hostile Fire: The Life and Death of Lt. Sharon A. Lane* should be included in the CCSD curriculum. He said he received a response that the book would be made available to teachers as supplemental reading material. He disagreed with that response.

Elena Rodriguez spoke about the bullying of students and staff in the District. She said she is looking forward to the Board and the Superintendent addressing this issue.

Serena Koerner said she previously requested information on the Turnaround Schools and said she received a response, but some questions still remain unanswered. She provided a copy of her questions to the Board.

Gene Collins said some of his concerns regarding African-American youth and school administrators have been alleviated after speaking to the Superintendent regarding the Pledge of Achievement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Eri Kronin spoke about the mental health screening program AB 386, and she asked whether CCSD has submitted the report required by AB 386 and when it would be available to the public.

Jo Stephens said she shared a concern on March 20 and has since been subjected to intimidation, harassment, and retaliation by administrators. She said CCSD's anti-bullying campaign should be modeled by adults.

Juanita Simpson shared her concerns regarding the District's budget.

Jason Lamberth said he expects the Superintendent to share the findings of the anti-bullying taskforce at the May 8 Board meeting. He said external input is important for this internal taskforce to be effective. He said he has met with numerous District staff members, and he still has unanswered questions.

Daniel Lincoln expressed disappointment in Superintendent Skorkowsky's reaction to circumstances surrounding incidents of bullying with relation to his niece. He said he is looking forward to how the Superintendent handles the recommendations from the anti-bullying taskforce.

Tracy Fannin said she is being subjected to harassment and bullying, and she asked for the Board's help.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Trustee Young said Item 5.15 would be pulled from the consent agenda due to a calculation error and would be brought back at a later date.

Motion to delete Item 5.15 from the consent agenda.

Motion: Young Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the special meeting of February 5, 2014, and the regular meeting of February 13, 2014, is recommended. (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 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: Mike Barton] (Ref. 5.02)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.03 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.04 NONRENEWAL OF PROBATIONARY UNIFIED CONTRACTS. Discussion and possible action on approval to notify probationary unified employees of nonrenewal of probationary unified contracts, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.04)
- 5.05 NONRENEWAL OF PROBATIONARY LICENSED CONTRACTS. Discussion and possible action on approval to notify probationary licensed employees of nonrenewal of contracts, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Reference material will be provided.) (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$633,710.77, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$1,956,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.07)
- 5.08 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: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 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 and professional development services in English language arts and mathematics serving approximately 42,500 students at 32 middle schools at an approximate cost of \$39.31 for instructional materials per student totaling approximately \$1,670,527.00 to include professional development for approximately 1,220 teachers and administrators at an approximate cost of \$133.52 per person totaling approximately \$162,900.00, and to purchase English language arts and mathematics ancillary materials for 32 middle schools at a cost of \$150,000.00, for an approximate total cost of \$1,983,427.00, to be paid from multiple cost centers: Grant 6668015, G/L 5330000000, \$16,290.00, FY 15; Grant 66330221715, F10002213, \$146,610.00, FY 15; and Cost Center 101005811, \$1,820,527.00, FY 15, effective August 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.09)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.10 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCING AND POLICY. Discussion and possible action to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, and the Clark County School District for contract authority for a total not to exceed \$24,264,364.00, for the contract term from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2018, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Pat Skorkowsky, to sign the agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.10)
- 5.11 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BY AND BETWEEN CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IMMUNIZE NEVADA. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Immunize Nevada to establish a partnership with the Clark County School District (CCSD) for the provision of health promotion and immunization services to CCSD students, and children requiring immunizations for enrollment in a CCSD school at no cost to the students or the Clark County School District, from April 25, 2014, through June 30, 2019, and for Kimberly Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 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 March 1, 2014, through March 31, 2014, in the official Board minutes as required by NRS 354.598005, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY EASEMENT DESERT PINES HIGH SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant and convey to the City of Las Vegas a traffic signal and pedestrian walkway easement for the perpetual right to erect, operate, add to, maintain, renew, and remove traffic control lines, poles, and appurtenances thereto, for traffic control purposes upon, over, under, and across the right of ingress and egress to and over; together with permission to cut and trim brush and trees as deemed reasonably necessary to insure the safe and proper maintenance and operation of said lines, poles, and appurtenances at the southeast corner of Washington Avenue and Sandhill Road; and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.13)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5.14 **CONTRACT AWARD: REPLACEMENT OF SANITARY SEWER LINES, JAMES CASHMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the replacement of the sanitary sewer lines at James Cashman Middle School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012913, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.14)

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5150

Discussion and possible action on approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 5150, Health and Welfare: Students, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Young Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5152

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 5152, Child Abuse or Neglect, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 22, 2014, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, said the proposed changes to Regulation 5152 for the Board to consider are the deletion of previously submitted language in Section IV and the addition of alternate language.

