

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, October 27, 2022

5:04 p.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present  
Irene Cepeda, President  
Evelyn Garcia Morales, Vice President  
Lola Brooks, Clerk  
Linda P. Cavazos, Member  
Danielle Ford, Member  
Lisa Guzmán, Member  
Katie Williams, Member

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

**Teleconference Call Connected**

Teleconference call with Trustee Ford was connected at 5:04 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.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

*Adopt agenda, except delete Item 3.02 and note additional reference material provided for Item 3.01.*

*Motion: Guzmán    Second: Williams    Vote: Unanimous*

**Teleconference Call Disconnected**

Teleconference call with Trustee Ford was disconnected at approximately 5:07 p.m.

**Board Member Arrives**

Trustee Ford arrived at the Board meeting at approximately 5:07 p.m.

**Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda**

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

## **Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)**

### Public Hearing

James Bayliss mentioned The Harbor and asked why the District keeps investing money in them since it is a referral service. He said they and the District are also ignoring a court order and a contract written by a previous CCSD Superintendent.

Kenneth Paul said CCSD Regulation 2130 is a status quo document, and he is sure central leaders did not consult or seek the perspective of local leaders and community. He stated principals and school organizational teams (SOTs) were not involved but noted Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 388G is a governance model to balance central and local governance. He said the same few central leaders are being allowed to keep near status quo. He suggested that what has taken place should be enough for Jhone Ebert, Nevada Department of Education (NDE) Superintendent of Public Instruction, to issue a notice of noncompliance and a compliance monitor.

Charlene Paul stated the reorganization law was put into place two years before Superintendent Jara came to the District, and the Board has allowed “the tail to wag the dog” ever since he became Superintendent. She said she does not understand why the Board cannot get the Superintendent to get into compliance with a Nevada state law or why he has been rewarded with a contract extension and a raise.

Ed Gonzalez said he has offered to work with the District and said they all need to work together for compliance and to ensure that the intent and the spirit of the reorganization is followed. He talked about comments made by the Board during the previous meeting that were disturbing to him and that he found to be condescending. He recalled the work that has gone into this legislation since 2015-2016.

Janitzco Martinez addressed the Board with the assistance of an interpreter. She said she has three sons, one of which is a recent high school graduate. She spoke in support of the CORE program and shared that the program has helped her with English classes and nutrition classes and has been a support for her children.

Andhi Almodovar-Bueno addressed the Board with the assistance of an interpreter. She said she has a son in the CORE program. She shared the positive experience her family has had with the program and the support the program provides to the family academically and emotionally.

Norberta Bello addressed the Board with the assistance of an interpreter. She shared that she is a Transportation Aide for the District. She said CORE is a big opportunity for students, and the program has helped her two sons from sixth grade through the twelfth grade and continues for two years into college. She spoke about the support the program provides to students and families.

### **Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda** (continued)

Anna Binder pointed out that the Board President said the Board would not be fully implementing the new public comment rules until the beginning of the year. She stated also that although the public was told the Board could not make special accommodations for anyone, they are giving individuals with translators six minutes to speak. She spoke in support of Special Olympics. She said Item 2.16 does not include a dollar amount, which she finds alarming. She noted the amount of money being spent for library material and asked why librarians are saying they cannot get the money needed for new books for the library.

*Motion to adopt the consent agenda.*

*Motion: Guzmán    Second: Cepeda    Vote: Unanimous*

### **2.01 Approval of the Minutes.**

Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of September 22, 2022, and the special meeting of September 29, 2022, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** (Ref. 2.01)

### **2.02 Memorandum of Agreement Between the Clark County School District and Special Olympics Nevada for the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools Program.**

Discussion and possible action on authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Special Olympics Nevada for participating schools initiating whole-school involvement for students with and without disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$28,300.00, effective October 28, 2022, through October 27, 2023, to be paid from the Student Services Division, Unit 0137, Fiscal Year 2023, Fund 0279, 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. 2.02)

