

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, May 9, 2013

4:00 p.m.

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
Linda E. Young, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Interim Superintendent of Schools

FLAG SALUTE

Chaparral High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Intern Pastor Josh Stibb, Community Lutheran Church, performed the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 5.04 and note revised reference material for Items 6.01 and 6.02.

Motion: Young Second: Tew

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVED

Trustee Cranor arrived at the Board meeting at 4:05 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA (continued)

Vote on Trustee Young's motion was unanimous.

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

STUDENT REPORTS

Tichina Savoy, student body president at Chaparral High School; Jade Welton, student body president at Green Valley High School; and Matt Mehrpore, student representative at Cowan Sunset High School, all represented by Erin Cranor, District G Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Alderman arrived at the Board meeting at 4:14 p.m.

STUDENT REPORTS (continued)

Student reports continued with Mr. Mehrpore's report.

RECOGNITION

Trustee Edwards recognized all CCSD teachers for their work and dedication to students in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. She also recognized and thanked all CCSD nurses for taking care of CCSD students in need in honor of School Nurse's Day.

PRESENTATION OF OUTLOOK FOUNDATION

Recognition of Outlook Foundation for providing computers to Clark County School District students and their families, and for supporting the Graduate Advocate Initiative and Jobs for America's Graduates. Judy Myers, Assistant Director, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District; Debbie Tomasetti, Graduate Advocate Initiative Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recognition of members of the Superintendent's Educational Opportunities Advisory Committee. Pat Skorkowsky, Interim Superintendent, Clark County School District; Andre Denson, Associate Superintendent, Academic Services Division, Clark County School District; Ken Turner, Special Assistant to the Superintendent.

PRESENTATION OF NEW EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

Recognition of Clark County School District New Educators of the Year. Meg Nigro, Director, Employee and Onboarding Department, Human Resources Division, Clark County School District.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 4:40 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF NEW EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR (continued)

Recognition of the New Educators of the Year award recipients continued.

PRESENTATION OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Recognition of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Scholarship recipient. Carolyn Edwards, President, Board of School Trustees, Clark County School District.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Board presented Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky with a RAVE review certificate in recognition of his work.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Karen Stanley, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, announced that the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation released the results of their 14th Annual Best Communities for Music Education Survey and has recognized CCSD as one of the best communities for music education in America for the 12th consecutive year. She recognized Barbara Good, Coordinator, Elementary Fine Arts; Rick McEnaney, Coordinator, Secondary Fine Arts; and Sheri Manning, Project Facilitator in Secondary Fine Arts, for their work with students.

RECESS: 5:12 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:38 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Robert Soncini spoke about incidents involving his daughter and other children being bullied and threatened by one child, and he expressed concern with a lack of safety in the schools.

Trustee Edwards said a staff member would be speaking with Mr. Soncini.

Paul Amann said the Board and principals following the Board's directives have made teachers unhappy and caused them to leave CCSD. He said the Board and District have violated the terms of the teacher contract.

Terese McLain brought to the Board's attention that she and her husband, who are both CCSD employees, are now having a deduction taken out of their salary for their health insurance because her husband has been placed on a leave of absence for military duty. She asked the District to honor the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA).

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Trustee Cranor requested that Items 5.14 through 5.19 be pulled for separate discussion.

Trustee Wright requested that Item 5.20 be pulled for separate discussion.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, except pulling Items 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17, 5.18, 5.19, and 5.20 for separate discussion.

Motion: Cranor Second: Tew

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the special meetings of March 14, 2013, and March 19, 2013; and the regular meeting of March 14, 2013, is recommended. [Contact Person: Carolyn Edwards]
(Ref. 5.01)

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.02 ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE APPLICATIONS—NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR. Discussion and possible action on approval to submit to the Nevada Department of Education applications to operate Berkeley L. Bunker Elementary School, Chaparral High School, Jack Dailey Elementary School, Las Vegas High School, Mack Lyon Middle School, Mojave High School, Paradise Professional Development Elementary School, and Dean Petersen Elementary School on alternative schedules effective for the 2013-2014 school year, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM—TITLE VII. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the federally funded Indian Education Project under Title VII, Part A, of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, to provide educational opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students, from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, in the approximate amount of \$172,312.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, Grant 5635014, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.05 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. 5.05)
- 5.06 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$890,027.25, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.07)
- 5.08 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$2,426,300.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.08)
- 5.09 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. 5.09)

