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, May 11, 2023

5:01 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 Member Absent
Brenda Zamora, Member

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

Teleconference Call Connected

Teleconference call with Trustee Williams was connected at 5:01 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 Garcia Morales led the Pledge of Allegiance with the flag salute led by the Western High School Air Force JROTC.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda, except note additional reference material provided for Item 2.07.

Motion: Cavazos Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Public Hearing

James Bayliss asked with relation to Item 2.17 if a CCSD student who is in foster care should have access to the bus anyway. He said this seems like a door-to-door agreement and said if it is, the District should have followed his son's door-to-door agreement.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda.

Motion: Guzmán Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous

Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued) 2.01 Approval of the Minutes.

Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of April 13, 2023, and the work session meeting of April 5, 2023, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** (Ref. 2.01)

2.02 Memorandum of Agreement Between the Clark County School District and Liberty Dental Plan of Nevada, Inc.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a Memorandum Agreement between the Clark County School District and Liberty Dental Plan of Nevada, Inc. to provide a basic oral health screening, oral health education, fluoride varnish application, and placement of dental sealants to Clark County School District students who are underserved in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 at mutually agreed-upon locations, effective May 12, 2023, through June 30, 2028, at no cost to the Clark County School District or participants, 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 Memorandum of Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Monica Cortez] (Ref. 2.02)

2.03 Memorandum of Agreement Between the Clark County School District and the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education on Behalf of the College of Southern Nevada for the Your Educational Success Program.

Discussion and possible action on authorization to continue to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of the College of Southern Nevada to continue to offer the Your Educational Success program to provide college readiness and advocacy instruction focused on serving students with disabilities in Grades 11 and 12, for an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00, to be paid from Federal Projects, Fund 0280, from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2027, with no impact to the general fund, 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 Memorandum of Agreement, is recommended. (For Possible Action) [Contact Person: Monica Cortez] (Ref. 2.03)

2.04 Warrants.

Discussion and possible action on ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum to be presented at the Board meeting, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jason Goudie] (Ref. 2.04)

2.05 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. 2.05)

2.06 Proposal to Continue Four-Day School Week: Sandy Valley Schools and Goodsprings Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on the request to continue an alternative four-day school week schedule, as provided under Nevada Revised Statute 388.090 upon state approval, at Sandy Valley Schools and Goodsprings Elementary School, effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, with no impact to the general fund, is requested. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.06)

2.07 2024-2025 School and Staff Calendars and 2025-2026 School and Staff Calendars.

Discussion and possible action on approval to adopt the 2024-2025 School and Staff Calendars for Staff and Students, and the 2025-2026 School and Staff Calendars for Staff and Students, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.07)

2.08 Agreement Between the Clark County School District and 100 Academy of Excellence Inc.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and 100 Academy of Excellence Inc., to continue the delivery of and payment for breakfasts, lunches, suppers, snacks and bulk sales during the 2023-2024 school year, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the Agreement, is recommended. (For Possible Action) [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.08)

2.09 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Clark County School District and the City of Las Vegas - Safekey Programs.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and the City of Las Vegas to continue to provide snacks and/or milk and bulk sales for the participating Safekey programs during the 2023-2024 school year, 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 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.09)

2.10 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Clark County School District and the City of North Las Vegas - Safekey Programs.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and the City of North Las Vegas to provide snacks and/or milk and bulk sales for the participating Safekey programs during the 2023-2024 school year, 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 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.10)

2.11 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Clark County School District and Clark County Parks and Recreation - Safekey Programs.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and Clark County Parks and Recreation to continue to provide snacks and/or milk and bulk sales for participating Safekey programs during the 2023-2024 school year, 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 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.11)

2.12 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Clark County School District and the City of Henderson - Safekey Programs.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and the City of Henderson to continue to provide snacks and/or milk and bulk sales for the participating Safekey programs during the 2023-2024 school year, 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 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.12)

2.13 Agreement Between the Clark County School District and Delta Academy.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and Delta Academy to continue the delivery of and payment for breakfasts, lunches and bulk sales during the 2023-2024 school year, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.13)

2.14 Agreement Between the Clark County School District and Futuro Academy Incorporated.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and Futuro Academy Incorporated to provide delivery of and receive payment for breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and bulk sales during the 2023-2024 school year, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.14)