Trustee Tew said she would like to have the regulation include references to definitions or an appendix for readers to be able to understand the language in the regulation.

Mr. McDade said staff could include definitions. He explained that this regulation is formal because it includes instructions to staff on how to comply with the law. He offered that staff could provide a more colloquial explanation for parents that would work with the regulation.

Trustee Tew asked if it was possible to make the staff training accessible to parents.

Mr. McDade said the training the materials were not prepared with the intent of providing a full explanation to parents, but staff could review the material to see if it could be adapted and provided in another form for parents.

Trustee Wright expressed appreciation for this language to assist school staff in these difficult and delicate situations.

Trustee Corbett commended staff for their work on this regulation and encouraged continued communication and parent and community involvement to help keep children safe.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5152
(continued)

Trustee Garvey asked Trustee Tew to elaborate on why she was requesting additional language for parents.

Trustee Tew said as a parent who may not be familiar with the more formal language specific to education, it would be helpful to have more of an explanation.

Mr. McDade suggested moving ahead this evening, and staff could then work with Trustee Tew on the additional language.

Trustee Young suggested changing the format of Section II to number the steps required to take by the employee. She suggested that Section II should also include some mention of suspicion that "the child may be endangered if the child returns home" as in Section III.

Public Hearing

Tracy Fannin said she reported a situation at one point and was instructed by two school administrators and a school nurse not to report it to the proper officials, which she privately did anyway. She said she also felt it was not safe for that child to return home. She said she does not believe people are putting the children first.

David Gomez asked how a teacher would determine what is safe or unsafe. He asked if teachers would be trained in assessing a situation so they are not simply speculating.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said there is required training for all employees to complete in reporting child abuse or neglect. He said that required training would be updated based upon the information in this policy.

Trustee Wright asked if teachers and administrators are legally obligated to report a question of abuse or neglect.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said that is correct.

Trustee Wright said she would hope that no one would hurt a family in a way that was unnecessary.

Motion to adopt Regulation 5152 as proposed with modified language and with further review based on Trustee Young's suggestions and to be brought back for further review.

Motion: Corbett Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 4380

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 4380, Smoking Policy, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 22, 2014, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

Public Hearing

Maria Azzarelli provided information on the emerging public health issue related to the increasing use of electronic cigarettes by youth.

Allison Newlon Moser provided some background information packets, which contain a position paper on e-cigarettes from the national office of the American Heart Association, a position paper from the Nevada Tobacco Prevention Coalition, and two press releases from the Centers for Disease Control. She said the packet also contains information on acetaldehyde, a chemical which drastically increases the addictive properties used in tobacco products.

Trustee Edwards thanked CCSD staff for bringing this forward and community members for their comments and bringing awareness to this issue.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright

Trustee Wright said she is pleased to see this come forward. She wondered if language should include mention of prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices outside of school, as well.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said the District has limited jurisdiction, so unless it is school district property, it would be unenforceable policy.

Trustee Garvey expressed support of this policy. She suggested that there should at least be a discussion with District employees about personal responsibility in the eyes of students while they are serving students.

Trustee Cranor thanked community members for their help and input, and she thanked staff for their work on bringing this forward.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES DAIS

Trustee Corbett left the dais at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPT CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 3319, PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS.
Adoption of Clark County School District Policy 3319, Performance Contracts, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Young Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Corbett was not present for the vote.

APPROVE PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE – NEVADA LEARNING ACADEMY AT CCSD

Approval on the request to implement an alternative school week schedule, as provided for under Nevada Revised Statute 388.090 upon state approval, at the Nevada Learning Academy at CCSD, effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016, with no Impact to the general fund, as requested in Reference 7.05.

Trustee Cranor expressed appreciation for this program.

Trustee Edwards asked for an explanation of how extending the instructional year by one week does not cost any additional money.

Jesse Welsh, Academic Manager, Innovative Learning Environments, Technology and Information Systems Services Division, said they are able to offer early orientation with the assistance of staff and teachers that are already working during that week before school begins.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNS TO THE DAIS

Trustee Corbett returned to the dais at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVE PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE – NEVADA LEARNING ACADEMY AT CCSD (continued)

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS – AVAILABLE SEATS

Presentation and discussion regarding available seats related to future building programs.

