MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (CCSD)
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE)
Curriculum and Professional Development Division
3950 S. Pecos-McLeod, Room 118, Las Vegas, NV 89121

Monday, May 19, 2014 3:30 p.m. – 5:53 p.m.

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION
Mary Pike spoke to the committee due to new members.

1.01 ROLL CALL:
Members Present
Amey Esparza
Dr. Dana Forte
Madison Geihs
Jaqueline Key
Sara Lemma
Nicholas Neubauer
Rev. Kathryn Obenour
David Strickland
Linda Tannenbaum
Trustee Patrice Tew, Board of School Trustee Liaison

Members Absent
Katie Hunt
Christopher Turchiano

Others Present
Mary Pike – CCSD, Director of Science, Health, Physical Education, Foreign Language, and Driver Education
Shannon La Neve – CCSD, Coordinator, Health, Physical Education, and Driver Education
Chaundra Harris – CCSD, Secretary, K–12 Science

1.02 ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Amey Esparza moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Nicholas Neubauer. The motion carried.

2.01 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Chairperson, Jaqueline Key, read the Public Comment statement and acknowledged those who were present for the public comment period. There were two members of the public who wished to speak and were each given the allotted two minutes to speak. First to speak was Dr. Stephen Frye. He began by presenting the committee members with a handout. He announced his title as a medical doctor, former professor, psychiatrist, and running for governor, although he was there to speak on how Sex Ed saves lives and prevents unwanted pregnancies. He further went on to give examples and statistics to support his statement. He finished his time by reading the conclusion from his handout aloud to the committee.

The second to speak was Mercedes Maharis. She videotaped her speech. She began with her being disappointed that the legislature did not pass the law on sex education this last session because sex education is the basis of a young person's future. Her plea was to have sex education added to the curriculum and she gave her reasoning as studying the sex offender population in the prison system for the last few years. She gave some statistics and again pleaded that sex education be included in the schools because it is something the student's take with them into the future.

3.01 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Tannenbaum moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013, meeting, seconded by Dr. Dana Forte. The motion carried.

3.02 OPEN MEETING LAW TRAINING

Mary Ann Peterson, Deputy District Attorney, Clark County District Board of School Trustees Attorney's Office, Civil Division, began with giving each member a handout outlining the terms and conditions of Nevada Open Meeting Law. She explained each section of the outline: Public Body, Meeting, Notice, Agenda, Public Comments, and Voluntary Corrective Action. Trustee Patrice Tew, Board of School Trustee Liaison, also spoke and advised the committee that due to Open Meeting Law the meetings are recorded and all statements are open to public record.

3.03 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

A copy of *Using Parliamentary Procedure* was issued to each member. Mary Pike – CCSD, Director of Science, Health, Physical Education, Foreign Language, and Driver Education, spoke about the importance of them reading this guide to fully understand their duty to the Sex Education Advisory Committee meetings. She explained the position and presence of Chaundra Harris – CCSD, Secretary, K–12 Science and Shannon La Neve – CCSD, Coordinator, Health, Physical Education, and Driver Education, working directly with the Sex Education Advisory Committee. She also outlined the positions and members of the Sex Education Advisory Committee made up of five parents, one doctor, one religious member, one counselor, and two students. Ms. Pike also mentioned within the committee there is a chair and vice-chairperson.

3.04 CCSD's SEX EDUCATION PROCEDURES MANUAL

Mary Pike explained that the current Clark County School District's Sex Education Procedures Manual, which was provided for each member in their mailed information packets, outlines the duties of the Sex Education Advisory Committee and the objectives of the meetings. However there was a revised version that was given to the members at the meeting that is pending approval of the Board of School Trustees. She pointed out keys points regarding the step by step process of how an item gets submitted all the way through to the approval or denial. Mrs. Pike also explained the two major differences of the old and new documents which were the length of the terms for the members and the details of how the selection process of members occurred.