### **2.03 Interlocal Agreement Between the Clark County School District and Clark County for The Harbor Juvenile Assessment Centers.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a data sharing Interlocal Agreement between the Clark County School District and Clark County on behalf of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services related to the operation of The Harbor Juvenile Assessment Centers to provide a voluntary diversion program for juveniles to participate in restitution, counseling, and instruction, effective October 28, 2022, through December 18, 2023, 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 Barton] (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)

**Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda** (continued)

**2.05 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 September 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022, in the official Board minutes as required by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 354.598005, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jason Goudie] (Ref. 2.05)

**2.06 2022B Medium-Term Bond Resolution.**

Discussion and possible action on adoption of the 2022B Medium-Term Bond Resolution, authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation (Limited Tax) Various Purpose Medium-Term Bond, Series 2022B, in the maximum principal amount of \$35,000,000.00, in order to finance all or a portion of the cost of acquiring, improving, and equipping school facilities of the Clark County School District, including transportation vehicles and facilities, and technology equipment and facilities; authorization for the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer to specify the terms of the bond; and for the President and Clerk of the Board of School Trustees to sign the necessary documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jason Goudie] (Ref. 2.06)

**2.07 Unified Personnel Employment.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.07)

**2.08 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. 2.08)

**2.09 Licensed Personnel Dismissal Recommendation.**

Discussion and resolution to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissal of licensed personnel, as listed, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Carol Tolx] (Ref. 2.09)

**2.10 Purchasing Awards.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$12,365,499.06 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.10)

**2.11 Purchase Orders.**

Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$2,287,261.98 as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 2.11)

**Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda** (continued)

**2.12 Contract Award: Preconstruction Services School Replacement at Laura Dearing Elementary School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the best qualified construction manager at-risk for preconstruction services in support of the school replacement at Laura Dearing Elementary School, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0001647; and for Mark Campbell, Interim Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mark Campbell] (Ref. 2.12)

**2.13 Right-of-Entry to Southwest Gas Corporation at Will Beckley Elementary School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to allow Southwest Gas Corporation a right-of-entry at Will Beckley Elementary School, to install and maintain a natural gas pipeline or pipelines and appurtenances for temporary work space for the duration of the construction activities, across, over, under and through the described property, and for Mark Campbell, Interim Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mark Campbell] (Ref. 2.13)

**2.14 Grant Application and Notice of Subaward to Vegas PBS for Jobtimize Implementation.**

Discussion and possible action on authorization to accept and implement the City of Las Vegas awarded Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to support the Clark County School District's ongoing COVID-19 recovery efforts, effective November 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, to be paid from the City of Las Vegas ARPA grant, Fund 2200000000, in the amount of \$190,000.00, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mary Mazur] (Ref. 2.14)

**2.15 Adopt Clark County School District Regulation 2130.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to adopt Clark County School District Regulation 2130, District Organization, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Kellie Kowal-Paul] (Ref. 2.15)

**2.16 Agreement Between the Clark County School District and CORE, Powered by the Rogers Foundation.**

Discussion and possible action on approval of an agreement between the Clark County School District and CORE to provide an out-of-school, social-emotional learning program that has successfully helped boost graduation rates and life success among its high school students, from October 28, 2022, through June 30, 2025, and for 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: Shana Rafalski] (Ref. 2.16)

## **American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ARP ESSER III) Annual Use of Funds Report**

Presentation and discussion on the Fall 2022 American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ARP ESSER III) Annual Use of Funds Report.

Kellie Kowal-Paul, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the Superintendent, presented the Fall 2022 American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ARP ESSER III) Annual Use of Funds Report, as shown in Reference 3.01.

Trustees asked questions related to how the use of funds is aligned to District goals; accountability; hiring mental health professionals; community priorities; and the timeline for the purchase of Tier 1 instructional materials for English language arts (ELA).

### **Public Hearing**

Vicki Kreidel stated student behavior is an overwhelming concern. She said the District needs to ensure that every allowable dollar goes to support students' mental health. She pointed out that without educators, none of these funds matter.

Anna Binder said in May she requested every ESSER audit but only received the one for ESSER I funds. She said ESSER III stipulates that a dashboard be made available for the public within 30 days of the grant application award for ESSER III funds, and the public was not provided with that. She noted the \$52.5 million for nine community partners and said there are community partners available to help at no cost. She noted the \$6.75 million for data and transparency and said she is unable to go into Open Book and line up a vendor to the amount approved by the Board for purchase orders.

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

James Bayliss commented on the Superintendent's evaluation and asked whether the exclusion of special education students was considered fraudulent. He said he does not understand why some Trustees changed their vote and the Superintendent was rehired and said there is such a negative public outcry surrounding Superintendent Jara. He said the Board is repeatedly told they are breaking the law but obviously do not care.

Elle Bosch talked about an incident in which her school experienced a hard lockdown and said this is a traumatizing situation for students and teachers. She said she and her peers propose utilizing the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) method instead.

Trenia Barbee shared information about her nonprofit organization, Check Rock, which works to raise awareness and prevention in the areas of suicide, bullying, and mental health. She said she is advocating for her program to be in CCSD schools.

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

Bill Hanlon spoke about why students in high school are struggling in math and said if the District does not demand that students meet standards in a timely manner, they will not be able to pass. He stated when holes are developed in a student's curriculum because certain material was not covered, it puts that student's potential success at risk.

Vicki Kreidel said she is hearing that the Teacher Advisory Councils (TACs) formed at schools is being formed by Clark County Education Association (CCEA) members and they are excluding anyone who is not a CCEA member from participating. She said there are many teachers that want to participate. She asked that the Board ensure that the TACs are not excluding anyone.

Anna Binder said she was horrified to hear from teachers that during a virtual training session they attended English language learner (ELL) students were referred to as "our new little Mexicans." She said this speaks to the outside companies being hired by the District.

Michael Simmons stated he was with ARO IT, an IT intergrader, manage service provider (MSP) and manage service security provider (MSSP), and he explained the public request for proposal (RFP) process and how that affects local vendors and county entities. He said he feels this is a problem that if addressed could save county entities money and put money back into the community.

Gina Greisen expressed concern regarding the hiring of Desert Squad Pest and Wildlife to trap and euthanize cats that were under the portables on a high school campus. She said she was able to intervene and speak with the principal. She said she hopes to work with the District to have a more humane policy for this type of situation.

Chakeito Andrews stated her six-year-old son was attacked at school on September 30, 2022, and she did not receive a call about the incident. She said she has visited several CCSD schools on multiple occasions to intervene when any of her children were being bullied. She said there has been no resolution in her son's case and when she requested to change schools for his safety, she was denied.

Lizbeth Lazaro Regino spoke about how CORE impacted her life in a positive way. She said CORE helped her get into college and provided resources to help her be successful and said they also provided resources to her parents.

Miguel Sanchez spoke about how CORE has helped him, his sister, and their family and how the program provided support and needed resources to them. He said since being in CORE, the program has provided him with educational and emotional support and has made him a better person.

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

Sergio Jacobo, Jr. said he is part of CORE and a current CCSD student. He shared his experience being part of CORE and said the program has helped him and his family with basic needs and has also provided him with the emotional support he has needed. He talked about what CORE offers to students and families and said if the program were expanded, it would be a great help to students.

**Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Trustee Garcia Morales stated the November 2, 2022, Board meeting has been canceled and the next scheduled meeting of the Board would be held on November 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

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

Matt Schriever thanked the Board and CCSD staff involved for listening to students, parents, and community members and reinstating Keith Wiperman as Centennial High School's principal. He said it is still somewhat disheartening to not have any information or explanation for why the decision was made to remove Mr. Wiperman and why no information was provided to parents or students. He said it is also disheartening to hear that this has happened at other schools as well. He asked that the District be transparent when decisions like this are made. He asked that the Board change its public speaking policy and allow students to speak at the beginning, middle, or end of the meeting.

**Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees** (continued)

Trustee Garcia Morales restated that the upcoming meeting of the Board was scheduled for November 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

**Adjourn:** 7:00 p.m.

*Motion: Guzmán    Second: Cavazos    Vote: Unanimous*