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.10 SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ACELERO LEARNING CLARK COUNTY AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AT REYNALDO MARTINEZ EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Sublease Agreement between Acelero Learning Clark County and the Clark County School District, for the operation of an early childhood development center located at the Reynaldo Martinez Early Childhood Development Center, for an initial three-year term with all applicable sublease rules and regulations; Acelero shall pay the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per annum; and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the Sublease Agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.10)
- 5.11 SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ACELERO LEARNING CLARK COUNTY AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AT CECILE-WALNUT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Sublease Agreement between Acelero Learning Clark County and the Clark County School District, for the operation of an early childhood development center located at the Cecile-Walnut Early Childhood Development Center, for an initial three-year term with all applicable sublease rules and regulations; Acelero shall pay the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per annum; and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the Sublease Agreement, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 PUBLIC EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT FOR TRAIL PURPOSES BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AT O. K. ADCOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant and convey to the City of Las Vegas a right-of-way grant for the operation, maintenance, repair and renewal of a trail and attached appurtenances; ingress and egress purposes upon, over, under, and across the northeast corner of the O. K. Adcock Elementary School site; and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 GRANT, BARGAIN, SALE AND DEDICATION DEED FOR CLARK COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AT MOAPA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant Clark County right-of-way dedications from Wittwer Avenue to Paul Avenue and between St. Joseph Street and Yamashita Street adjacent to the Moapa Valley High School site, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.13)

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.21 **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 \$61,320.63 for Sandy Valley Middle School (Nevada By Design) and Preparatory Institute, School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West Hall (Sigma Mechanical Engineering Consultants, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.21)
- 5.22 **CHANGE ORDERS.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$3,485.00 to the construction contracts for the HVAC School Modernization at Nate Mack Elementary School (Big Town Mechanical, LLC) and Intrusion Alarm and Local Area Network Systems Replacement at Helen Herr Elementary School (Communication Electronic Systems LLC), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.22)

APPROVE ITEMS 5.14 THROUGH 5.19

Approval of Items 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17, 5.18, and 5.19, respectively, as follows:

- 5.14 **RESCISSION OF SELECTION, ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, REX BELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to rescind the selection of MSA Engineering for the upgrades to the low voltage systems at Rex Bell Elementary School, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.14)
- 5.15 **RESCISSION OF SELECTION, ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADES, KENNY C. GUINN MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to rescind the selection of MSA Engineering for the upgrades to the electrical and low voltage systems at Kenny C. Guinn Middle School, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.15)
- 5.16 **ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADE, REX BELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of APTUS Architecture to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other documents for a construction manager at-risk delivery method to upgrade the low voltage systems at Rex Bell Elementary School in the amount of \$96,250.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012209, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.16)

APPROVE ITEMS 5.14 THROUGH 5.19 (continued)

- 5.17 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADE, KENNY C. GUINN MIDDLE SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of SH Architecture, to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other documents for a construction manager at-risk delivery method to upgrade the electrical and low voltage systems at Kenny C. Guinn Middle School in the amount of \$240,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012713, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.17)
- 5.18 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADE, INDIAN SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of APTUS Architecture to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other documents for a construction manager at-risk delivery method to upgrade the low voltage systems at Indian Springs Elementary School in the amount of \$122,588.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012695, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.18)
- 5.19 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, ELECTRICAL AND LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS UPGRADE, J. M. ULLOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects to provide architectural design services to prepare plans, specifications, and other documents for a construction manager at-risk delivery method to upgrade the electrical and low voltage systems at J. M. Ullom Elementary School in the amount of \$235,448.75, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012721, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.19)

Trustee Cranor said a Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) member expressed concern that this method had not been fully vetted and requested that the BOC be given the opportunity to review it.

Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division, was amenable to postponing these items. He said he would be speaking with the BOC about this matter next week.

