

MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
**BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, ROOM 466  
5100 W. SAHARA AVE., LAS VEGAS, NV 89146

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

11:30 a.m.

**Members Present**

Bowler, Richard  
Bruins, David  
Davis, Al  
Haldeman, Joyce  
Halsey, Jim  
Kubat, Charles

Lavelle, Eleissa  
Lazaroff, Gene  
Lopez, George  
Philpott, Steve  
Reynolds, Jacob

**Members Absent**

Earl, Debbie  
Hawkins, Frank  
Tate, Cameron

A recording of this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Capital Program Office at 799-8710.

1.01 ROLL CALL.

Jim Halsey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

1.02 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

*Motion was made to move item 3.03 Future Building Programs, Technology Needs before 3.02 Capital Improvement Program – Revision 18, and add a Public Comment period prior to the Capital Improvement Program – Revision 18.*

*Motion: Davis*

*Second: Reynolds*

*Vote: Unanimous*

2.01 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Cam Walker, Boulder City, questioned if Item 3.05 Boulder City and Sandy Valley High Schools could be heard prior to the Capital Improvement Program – Revision 18.

*After a brief discussion, a motion was approved to revise the revised agenda, to move Item 3.02, Capital Improvement Program – Revision 18, to follow Item 3.05, Boulder City and Sandy Valley High Schools, and it would be preceded by an additional Public Comment Period.*

*Motion: Haldeman*

*Second: Kubat*

*Vote: Unanimous*

3.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

*Motion for approval of the Minutes for August 21, 2014.*

*Motion: Bowler*

*Second: Reynolds*

*Vote: Unanimous*

3.03 FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS. TECHNOLOGY NEEDS.

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent of Community & Government Relations, explained that this presentation is another chapter of topics related to future building programs.

Jhone Ebert, Chief Innovation and Productivity Officer, and Dan Wray, Interim Chief Technology Officer, of the Technology and Information Systems Services Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation, "Supporting the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner, A Technology Needs Update."

Mrs. Ebert explained the department was reorganized one year ago to incorporate the technology and curricular components of the District. This presentation will explain the needs of a classroom to provide students the necessary provisions to get their work done and to prepare them for the future in a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment.

Mr. Wray summarized the infrastructure, industry lifespan, and costs for the District's wide area network, local area network, telephones, servers, computers, WiFi, and other devices.

Mrs. Ebert explained the need for the District to obtain a Human Capital Management system to track the District's hiring, onboarding, advertising, and tracking of employee transfers/reassignments.

Mrs. Ebert displayed a graph that compares the District life cycle of equipment with industry recommendations and explained the District abilities to obtain the best price possible when buying equipment.

Mrs. Ebert explained that her division not only services the 318,250 students, but also the community. When the public goes to the District's Web site, whether one is looking for a job, looking for a student's progress, or looking for resources on how to help a student in the curriculum in the new Nevada Academic Content Standards, it is not only critical to the students but also to the community. Ms. Ebert stated that students in grades 3 through 12 will be taking their exams online, and explained the complications and necessity to have students gain access to devices.

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS. TECHNOLOGY NEEDS (continued).

David Bruins questioned if parents will be required to buy equipment for their child, such as a laptop, or will the District provide this equipment. Mrs. Ebert explained the District is following two paths as there is not enough funds to purchase a device for every student. Title I funds, for the past three years, have been used to purchase a device for students in 12 middle schools. This program has been very successful. The infrastructure has been improved for a “bring your own device” (BYOD) program. There are currently 64 schools with a BYOD program. Principals are working with the different communities in order to expand this program.

Steve Philpott questioned if replacement costs are going to be handled through partnerships with companies such as Switch and Amazon. Mrs. Ebert explained the District is moving in that direction and that the District just replaced the student information system to get away from maintaining multiple servers.

Mr. Philpott questioned if the equipment was purchased with bond funds and if the District is still paying for it. Jim McIntosh explained that the District was able to obtain medium term financing with a shorter term compared to construction with a longer term.

Charles Kubat questioned how devices are policed when used on District campuses. Mr. Wray explained that, as part of working with the federal government and the Children’s Internet Protection Act, the District filters certain Web sites within the school boundaries to ensure appropriate sites and content are available. Even though the student may have an individual plan, the student is required to logon to the District’s network in order for the District to monitor.