3.05 CCSD's SEX EDUCATION OPERATIONAL GUIDE FOR K-12 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The Clark County School District Sex Education Operational Guide for K–12 Curriculum Development was discussed by Mary Pike. She explained the outline of the curriculum, all the courses and grade levels at which anything sex education related is presented, and the course time lengths that are used by CCSD. When asked if there were any questions, Rev. Kathryn Obenour asked how the curriculum objectives are reached. Mrs. Pike explained that the process is based on stated standards and written by faculty specific to that course. Dr. Dana

Forte also added that most of the materials are factual-based and are not based on curriculum due to the fact that it is not the job or purpose of Sex Education Advisory Committee. Trustee Tew asked for more clarity of time lengths of the course and the amount of time devoted to sex education. Shannon La Neve explained the breakdown for the different grade levels. Then Amey Esparza questioned who has the authority to determine which course length is offered and if it's the same content. Mary Pike advised that the decision is made by each sites controlling administrator and that all of the same curriculum content is available via the online Curriculum Engine.

INFORMATION

Shannon La Neve gave instruction on how to complete the Sex Education Advisory Committee Material Evaluation Sheet for voting purposes related to the items that are before them today. This was due to new members. Mary Pike also gave the instruction of returning all information that was mailed to the Sex Education Advisory Committee members due to copyright obligations with the vendors. Sara Lemma had objections to the copyright obligations and read the copyright law aloud. At this time Mary Ann Peterson, Deputy District Attorney, Clark County District Attorney's Office, Civil Division clarified that the law is general but there is a contract in place as previously stated by Mrs. Pike that is more specific and overrules the law. Sara Lemma continued to argue that due to Open Meeting Law the items should be allowed to be retained as well as viewable on the web and accessible for public viewing. Mrs. Pike also further explained that these items were not even the property of CCSD yet; they are still up for bid as advised by Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Clark County School District. Therefore the copyright obligations must be upheld and there is written contractual proof of these obligations. Trustee Tew added confirmation of the copyright contractual obligation being due to control retention on behalf of the vendor and inquired if the public availability is still set-up despite of this fact. Shannon La Neve again confirmed the public access by reading the statement directly from reference item 3.06 Request for Approval of Sex Education Supplemental Materials.

Sara Lemma asked for clarification of reference item 3.06 Request for Approval of Sex Education Supplemental Materials. Shannon La Neve explained that these were the items that were mailed to the Sex Education Advisory Committee members for review to be voted on today with discussion if needed. Sara Lemma then asked who submitted the items. Mrs. La Neve advised that the items were submitted by CCSD faculty. Sara Lemma felt that this process violated the statute of the Sex Education Advisory Committee which she read aloud and explained to mean that the Sex Education Advisory Committee should select the materials. Then Rev. Kathryn Obenour disputed Sara Lemma's interruption of the statute. Sara Lemma further supported her claims with the statement that other counties are utilizing their Sex Education Advisory Committee boards to go through the materials themselves to provide curriculum. Shannon La Neve clarified that Clark County differs because we already have an established curriculum aligned to the state standards where most other counties do not. Sara Lemma continued to argue that Mrs. La Neve's statements were not true and that in fact there are several counties that do have curriculum however it is just not aligned to the standards which is why they are looking for those materials in which to do so. At this time Rev. Kathryn Obenour asked if Sara Lemma were to bring forth material for approval could it be submitted. Mary Pike advised that per Clark County School District's Sex Education Procedures Manual and the regulations items must be submitted by CCSD faculty.

