

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, September 11, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>
	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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Cranor asked for one minute of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001, attacks and for the heroes of 9/11.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Basic High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Major Kelly Pontsler of The Salvation Army performed the invocation.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except move Item 7.02 to follow Item 9.01 as 9.01a and note revised reference material for Item 5.12.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Wright    Vote: Unanimous*

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Morgan Meyer, student body president at Basic High School; Tristyn Clark, student body president at Boulder City High School; and Coby Carlson, student body president at Coronado High School, all represented by Deanna Wright, District A Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

**PRESENTATION OF RIDE FOR READING**

Presentation on the Ride for Reading program which donates books to Clark County School District students. Cheryl Wagner, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

## **PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (SCPP) OVERVIEW**

Presentation of the School-Community Partnership Program's successes and highlights of the 2013-2014 school year. Beverly Mason, Director, School-Community Partnership Program; Lisa Brown, SCPP Advisory Council Chair; Sandy Miller, SCPP Advisory Council Vice-Chair.

## **PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Presentation and induction of the 2014-2015 student representatives of the School Board Student Advisory Committee.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Skorkowsky shared recent activities and accomplishments of CCSD students, teachers, and schools throughout the District.

**RECESS:** 5:10 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:49 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Elena Rodriguez brought forward articles that were written discussing former CCSD employee Bramby Tollen. She said nothing was done to correct problems in the past, and the District is facing this and other issues now.

Gene Collins stated concerns regarding the Prime 6 Schools, having acting principals in place as opposed to principals, and the need to have diversity in the District having individuals in leadership roles reflect the community the school serves.

Alex X expressed the same concerns as Mr. Collins and said he would be coming forward and speaking out until things change.

Pastor Samuel Carol suggested that students should be offered a motivational class which would include life skills.

## **APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

*Motion to approve the consent agenda, pulling Item 5.04 for separate discussion.*

*Motion: Edwards      Second: Corbett*

Trustee Edwards referred to Item 5.11 and asked if all parties were notified and understood why there was going to be a rebid for the project.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said the staff was notified of the process and the challenges that come along with that.

**APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

*Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.*

*Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

- 5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 2014, is recommended. (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE PROGRAM, THE COLLEGE BOARD/HANBAN. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit a request for continued funding from the College Board/Hanban Confucius Institute Program, to expand and enhance existing Chinese-language programs, in the amount of \$160,000.00 to be paid from Fund 280, beginning October 1, 2014, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended.  
[Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.02)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Academic Excellence; School Support  
**Focus Area(s):** Academic Growth; College and Career Readiness
- 5.03 SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEX EDUCATION MATERIALS. Discussion and possible action on acceptance of Item #1292: Odysseyware High School Online Health Course (Sex Education Unit) for Grades 9-12, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.03)  
**Strategic Imperative:** Engagement  
**Focus Area:** Family/Community Engagement and Customer Service
- 5.05 SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEX EDUCATION MATERIALS. Discussion and possible action on acceptance of Item #1294: Principals of Athletic Training: A Competency-Based Approach, a textbook for the Sports Medicine II course for Grades 11-12, is recommended.  
[Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.05)  
**Strategic Imperative:** Engagement  
**Focus Area:** Family/Community Engagement and Customer Service
- 5.06 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. 5.06)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support  
**Focus Area(s):** Disproportionality
- 5.07 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.07)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Academic Excellence  
**Focus Area(s):** Proficiency; Academic Growth; Achievement Gaps; Disproportionality

**APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 5.08 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$968,073.66, as listed, is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.08)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

- 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: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.09)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

- 5.10 CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION. Discussion and possible action on authorization to extend previously issued contracts with LVI Environmental Services of Nevada and Walker Specialty Construction to conduct emergency environmental remediation services at Clark County School District schools and facilities for an approximate amount of \$260,000.00, effective September 12, 2014, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Cost Center 1070001029, GL Account 5450000000, Fund 700000000, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.10)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Family/Community Engagement and Customer Service

- 5.11 RESCISSION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT, TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE, J. HAROLD BRINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval to rescind the contract award to Communication Electronic Systems, LLC, for the technology upgrade at J. Harold Brinley Middle School, and for staff to rebid the project, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.11)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

- 5.12 CONTRACT AWARD: PROJECTOR MOUNTS AND CONNECTIONS, CANYON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL. Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to provide and install ceiling projector mounts at Canyon Springs High School, to be paid from Grant 6969014, Internal Order G6969000114; and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, may be recommended.