2.15 Agreement Between the Clark County School and Innovations International Charter School of Nevada.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and Innovations International Charter School of Nevada to continue the delivery of and payment for breakfasts, lunches, and bulk sales during the 2023-2024 school year, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the Agreement, is recommended. (For Possible Action) [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.15)

2.16 Agreement Between the Clark County School and Rainbow Dreams Academy.

Discussion and possible action on approval of the Agreement between the Clark County School District Food Service Department and Rainbow Dreams Academy to continue the delivery of and payment for breakfasts, lunches, suppers, snacks, and bulk sales during the 2023-2024 school year, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the Agreement, is recommended. (For Possible Action) [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.16)

2.17 Interlocal Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Department of Family Services.

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the Clark County School District and Clark County on behalf of the Clark County Department of Family Services for bus transportation, effective May 12, 2023, to December 31, 2025, 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 Interlocal Agreement, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.17)

2.18 Purchasing Awards.

Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$7,485,371.86 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.18)

2.19 Purchase Orders.

Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,307,689.04 as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.19)

2.20 First Amendment to Easement to Las Vegas Valley Water District at Helen M. Jydstrup Elementary School.

Discussion and possible action on approval to amend the location of a perpetual access easement for the Las Vegas Valley Water District at Helen M. Jydstrup Elementary School, and for Mark Campbell, Interim Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the first amendment document, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mark Campbell] (Ref. 2.20)

2.21 Title VI Indian Education Program, United States Department of Education.

Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Indian Education Program application, funded through the Office of Indian Education, United States Department of Education, to provide American Indian and Alaska Native students with the opportunity to meet the same challenging state standards as all other students and meet the unique educational and culturally-related academic needs of these students, submitted in the amount of \$153,107.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Shana Rafalski] (Ref. 2.21)

Focus: 2024 Strategic Plan Update — Chronic Absenteeism and Student Safety

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

Dr. Dustin Mancl, Chief Academic Officer, Academic Unit; Dr. Mike Barton, Chief College, Career, Equity and School Choice Officer, College, Career, Equity and School Choice Unit; Yolanda Flores, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services Division; and Greg Manzi, Assistant Superintendent, Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement Division, Academic Unit, provided the strategic plan update on chronic absenteeism and student safety as shown in Reference 3.01.

The Board discussed and asked questions of staff related to the student town hall meetings; home visits to offer support and resources for families; the need for community partners; tracking social media trends that threaten student safety and affect absenteeism; deployment of attendance officers for mentoring; the use of early warning systems, such as Panorama, as well as internal reporting mechanisms; expanding on existing programs and partnerships and working with other municipalities; focus groups for parents; systems in place to notify parents of their students' absences and ways to record excused absences; tracking absenteeism rates after incidents such as hard lockdowns; and looking at correlations between classroom size by grade and safety perceptions.

Public Hearing

James Bayliss asked if perhaps an attendance problem may have to do with a principal pulling a student out of school. He questioned the accuracy of the absence reporting system.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Guzmán Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous

Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Year in Review 2022-2023

Presentation and discussion of the work carried out by the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and presented by student representatives.

Dr. Shana Rafalski, Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent, introduced students representing the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC).

Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Year in Review 2022-2023 (continued) Students Econia Mandefero, Jana Alnajjar, and Nikolas Kelley presented a review of the work carried out by the SSAC as shown in Reference 4.01.

There was discussion regarding ideas for incentives that students might benefit from in addressing chronic absenteeism; Project Graduation; utilizing social media platforms for CCSD marketing; SSAC's discussions regarding the District's struggles with inequities; possible community events that would garner the most engagement; and encouraging more student participation on the SSAC.

Approve Amendment — Clark County School District 2022–2025 Distance Education Program Renewal

Approval of the amendment to the Clark County School District 2022–2025 Distance Education Program Renewal and approval to submit the application to the Nevada Department of Education, as required by Nevada Revised Statues 388.820–388.874, effective May 12, 2023, through July 1, 2025, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, to sign the amended Program Renewal Application, as recommended in Reference 4.02.

Dr. Mancl; Ryan Cordia, Principal, Northeast Career and Technical Academy; and Antonio Rael, Principal, Western High School, presented the proposed amendments to the CCSD 2022-2025 Distance Education Program as shown in Reference 4.02.