Sara Lemma brought up the point students are not allowed to vote. She mentioned that other Sex Education Advisory Committee's in the State do allow student members to vote and the statute does not prevent them from voting. Mary Pike spoke of the regulation that prevents the students from voting. Mary Ann Peterson, Deputy District Attorney, Clark County District Attorney's Office, Civil Division, clarified that even though the statute does not prevent the students from voting, you can always be more specific than the statute and that is where the regulation overrides the statue. However this is not to say that the statute could not be changed. Amey Esparza asked if Trustee Tew could research with the Board of School Trustees as to why it was regulated that the students are not allowed a vote and if the students could be given a vote. Dr. Dana Forte stated that her professional opinion was that students should not be given a vote and do not have the capability to assess for their peers especially in the situation where if it were a younger student assessing for an older student. Dr. Forte did further state that the students do give valuable comments and input but a vote might not be valid. Again Sara Lemma disagreed and gave her opinion of our student Madison Geihs being very capable. Mary Ann Peterson objected to the overall discussion at this time due to it being off topic matter in conjunction with Open Meeting Law. However, again Sara Lemma argued if there could be a motion brought forth for the students to be allowed to vote. Mrs. Peterson said that point had already been previously made. The Sara Lemma asked for clarification if that was in regards to the comments made by Amey Esparza. Amy Esparza then re-stated her inquiry of why the students historically have not been allowed to vote and if could be addressed to the Board of School Trustees to amend that decision and allow the students to vote.

David Strickland added that he agreed with a previous suggestion made by Dr. Dana Forte to label the materials mailed out with the anticipated grade level due to the amount of material and the content matter. Amey Esparza then stated that she felt that it would be a fundamental disadvantage to the students to say that they are incapable of having a voice for what they and their peers should be learning.

3.06 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEX EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS
#1292 Odysseyware: High School Health
Odysseyware, Online Health Course, grades 9–12.

Rev. Kathryn Obenour moved to approve this Online Health Course, seconded by Nicholas Neubauer. The motion carried.
Comments: Before a motion was even on the floor Amey Esparza asked if the items before the Sex Education Advisory Committee today were all the sex education materials available or were there more. Shannon La Neve answered that before them was only that which was applicable for the course and grade level that was mentioned, and only as supplementary to the curriculum. Mary Pike further clarified that any course that has any portion with anything related to sex education has been previously approved by previous Sex Education Advisory Committee's. Dr. Dana Forte spoke to address Ms. Esparza's concern that there are hundreds of books and materials that are available and what is before them now is just a small piece of what will be available for instruction.

Mary Pike interrupted the discussion to get back on track noting that there was not a motion on the floor. At this time Chairperson, Jaqueline Key, requested the motion on the floor. Rev. Kathryn Obenour moved to approve this Online Health Course, seconded by Nicholas Neubauer. Sara Lemma voiced her concern to vote on the item without discussion.

Chairperson, Jaqueline Key clarified that now was the time for discussion. Sara Lemma then attempted to distribute a handout while stating what happens in Lyon County. However, Chairperson, Jaqueline Key, stopped her and advised that it was inapplicable to the matter at hand which was discussion and voting on item #1292. Sara Lemma argued that her handouts and statements would be applicable. Again Chairperson, Jaqueline Key stated that if it is not directly attached to the item #1292, which it was not because it was not presented by CCSD then it can be discussed at this for the item on the floor was #1292 of the Request for Approval of Sex Education Supplemental Materials. Sara Lemma then expressed her disagreement with voting on this item due to the fact that the CCSD's Sex Education Procedures Manual was coming up for review and she felt as though the vote would not be valid. Mary Pike clarified that it is the CCSD's Sex Education Procedures Manual that was up for review by the Board of School Trustees. Mrs. Pike further explained that that particular manual does not govern the proceedings of the curriculum portion of the meetings, as well as the fact that the current edition is still in effect until the newer edition is either accepted or rejected. Sara Lemma still did not agree. Trustee Tew summarized Sara Lemma's question and Mrs. Pike answer by stating whether the Sex Education Advisory Committee had the authority to proceed with a vote and confirming yes they do. Sara Lemma said that it was clarified however she was still afraid that if the Sex Education Advisory Committee voted on something and it passed it would be in violation. Mary Pike stated again that both of the CCSD's Sex Education Procedures Manual and the CCSD's Sex Education Operational Guide for K–12 Curriculum Development are still being used and operated under at this time the way they are and that the CCSD's Sex Education Procedures Manual that is up for review has nothing to do with the passing of the curriculum up for review. At this time Chairperson, Jaqueline Key asked for any further discussion. There was none. There was a verbal vote and all responses were for aye, there were none for nay or abstention.