[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.12)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

**APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

5.13 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$20,584.00 to the construction contract for the Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Lines at Cashman Middle School (AF Construction Company, Inc.), is recommended.

[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.13)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

**APPROVE SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEX EDUCATION MATERIALS**

Approval to review for approval of Item #1293: Apex Learning Online Health Course Skills for Health Core (Sex Education Unit) for Grades 9-12, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

*Motion to approve this item to become part of the CCSD sex education materials.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Approval of the Amendment of the Clark County School District Sex Education Advisory Committee Procedures Manual, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

**BOARD MEMBER RETURNS**

Trustee Wright returned to the dais at 6:04 p.m.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3613**

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 3613, Use of District Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment by Non-School Groups, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous*

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Superintendent Skorkowsky addressed the CCSD School Board Student Advisory Committee and reminded them that they must conduct themselves in the same manner as the Board in their meetings with relation to the Open Meeting Law (OML).

## **AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Cranor suggested that the Board have Common Core and Nevada Academic Content Standards on the agenda as an informational item. She noted that the September 25, 2014, Board meeting is scheduled during Rosh Hashana and said there has been a request to reschedule that Board meeting.

### **Public Hearing**

Seth Rau offered that Rosh Hashana begins on sundown Wednesday evening so those observing the holiday would not be able to attend a Wednesday evening meeting.

After discussion the Board agreed to tentatively schedule the meeting for Monday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m. as a business-only meeting.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Garvey reminded everyone that the Trustees would be traveling to Reno on September 13, and she would be bringing information from that meeting to share. She thanked everyone for helping the Moapa Valley and Virgin Valley communities recover from the recent flooding.

Trustee Wright shared her experience attending the opening celebration of the Dr. Beth Howe Center. She reported on the Public Education Foundation Board of Directors meeting held on September 4 at their new facility where they discussed literacy initiatives and training. She reported on her visit to Basic High School. She shared that she participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

Trustee Edwards reported on the Vegas PBS retreat she attended last Saturday where they reviewed their strategic plan. She also reported on her first parent and community meeting and said she invited State Board of Education members Mark Newburn and Alexis Gonzalez-Black to speak to parents about the Nevada Academic Content Standards and end of course exams.

Trustee Tew reported on the tribute to a Palo Verde High School teacher who died in the September 11, 2001, attacks, and she reflected on the day of 9/11. She talked about some of the information shared by Robert Pondiscio, a senior fellow at The Thomas B. Fordham Institute, about how the integration of all disciplines affects learning and performance in reading.

Trustee Corbett reminded everyone that there would be a Reclaim Your Future effort at Valley High School on September 13, and he invited everyone to participate. He reported on the Dell H. Robison Middle School open house he attended.

Trustee Cranor reported that following discussions and meetings regarding charter schools having a liaison represent them on the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Board of Control, she has requested that an item to be placed on the NIAA meeting agenda to discuss that topic. She announced that her first parent and community meeting would be held on October 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. She said she would be holding another parent and community meeting on October 29 to discuss the magnet and select schools expansion.

**BOARD REPORTS (continued)**

Trustee Edwards shared that the application deadline for magnet schools this year is January 8, 2015.

**DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Gene Collins said the parents and the community members can help the District help their students.

Pastor Samuel Carol commended the members of the School Board Student Advisory Committee. He said students need motivation.

Alex X spoke about how the word "black" is used as a negative description in our language, such as "black sheep of the family" and "blackmail."

**EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Cranor said she was informed that there is no need for a closed session.

**ADJOURN:** 6:47 p.m.

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Tew    Vote: Unanimous*