Gene Lazaroff questioned if the computer software is updated at the same time as computers. Mrs. Ebert explained that the software is mainly absorbed by the general fund.

Mr. Lazaroff questioned if the District was planning to utilize the technical centers adjacent to Western and Foothill High Schools. Mrs. Ebert explained the during the last two years the District has increased their capacity to utilize those technical centers.

Eleissa Lavelle questioned where the budget comes from for training teachers in the use of the multiple devices. Mrs. Ebert explained that in 1997, Governor Miller made it possible to provide a computer for every classroom. Positions were created that were called Educational Computing Strategists. Over the course of time, this position became very technical in nature and the District had a highly paid teacher with a master’s degree assisting the classroom teacher to fix things. Two years ago, the District converted some of those positions to technicians to assist classroom teachers. Blended learning and face-to-face learning is also available to classroom teachers.

## FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS: REVENUE UPDATE.

Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, provided a quarterly PowerPoint “Capital Fund Revenue Update” that focuses on the various revenues that provides for our bond program. This update was last provided in June 2014.

Mr. McIntosh explained that \$306.3 million in property tax revenues have been budgeted for the 2015 fiscal year and summarized the debt service that the District continues to be responsible for.

Mr. McIntosh explained that the \$72 million will be adjusted to \$74 million for room tax revenues that will be budgeted for the 2015 fiscal year. These funds can be used to bond against or be used for pay-as-you-go projects.

The real property transfer tax is the third revenue source for the bond program. Mr. McIntosh explained that the \$22,175,000 will be reduced by \$1 million for the 2015 fiscal year and can be used to bond against or be used for pay-as-you-go projects.

Mr. McIntosh summarized the potential structure for a 2016 building program and stated that if the District gets a question on the ballot in 2016, based on the revenues presented today, we could move forward with a bond program worth \$3.9 billion.

The last few pages of the presentation provided the assumptions made in arriving at the estimates and a five-year history of the three revenue sources.

Following a question by Gene Lazaroff, Mr. McIntosh explained that the State Legislature determines the rate, the County collects the property tax and distributes it to the District. The room tax is collected by the municipality, such as the City of Las Vegas and Henderson, etc., and is received by those sources. The real property transfer tax is collected by Clark County and distributed to the District.

Steve Philpott questioned if there was any clarification on obtaining room tax from brokers. Mr. McIntosh explained that the tax is collected at the time the blocks of rooms are purchased by the wholesalers. When the rooms are sold at a discount, we do not receive the actual tax in a gross amount. In some states, there have been lawsuits, such as Hawaii. Mr. McIntosh stated that he is not aware of any lawsuit involving any of the hotels in Las Vegas or the wholesalers. Mr. Philpott stated that in two to three years, three-fourths of the rooms will be sold by wholesalers. Mr. McIntosh commented that the District is losing money because of this action.

Jacob Reynolds questioned if the District has a “rainy day fund.” Mr. McIntosh explained that the capital funds have two sources that are pay-as-you-go (room tax and real property transfer tax) where the District could sit on those funds to use for the future in some way. There are statutes that limit the amount of funds in reserve.

FUTURE BUILDING PROGRAMS: REVENUE UPDATE (continued).

The District is required to keep 25 percent of its future principal and interest payments for a debt service reserve to help pay bonds in the future. The District does not have a set aside for any unfunded need, emergencies, or contingencies. Mr. McIntosh stated that the District has some cash flow available (approximately \$18 million) that could be used as an emergency fund if something happens derived from the room tax and real property transfer tax.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (approved by revision to the agenda).

Electra Smith, Sandy Valley resident, spoke in favor of having a gym and school built due to existing safety issues.

*Following a brief discussion on whether a public speaker could provide a presentation, a motion was approved for a short recess.*

*Motion: Haldeman                      Second: Reynolds                      Vote: Unanimous*

*Motion was approved to reconvene the meeting.*

*Motion: Reynolds                      Second: Kubat                      Vote: Unanimous*

Cam Walker, Mayor Pro Tem of Boulder City, addressed a question that was brought up by the District at our Community Education Advisory Board last night regarding the ballot question that did not pass and it was not supported in Boulder City. It was a challenge for elected officials to get the community energized around a ballot question when a high school was promised. Mr. Walker explained that Boulder City chose a phased replacement over a complete replacement to avoid bussing the students to Foothill High School for a year. Mr. Walker stated that the elected officials are behind the District in their capital programs.

Jill Lagan, CEO of the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce and second of three generations that have graduated from Boulder City High School, requested the committee appreciates the spirit and community pride that exists in Boulder City High School and requested the committee consider this agenda item.

Roxanne Dey, who attended and has a daughter that graduated from Boulder City High School, stated that she was shocked to see how little has changed at the school in a 30-year period. Ms. Dey stated that the Boulder City community is respectful and takes care of the school facility that was built in the 1940s, and requested that this not be held against them in order to receive a new facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (approved by revision to the agenda) (continued).

Amy Wagner, Principal at Boulder City High School, stated that she has been the principal for a week and for the last 5 days has received numerous phone calls from parents and community members wanting to know what I was doing about our facility. Ms. Wagner explained there is no air and security is lacking due to the many entrances and exits. Ms. Wagner stated that for the last few days, teachers have been teaching their students outside because it was cooler outside than inside the facility, and requested Boulder City receive the same amenities as the other high schools.

Bret Runion, parent and graduate of Boulder City High School, reported that his daughter had to move her desk outside because there was no air conditioning in the school in order to take an advanced placement history exam. Mr. Runion explained that these were the same conditions he experienced 30 years ago.

Bill Conger, Chief of Police of Administration in Boulder City, stated there are over 50 access points at Boulder City High School campus and explained that if there were an incident, it could be very problematic. Mr. Conger requested this committee support the city and the organization to get these access points closed.

Kim Bailey, parent, served on the redesign committee years ago and would like to see some implementation. Ms. Bailey also commented on the lack of security because of the current design and stated that the temperature in her daughter's class was 85 degrees yesterday. The classrooms lack technology and requested the committee support funding a new building.

Leslie Woodbury, wife and mother of Boulder City High School graduates, stated that the District received the high school from the federal government and stated it is time for the District to build a new high school to enable the students to continue successfully in a more comfortable environment.

Roger Tobler, Mayor of Boulder City, explained that he graduated in 1983, his father graduated in 1953 from the same school, and there have been very few changes since that time. The softball and baseball fields are provided by the city. Mr. Tobler invited the committee to witness the conditions and stated that it is time for this to be addressed.

David Fraser, City Manager of Boulder City, stated the District has in their documentation that the school was built in 1994, when in fact, it was only phase 1 of 4 phases that was built, and requested the remaining phases be completed.

Roy Shelton and Dawn Haviland, Sandy Valley, spoke in favor of having new facilities. The classrooms are portables, and the tent gym is unsound and unsafe. Ms. Haviland stated that they are 70 miles away and the District needs to start building facilities where they are needed.

3.05 BOULDER CITY AND SANDY VALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS – PROJECTS.

In response to a request to provide the list of improvements performed at these two locations, Jim McIntosh provided copies of “Capital Improvement Plan Modernization History Including In-Progress” for Sandy Valley Middle/High Schools and Boulder City High School and summarized the information. As a point of clarification, Mr. McIntosh explained that the “Year Built 2004” for Boulder City High School reflects the year that the new library and gym were built, and that Sandy Valley is also an elementary school.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the process in determining which improvements need to be accomplished.

Cam Walker noted that the asphalt replacement/upgrade that is stated in the information provided did not occur. Mr. Walker provided copies of the existing conditions at the school and safety concerns and explained flaws within the Facility Condition Index report as it applies to Boulder City. Mr. Walker stated that Boulder City was given the option to attend Foothill High School while Boulder City High School was replaced. Mr. Walker explained that Boulder City chose a phased replacement and stated that a new high school should have been completed. The classrooms need to be improved and this community will be here in support of a performing arts center and the infrastructure along the front of the school in 2016.

Mr. Walker stated that two years ago a decision was made to deliver a gymnasium to Moapa Valley High School. To get overlooked over again would be unfortunate and requested this committee support Option 2.

Trustee Deanna Wright provided copies of a letter signed by Mary Beth Scow, Clark County Commissioner, in support of completing the remaining phases at Boulder City High School.

3.02 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 18.

Jim McIntosh, provided a PowerPoint presentation “Revision 18, 1998 Capital Improvement Plan, 2-year Contingent Capital Plan, Options 1 & 2,” summarized the information, and requested the committee recommend to the Board of School Trustees an option for Revision 18 on how to spend the remaining funds of \$53.9 million from the 1998 Capital Improvement Plan.

As time goes by, the District has a greater need as the infrastructure ages. The unfunded modernization and equity projects total \$5.2 billion. Mr. McIntosh explained if you add the amount for new schools that are needed, the unfunded total comes to well over \$8 billion.

Mr. McIntosh explained that the Board of School Trustees needs a recommendation from this committee on how to spend the remaining property tax funds.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REVISION 18 (continued).

This recommendation should not include how to utilize the room tax and real property transfer tax or the government services tax (GST) fund. The GST is primarily used for the purchase and placement of portable classrooms. Mr. McIntosh explained that if these available funds were combined, they could be used to fix the assets that were derived from the Hazard Impact Study in a 2-Year Contingent Plan.

Mr. McIntosh summarized the options for this committee's recommendation to include Option 1 for Revision 18 and Option 1 of the 2-Year Contingent Plan, or Option 2 for Revision 18 and Option 2 of the 2-Year Contingent Plan.

Mr. McIntosh explained that the replacement of portable elementary school classrooms and the replacement of the temporary gymnasium with a permanent building at Sandy Valley are included in both 1 and 2 Options of the 2-Year Contingent Plan.

In response to a question, Pat Skorkowsky explained that the recent rezoning of 100,000 families in the southwest area only gained approximately 200 seats. In certain areas of the valley, rezoning is not available without bussing students five-ten miles to available seats. Building additions on campuses where space is available, such as Wynn and Ronzone Elementary Schools, provides capacity where the growth cannot be relieved through rezoning.

*Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to approve Option 2.*

*Motion: Bowler                      Second: Reynolds                      Vote: No vote*

*Members briefly discussed that capital improvements or buildings should be a part of Revision 18 with equipment on the contingent plan. A motion was made to amend the motion to include Sandy Valley's two projects in Option 2 and adjust the infrastructure items per the priority list the District has to utilize the remaining funds.*

*Motion: Kubat                      Second: Lavelle                      Vote: Unanimous*

*Members approved the motion to include Sandy Valley's two projects with Option 2 and adjust the infrastructure items per the priority list the District has to utilize the remaining funds.*

*Vote: Unanimous*

3.06 REGIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS.

Jim McIntosh provided a response to a question that came up during last month's presentation on regional early childhood centers where pre-kindergarten students would be moved from the elementary schools into a purchased or constructed early childhood centers within a region.



REGIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS (continued).

The question was asked regarding effect these centers would have on the capacity in elementary schools if all of the pre-kindergarten students were moved. The estimation based upon an analysis prepared by our Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Director, Rick Baldwin, the District would not have to build ten new schools.

3.07 MEETING CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE DEADLINES.

Jim McIntosh provided copies of a memorandum prepared by Thomas Axtell, General Manager of Vegas PBS, to respond to a request for information on the Motions and Taskings.

Steve Philpott questioned if one of the reports would reflect changes to the closed-circuit television system items based upon the information provided.

Jhone Ebert stated that sometimes a project consists of both local area network (instructional) and closed-circuit television system (security) upgrades. Mr. McIntosh explained that closed-circuit television system projects are for security cameras and stated that he would return to this committee next month to identify security versus instructional television.

3.08 REPORT BY STAFF AND/OR LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES.

None.

3.09 QUESTIONS REGARDING MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS.

Ruby Alston stated that the quarterly update for the Facility Condition Index was included in the reports.

3.10 REPORT BY THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES LIAISON.

Trustee Deanna Wright and Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky explained that Trustee Linda Young is out of town and thanked the committee members for their service.

3.11 QUESTIONS ON AND/OR REMOVAL OF ITEMS ON MOTIONS AND TASKINGS.

*Motion was approved to remove the Sandy Valley and Boulder City Projects.*

*Motion: Kubat                      Second: Lavelle                      Vote: Unanimous*

*Motion was approved to remove the Regional Early Childhood Centers*

*Motion: Reynolds                      Second: Kubat                      Vote: Unanimous*

3.12 AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

*Motion was approved for Staff to provide a status of current refund agreements and the process followed to write the agreements.*

*Motion: Lazeroff*

*Second: Lavelle*

*Vote: Unanimous*

4.01 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Cam Walker thanked the committee for their consideration.

5. ADJOURN: 2:15 p.m.

*Motion: Kubat*

*Second: Reynolds*

*Vote: Unanimous*