#1293 Apex Learning: Skills for Health Core

Apex Learning, Online Health Course, grades 9–12.

Nicholas Neubauer moved to approve this Online Health Course, seconded by Rev. Kathryn Obenour. The motion had a split vote of 4 to 4. CCSD School Board of Trustees will make the final decision.

Comments: Sara Lemma asked why this course is offered only online because she feels student-teacher interaction is important. Chairperson, Jaqueline Key explained that was a general question regarding online education not this specific item #1293. Amey Esparza expressed her disagreement stating that she feels that online education is definitely pertinent to item #1293. Rev. Kathryn Obenour then asked if this means that the course will only be offered online, she did not believe that was the way it was being presented but wanted clarification based on the comments made by Sara Lemma and Amey Esparza. Dr. Jesse Welsh spoke on behalf of Virtual High School to give an explanation of the course content itself being online but not limited to that exclusively; it is also offered with both online which includes face to face instruction. Dr. Welsh noted that just because the content is online it does not exclude teacher activity. Again Rev. Kathryn Obenour asked her question whether online education the direction that CCSD is headed in regards to health education instruction. She then stated she did not think so based on heads nodding no. Chairperson, Jaqueline Key stated that as a teacher online education is utilized as an additional learning tool in the classroom for her. Dr. Dana Forte expressed her concern for the new members not understanding that they are not there to change curriculum. She further clarified that the Sex Education Advisory Committee was there to approve the materials only and that the passion of some of the new members on the topics that have been

debated and disagreed on are not appropriate at this time because this time is for voting on passing the materials only not changing the curriculum. At this time Amey Esparza stated again that she was confused on the process. Mary Pike explained that the duty of the Sex Education Advisory Committee is to evaluate whether the material is aligned to CCSD's Sex Education Operational Guide for K–12 Curriculum Development according to the grade level to which it is assigned. Trustee Tew added that if approved, these materials will be added to the hundreds of already approved items available for teachers to choose from supplementary materials, as previously stated by Dr. Forte.

Rev. Kathryn Obenour questioned the section regarding circumcision based on studies that women have reproductive issues when being with men that are circumcised. Dr. Dana Forte spoke to dispute those claims.

Amey Esparza brought up dates of some statistics were out of date; some as old as 2003 and 2007. Dr. Dana Forte spoke to professionally advise that the dates are probably based on the large studies done at that time and that there may not have been similar studies conducted since. However, Dr. Forte also included that the time period doesn't change the overall message of the content. Sara Lemma disputed Dr. Forte's statement by advising that there had been a similar study conducted with data released for 2008. At this time Chairperson, Jaqueline Key clarified that the SEAC was still in the voting stage for this item, any issues or concerns regarding the dates contained in the item can be used to utilize the option of voting against the item.

Sara Lemma then spoke on another objection to this item based on it being discriminatory for not referencing LGTBQI only male and female relationships. She then read the Sex Ed Anti-discrimination statute aloud. Chairperson, Jaqueline Key advised that the current curriculum does not include LGTBQI; therefore this item is in compliance. Rev. Kathryn Obenour read a section of the material that mentioned same sex parented families which she was delighted to see included. Chairperson, Jaqueline Key stated that the mentioning of this is approved for curriculum.

#1294 Principles of Athletic Training : A Competency-Based Approach
McGraw - Hill, Textbook, grades 11–12.

Linda Tannenbaum moved to approve this textbook, seconded by Dr. Dana Forte. The motion carried.
Comments: None.

4.01 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no comments at this time.

5. ADJOURN
Nicholas Neubauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m., seconded by David Strickland. The motion carried.

Shannon LaNeve, Coordinator
K–12 Health and Physical Education

Chairman