There was discussion regarding the student-centered learning models presented, how the programs will function and how they were created, as well as measuring the success of these programs and expanding the models to other schools.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Cavazos Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous

Public Hearing on and Possible Approval of the New Memorandum of Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Education Support Employees Association Regarding Reclassification of the Position of Campus Security Monitor

This is the time and place to conduct a public hearing on, discussion of, and possible action on approval of the new Memorandum of Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Education Support Employees Association regarding reclassifying the position of Campus Security Monitor. Those wishing to address the Board in person at the meeting may sign up to speak by calling the Board Office at 702-799-1072 during regular business hours. Alternatively, speakers may sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the meeting, or comments may be submitted in writing by email to BoardMtgComments@nv.ccsd.net at least 8 business hours prior to the scheduled start of the meeting.

David Hall, Assistant General Counsel/Chief Negotiator, Office of the General Counsel, reviewed new Memorandum of Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Education Support Employees Association regarding reclassifying the position of Campus Security Monitor as shown in Reference 4.03. He read the public hearing statement.

Public Hearing on and Possible Approval of the New Memorandum of Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Education Support Employees Association Regarding Reclassification of the Position of Campus Security Monitor (continued)
Public Hearing

Jan Giles spoke in support of the reclassification of the position of Campus Security Monitor. She stated Campus Security Monitors are the first line of defense on campuses against weapons, drugs, and fights. She said the hope is that with the salary now being competitive, it will help fill all Campus Security Monitor vacancies. She suggested the District could benefit from convening a safety committee to address ongoing issues.

Trustee Garcia Morales declared the public hearing closed.

Trustee Guzman said she would be abstaining from the vote because she is employed by the Nevada State Education Association.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Cavazos Second: Brooks Vote: Yeses – 5 (Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Cavazos, Garcia Morales, Williams); Abstain – 1 (Guzmán) The motion passed.

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; Nathaniel Waugh, Coordinator, Government Relations Department, Communications Unit; and Patricia Haddad, Director, Government Relations Department, Communications Unit, provided an update on legislation related to education.

Trustee Cavazos asked if in the future it would be possible for staff to provide a type of spreadsheet with the bills they are following with the District's position and a brief explanation.

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

James Bayliss named people he said do not have the proper education to deal with special needs children. He said he has been conducting background checks on individuals pertinent to the special education program and finding those that should not be around special needs children. He provided a packet of information to the Board concerning his son.

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

(Much of the public comment given by the following speaker was inaudible due to technical difficulties.)

Ernest Mackey said he was speaking on case number 5004H53692. He spoke about the treatment of his daughter at school. He said he has dealt with schools in Nevada in the past and was successful in having people removed. He said he called Superintendent Jara's office but was unable to have his concerns addressed.

Jacqueline Ybarra expressed concerns regarding equity and justice for all students at Harley Harmon Elementary School. She said her son is on a 504 Plan and has been suspended several times for behavior that demonstrates he needs extra support. She said her son has been bullied and assaulted and is receiving counseling, and she asked that the Board and Superintendent investigate this matter so her son can get back in the classroom.

Katelyn Fisk expressed her thoughts about the GPA cap that was imposed. She said the GPA cap completely devalues the title of valedictorian and it lowers the level of expected achievement for students. She said the cap does not improve mental health nor reduced students' stress and only discourages CCSD's top students from challenging themselves. She asked that the Board place the GPA cap back on the agenda for a revote.

Ashley Cottino spoke in opposition to the GPA cap. She said she is currently second in her class and is proud of that. She stated with this cap in place being valedictorian and salutatorian loses its meaning. She said she relies on her school to prepare her for after graduation and that although the cap was imposed to reduce stress and improve mental health, the pressures and stressors of adulthood are something all students will face. She asked the Board to reconsider the GPA cap.

Michael Para shared what he has been able to accomplish without a high school education but through being tutored in several subjects. He said he found something out through these tutors and a social scientist and said he believes he has as good idea that might inspire students to want to learn math. He said he also wanted to share information he found regarding safe leadership.

Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Thursday, May 18, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Garcia Morales stated the upcoming Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

Adjourn: 8:07 p.m.

Motion: Cavazos Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Williams was not present for the vote.