Trustee Edwards said that Items 5.14 through 5.19 would be placed on hold.

Trustee Wright said she also received a call from two members of the BOC expressing concern, and she has spoken with Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division, and this matter will be on BOC's agenda for next week's meeting.

APPROVE ITEMS 5.14 THROUGH 5.19 (continued)

Motion to postpone Items 5.14 through 5.19.

Motion: Cranor Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

5.20 ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES, MOAPA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an engineering services agreement with Nova Geotechnical and Inspection Services, PLLC, for geotechnical services in support of construction of the gymnasium at Moapa Valley High School in the amount of \$68,798.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012701, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended.
[Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.20)

Trustee Wright questioned why this was being done at this time because she believed the architecture for this site had been completed.

Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky explained that this was work that could not be done by an architect and has to be completed as part of the construction process.

Trustee Wright asked if this cost is included in the original cost approved by the Board.

Mr. Gerner said the cost is included in the overall cost budgeted for this project.

Motion to approve Item 5.20.

Motion: Alderman Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02

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

APPROVE FISCAL GOVERNANCE REFORM

Approval regarding a stronger fiscal governance structure for the Clark County School District.

APPROVE REALIGNMENT OF PRIORITIES IN THE 2012-2013 AMENDED FINAL BUDGET

Approval regarding the possible realignment of priorities in the 2012-2013 amended final budget that were reflected in the 2013-2014 tentative budget presented to the Clark County School District Board of Trustees on April 3, 2013.

Trustee Cranor provided a handout that shows data related to FTEs per capita for the state of Nevada and a presentation which described possible structures for improved fiscal governance.

Trustee Alderman suggested adding to page 25 of 31, number 4, any structures that are added or have been expanded.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02 (continued)

Trustee Garvey said she was open to a variation of the Board's current governance structure. She stated that professional development for Board members is going to be crucial in this structure. She said the discussion regarding what would be required to implement this structure is equally crucial.

Trustee Edwards said she believes that Trustee Cranor is demonstrating that greater fiscal oversight is possible within the Board's current governance model, but she is open to reviewing a different governance model. She suggested that the Board consider adding to its policies information on how the Board monitors the budget. She said she believes it is possible to incorporate some of the concepts of the governance structure presented here into the Board's policies so that they are driven through policy.

Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky agreed with the concerns expressed by the Trustees that support to schools is important in order to increase student achievement and alignment of the budget to that support is important in seeing the best return on investment to continue to increase student achievement. He said he understands the need for information and communication and transparency. He cautioned the Board about the challenges and work required to gather information they request in some instances because of the age of the system. He said in terms of priorities, he recognizes the challenges of large class sizes, and he understands the importance of an effective evaluation tool to ensure that everyone is supporting the efforts towards increased student achievement.

Trustee Wright said the Board should be notified of significant changes in the budget in terms of new hires. She requested a list of the reforms started in the last 18 months with the approved budget and the actual spending for those reforms.

Trustee Edwards suggested that the Board should be provided with the cost of these requests that are being made.

Trustee Cranor stated that next steps in moving forward in this discussion may be to have Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky address the question of whether or not fiscal governance is possible using structures currently in place and present those structures to the Board.

Trustee Tew said she sees this structure as a positive and beneficial tool that will help the Board identify its priorities and will move the Board forward. She said it will also give the Board a clear picture of where the money is being spent and if that spending aligns with the Board's priorities of student achievement and return on investment. She suggested posting this type of information presented here on the District website to help educate the public and to help clear up misconceptions.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02 (continued)

Trustee Alderman said she has asked staff for a review of the phase in of more elementary school principals. She said she also asked for information regarding restoring operating funds along with teaching staff. She said second language instruction should be a priority in this budget, and she asked what departments are doing to continue to see cost savings.

There was Board consensus to have Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky look at the feasibility of those increased supports to schools as requested by Trustee Alderman, and there was consensus to have Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky present to the Board structures currently in place that were shown in this presentation that can be utilized toward greater fiscal governance as suggested by Trustee Cranor.