Rick Baldwin, Director, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Department, Business and Finance Division, presented *Strategic Planning Areas, Report of CCSD Available Seats*, Reference 7.06.

Trustee Cranor asked for a brief explanation of the difference between building capacity and program capacity.

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS – AVAILABLE SEATS (continued)

Mr. Baldwin said building capacity or design capacity refers to the point at which a school was built, designed, and purchased, and how it was originally planned and designed to be utilized; program capacity changes the capacity numbers based on the number of self-contained programs.

Trustee Garvey asked if the maps shown here would change as the District moves toward having smaller class sizes for full-day kindergarten and expansion of the full-day kindergarten program.

Mr. Baldwin said these maps do show the calculations for the kindergarten classes at a 21:1 ratio; however, there would be additional impacts as they move toward expanding the full-day kindergarten program.

Trustee Garvey wondered how this information could be presented in a format that would be easy to understand and more concise as the Trustees have these conversations with their constituents.

Mrs. Haldeman suggested that the summary page of this presentation is intended to serve as a sort of condensed explanation of the previous slides. She said information would continue to come forward, and discussions would continue to be had as they begin to look at the District's next building program.

Trustee Wright suggested that this series of presentations related to facility needs and a future building program be made available on the District website. She said she would also like to provide this information in a one-page summary to her constituents.

Mr. Baldwin said one of staff's goals in this was to break up the information into smaller pieces of each area for the Trustees to be able to discuss with their specific communities, as opposed to having more of a global discussion. He said his goal is to ultimately create a comprehensive document within each area, which would include capacities, enrollments, developments, and projections.

Trustee Edwards agreed that this information needs to be consolidated into a fairly brief document that is easy to understand.

Mrs. Haldeman said this is a complex subject, and she would hope that the Trustees take this information to their parent groups and encourage them to learn to understand the issues.

Trustee Corbett suggested that perhaps some talking points could be developed for Trustees to take to their parent and community meetings to discuss these issues with their constituents for some continuity in how these issues are communicated to the public. He added that perhaps this information could be offered in other languages, as well.

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS – AVAILABLE SEATS (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky agreed with that suggestion and said staff could prepare some preliminary talking points for the Board based on input from the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC), which could accompany the presentation. He said staff could also make the presentations and talking points available online.

Trustee Young suggested developing a brief PowerPoint® presentation that could be accessible to those who cannot attend meetings. She also suggested engaging students and enabling them to communicate these issues.

Trustee Tew suggested putting this information in some sort of a graph format for community members to have a more visual explanation.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Garvey requested an agenda item for discussion and review for the May 16 Board Retreat on progress of the Board's goals that were set at the beginning of Superintendent Skorkowsky's service and how the Superintendent and Board plans on moving forward with the Strategic Plan now in place.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Young reported on the program My Brother's Keeper, which is being brought forward through Nevada Partners with Congressman Steven Horsford and Dr. Robert Green chairing the initiative. She said they are looking to roll that program out sometime in mid-May at West Prep.

Trustee Wright reminded everyone to watch tonight's edition of Inside Education where she appeared with Trustee Young, Superintendent Skorkowsky, and Mrs. Haldeman.

Trustee Corbett reported on the ROTC Drill Meet held at Cashman Field on April 23. He reminded everyone that the Nevada PTA conference would be on Friday and Saturday.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Garvey said the Trustees' participation was balanced. She said she thinks the Board is moving toward strategic leadership with the Superintendent and with the community. She expressed appreciation for the different viewpoints the Trustees bring to the conversation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Heidi Plonski spoke positively about her school's administrative leadership and the school climate. She asked for assistance in dealing with the problem they are having at her school with scorpions.

Kenneth Evans commented on the report of summary of findings on testing irregularities for the 2011-2012 school year for Matt Kelly Elementary School and the investigation into that matter. He said he interprets from this information that the associate superintendent handled this situation in an appropriate manner, and he expressed his support of Dr. Andre Denson.

David Gomez suggested adding "liquid nicotine" to the list of prohibited smoking materials. He also suggested including a more visual aspect to the presentations regarding facilities needs for parents. He spoke about addressing the bullying problem for the students' safety.

Lou Filardo spoke about politics and the potential loss of supporters surrounding the Board's and District's response to the book *Hostile Fire: The Life and Death of Lt. Sharon A. Lane*.

ADJOURN: 8:18 p.m.

Motion: Young Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous