

MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL NAME COMMITTEE  
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM  
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

Monday, November 7, 2016

3:00 p.m.

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Members Present

Deanna Wright, Chair  
Kevin Child, Member  
Jenn Blackhurst, Member  
Bob Brown, Member  
Cindy Dreibelbis, Member  
Beatriz Romero, Member (arrived late)  
Angela Tripp, Member

Members Absent

**WELCOME**

Deanna Wright, Chair, School Name Committee

Introduced two new members of the Committee, Beatriz Romero, the teacher representative, and Angela Tripp, the administrator representative, and welcomed members of the Committee and audience to the School Name Committee meeting. As the Board Room was filled to capacity, overflow seating was made available in the conference room adjacent to the Board Room.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Adoption of the agenda for November 7, 2016.

*Motion: Brown Second: Dreibelbis Vote: 6-0*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of March 29, 2016.

*Motion: Brown Second: Child Vote: 6-0*

**RENAMING OF B. MAHLON BROWN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action to forward a recommendation to rename B. Mahlon Brown Junior High School, Brown Academy of International Studies, for approval to the Board of School Trustees.

Principal Wendy Phelps spoke on behalf of the application. Principal Phelps indicated that the application as submitted will be modified to retain the first initial and middle name of the namesake, at the family's request. Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees to rename B. Mahlon Brown Junior High School, B. Mahlon Brown Academy of International Studies.

*Motion: Child Second: Brown Vote: 6-0*

**REVIEW OF NAMESAKE FROM RECENT SCHOOL CLOSURE. Discussion and possible action to consider the namesake from a recent school closure, Lomie G. Heard, as part of the naming process for the new elementary schools to open in fall 2017.**

Motion to reassign school namesake Lomie G. Heard to one of the seven new schools to open in 2017-2018, due to the closure of the original school that was named for her in 2016, in keeping with Policy 7223 Naming of Schools and Education-Related Facilities.

*Motion: Brown Second: Child Vote: 6-0*

**2016 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FINALISTS. Discussion and possible action to review the 15 finalists from the 2016 Call for Nominations and forward a recommendation to name seven new elementary schools to open in fall 2017 for approval to the Board of School Trustees.**

The Committee received presentations from representatives of the 15 finalists, as follows:

- Finalist: Shirley Barber Presenter: Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams
- Finalist: Shelley Berkley Presenters: Schyler Richards and Senator Richard Bryan
- Finalist: Jan L. Jones Blackhurst Presenter: Dr. Bo Bernhard
- Finalist: Kenneth Divich Presenter: Kurt Divich
- Finalist: Margery Gill Presenters: Dr. Carolyn Reedom, Cathy Maggiore, and Emilee Wirshing
- Finalist: Gary A. Gray Presenter: Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani
- Finalist: Dr. Beverly Mathis Presenter: Ashley Rae Mathis
- Finalist: Orton Dennis Ortwein Presenters: Rick Watson and Terri Janison
- Finalist: Don and Dee Snyder Presenter: Myron Martin
- Finalist: Josh Stevens Presenter: Drew Stevens
- Finalist: Francie D. Summers Presenters: Hee-Jin McClain, Bob Barnes, and Paula Hitchcock
- Finalist: E. Parry Thomas Presenter: Tom Thomas
- Finalist: Helen Anderson Toland Presenter: Dr. Rochelle Hooks
- Finalist: Billy and Rosemary Vassiliadis Presenter: Joyce Haldeman
- Finalist: Alma Vining Presenter: Dan Tafoya

As prescribed in the Naming of Schools and Education-Related Facilities Procedural Guide, the Committee voted via ballot to select names for the new school facilities. Member Dreibelbis recused herself from voting for Billy and Rosemary Vassiliadis. The six names that received the required four or more votes, per the procedural guide, were (in alphabetical order):

- Shelley Berkley,
- Jan L. Jones Blackhurst,
- Dr. Beverly Mathis,
- Don and Dee Snyder,
- Josh Stevens, and
- Billy and Rosemary Vassiliadis.

Motion to recommend six names to the Board of School Trustees for final approval.

*Motion: Blackhurst Second: Brown Vote: Unanimous*

### **APPROVE AGENDA PLANNING AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

Chair Deanna Wright requested an agenda item at a future meeting to consider allowing schools to be named for large donors. Member Brown indicated that it is his belief that there is a CCSD policy governing that activity. Chair Wright to explore the issue further before bringing the item back to the Committee. The next School Name Committee meeting will be scheduled for January 2017 to review the process for the next Call for Nominations.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 5:18 p.m.

*Motion: Brown      Second: Child      Vote: Unanimous*