Motion to invite Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky to present information on one or more of the existing structures detailed in this presentation to the Board in the context of the phrase in EL-5 that refers to alignment of said spending levels with fiscal priorities.

Motion: Cranor Second: Garvey

Trustee Young asked for an example of a "structure" as referred to in the motion.

Trustee Cranor offered to amend the motion to include a list of possible structures: numbered priorities, monthly recap, Open Book, personnel allocation, allocations to schools, position budgeting process flow.

Trustee Wright asked Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky what type of resources he would need to put toward this effort.

Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky said in terms of a timeline, it would be a challenge to come back with any information before the end of June.

Trustee Edwards suggested including a timeline of the August work session just as a suggested goal.

Trustee Alderman referred to page 30 of 31, number 2, and suggested that perhaps a Board member could work together with the Superintendent's office staff to look at possible structures and come up with some proposals for the Board.

Trustee Cranor offered to rescind her previous motion and instead make a motion to have two Trustees work with the Superintendent's office on this project and bring information back to the Board. She volunteered to be one of those Trustees.

Trustee Edwards asked that the new motion be restated.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02 (continued)

Trustee Cranor stated the motion as follows: Motion that one or two Board members will work with Superintendent's office staff to take a look at one or more of the structures listed in pages 19 through 24 of the presentation in the context of the language in EL-5.

Motion: Cranor Second: Garvey

Trustee Edwards noted that the Trustees working with the Superintendent's office would be Trustee Cranor and Trustee Alderman.

Vote on Trustee Cranor's motion was unanimous.

Trustee Cranor said the Board does not have documentation of funding levels in connection with fiscal priorities so there is not adequate information for the Board to know whether or not the budget to be voted on on May 15 is misaligned or aligned. She asked whether the Board should ask the Interim Superintendent to go back and find the information and correct the issues or to start documenting from this moment on and move forward.

Trustee Edwards agreed with those comments made by Trustee Cranor.

Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky asked that staff be given the opportunity to show if and where the budget is misaligned and then take corrective action.

Motion to direct the Interim Superintendent to document alignment of spending levels with fiscal priorities in the development of the amended final budget.

Motion: Cranor Second: Tew

Trustee Young asked if the Board has identified and agreed upon the fiscal priorities.

Trustee Edwards offered that the budget that was developed and approved in April clearly outlined the fiscal priorities that the District is currently operating under.

Trustee Young requested that the list of priorities come back with the final budget on May 15.

Trustee Cranor said documentation should also accompany the list of priorities showing how the budget aligns with the priority and showing where it ranks as a priority in relationship to other items.

Vote on Trustee Cranor's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION PROCESS

Approval regarding all aspects of the search and selection of a new Superintendent of Schools for the Clark County School District, including but not limited to, an update and report on the town hall meetings and survey.

Cynthia Sell, Director, Strategic Projects, Community and Government Relations, gave an update of the town hall meetings held thus far, including the number of attendees, the number of participants via online streaming, the number of public input forms provided, and the number of online public input surveys received.

Trustee Alderman stated that two additional meetings have been scheduled to be held in the Latino core area. She asked if the information provided by Mrs. Sell will be included in the final report.

Mrs. Sell said staff will report all totals on May 20, with one report for the 12 initial input meetings and another for the additional meetings held by individual Trustees.

Trustee Tew spoke positively about the town hall meeting that was held at Rancho High School and shared her experience with receiving translation in English with the primary language at this meeting being Spanish.

Trustee Edwards invited Trustees to attend the town hall meeting scheduled for May 11 at Western High School.

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.

Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky reported that there are 26 days remaining in the Legislative Session, and the next major deadline is the second committee passage on May 17. He gave an update on SB474, SB442, SB453, and AB288.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Interim Superintendent Skorkowsky reported on the Nevada Association of School Superintendents meeting he attended where topics of discussion included the outcome of the high school proficiency exam legislation and the removal of the provisional license for teachers. He said there was also discussion about the new assessment system possibly coming online in 2014-2015 and technology concerns that need to be addressed. He shared that three CCSD students are part of the 49th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars; that eight CCSD high schools were named in the America's Best High Schools list; and that Katie Decker at Walter Bracken Elementary School has been announced as Principal of the Year by Magnet Schools of America.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Wright requested an agenda item on the May 20th agenda for the Board to be provided with a list of the programs and reforms that have been started in the last two years.

Trustee Cranor requested an agenda item for the May 20th agenda to discuss a national superintendent search and an agenda item to address the idea of utilizing a pre national search nomination process.

Trustee Edwards suggested that in the general superintendent search item that will be on the May 20th agenda, the Board will be able to discuss those items proposed by Trustee Cranor. She referred to a list of questions Michael Casserly, Executive Director of the Council of the Great City Schools, said the Board should be asking itself when considering conducting a superintendent search, and she said the Trustees should come to the May 20th meeting prepared to discuss those questions. She said she will then have an agenda item to un-table the McPherson and Jacobson discussion and an item for the discussion in the case that it is un-tabled. She said there will also be an item to reconsider the decision to conduct a national search.

Trustee Wright requested that the discussion on advertising on school busses be moved up from September to an earlier date.

Trustee Cranor questioned whether the national search nomination process idea would be considered a national search if those nominations could come from anywhere and whether that nomination process would fit under the motion that currently stands to conduct a national search. She said she only wanted counsel to be aware of that issue.

Trustee Young suggested structuring the meeting beforehand in relation to time for breaks and how long people will be allowed to speak depending on the number of speakers.

Trustee Edwards agreed with Trustee Young's comments. She said the number of people who call in to speak will be some indication of how many speakers there are and the decision of how long they will be allowed to speak could be determined at the beginning of the meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards reported on Goodsprings' 100th reunion celebration and the Youth Orchestra event she attended. She shared her experience teaching in a Mojave High School classroom for Teach for America (TFA). She said she attended the 5th annual CTA awards where one student from each school from each program is recognized. She reported on the last meeting of the School Board Advisory Committee where the students were recognized for their years of service on the committee. She said she attended the RAVE review at Mojave High School.

Trustee Garvey reported on the recent Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) meeting where Wade Poulsen was appointed to the liaison position to the Executive Committee. She said a meeting is scheduled for the Executive Board on September 14 at the Hyatt Place Hotel.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Wright reported on the Communities in Schools (CIS) site visit at Chaparral High School held on April 24. She said she presented a 3rd-place trophy for the Young Writers program at Lorna J. Kesterson Elementary School. She said she attended the RAVE review at Silverado High School held on May 6, and that she also attended the School Board Advisory Committee meeting held on May 7. She said she would be attending C. T. Sewell Elementary School's literacy night on May 10 and Basic High School's facility naming event.

Trustee Edwards announced that she, Trustee Alderman, and Trustee Wright would be hosting an Asian town hall meeting on Thursday, May 16 at Clark High School, Room 100, at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Alderman shared her experience participating in Family Enrichment Day hosted by the District and held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She said she attended the graduation for the Adult English Language Acquisition Program. She shared that last month she had the opportunity to witness the unveiling of the Clean Energy bus at Roy W. Martin Middle School displaying this year's middle school Clean Energy bus artwork created by a Roy W. Martin Middle School student.

Trustee Young reported on her attendance at the Legislative Session, and she spoke about AB288 and acknowledged Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, and her staff for their work at the Legislative Session. She said she also attended Family Enrichment Day, and she attended the Ministers Alliance meeting. She reported on the ground-breaking event of the opening of F Street. She commented positively about Trustee Edwards' work with the School Board Student Advisory Committee. She shared that she would be among three recipients of the President's Medal from the president of Nevada State College. She acknowledged all mothers in honor of Mother's Day.

Trustee Tew commented on the concert she attended at the Smith Center, and she talked about the benefits of students being involved in music. She reported on her visit to Global Community High School.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Trustee Alderman suggested that perhaps the Board should consider that if the meeting of May 20 has not concluded by a specified time, then a follow-up meeting would be scheduled to continue the meeting.

The Board agreed to hold May 21 at 7:30 p.m. as a tentative date for a possible continuation of the May 20 meeting should that meeting go past 10:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 8:56 p.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous