

Minutes
Clark County School District
Meeting of the Board of School Trustees

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Work Session

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:05 a.m.

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

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

Also present were: Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Luke Puschnig, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; and Cindy Krohn, Director, Board Office.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda, except note revised reference material provided for Item 5.01.

Motion: Ford Second: Cavazos Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mrs. Krohn provided a summary of the written comments submitted, as follows:

Many writers expressed their support for Trustee Linda Cavazos as President of the Board, stating that she has demonstrated professionalism and empathy throughout the pandemic; that she has the best interests of teachers in mind, is transparent, a listener, a good communicator; that she has the ability to listen to and see all sides of an issue or situation and has heart and integrity.

Several comments were received in support of Trustee Linda Cavazos as President, Trustee Danielle Ford as Vice President, and Trustee Lisa Guzmán as Clerk, stating that there is a greater chance of community healing and engagement with these Trustees; that these individuals display strong leadership and courage to ask tough, thoughtful questions; that they have positive attributes and new perspectives that will benefit children of CCSD, organizational abilities; and that they will bring collaboration, communication, and connection with the CCSD community and community at large.

Approve Organization of the Board of School Trustees – President

Approval on the election of the Office of the President.

Trustee Brooks reviewed the Board's election process.

Trustee Ford nominated Trustee Cavazos for the Office of the President.

Motion to close nominations for the Office of the President.

Motion: Cepeda Guzmán Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Cavazos thanked Trustee Ford for the nomination. She thanked Trustee Brooks for her service and leadership as Board President during the last two years. She expressed gratitude for the support of her fellow Trustees. She spoke about the need to work with a supportive and collaborative mindset.

Trustees submitted their vote for the Office of the President electronically.

Mrs. Krohn read the votes submitted as follows: Trustee Cavazos received seven votes for the Office of the President.

Approve Organization of the Board of School Trustees – Vice President

Approval on the election of the Office of the Vice President.

Trustee Guzmán nominated Trustee Ford for the Office of the Vice President.

Trustee Cepeda nominated herself for the Office of the Vice President.

Trustee Cepeda spoke about what she would bring to the Board in her role as Vice President.

Motion to close nominations for the Office of Vice President.

Motion: Garcia Morales Second: Williams Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Ford said she is excited for the opportunity and would like to bring what she has learned, as well as many innovative ideas, to the Board in her role as Vice President.

Trustee Cepeda said as Vice President she would be there to support the President, and she would be a consistent voice and would be methodical and be balanced.

Trustees submitted their vote for the Office of the Vice President electronically.

Mrs. Krohn read the votes submitted as follows: Trustee Ford received three votes and Trustee Cepeda received four votes for the Office of the Vice President.

Approve Organization of the Board of School Trustees – Clerk

Approval on the election of the Office of the Clerk.

Trustee Ford nominated herself for the Office of the Clerk. She said she would be happy to continue in that role.

Trustee Ford nominated Trustee Guzmán for the Office of the Clerk.

Trustee Brooks nominated Trustee Garcia Morales for the Office of the Clerk.

Motion to close nominations for the Office of the Clerk.

Motion: Cepeda Second: Cavazos Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Ford said there are many things she needs to bring up during Officers' Meetings. She said she has a lot of ideas to share, which she is confident Trustee Cavazos would take into consideration whether she is Clerk or not.

Trustee Guzmán thanked Trustee Ford for the nomination. She said she would like to serve as Clerk so she could learn about things that are happening within the District.

Trustee Garcia Morales thanked Trustee Brooks for the nomination. She said she believes her desire to serve and her experience and knowledge are all assets that she would bring to the Board and the community in the role of the Clerk.

Trustees submitted their vote for the Office of the Clerk electronically.

Mrs. Krohn read the votes submitted as follows: Trustee Ford received three votes, Trustee Guzmán received zero votes, and Trustee Garcia Morales received four votes for the Office of the Clerk.

Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Thursday, January 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Mrs. Krohn provided a summary of the written comments submitted, as follows:

A writer asked that schools not open until teachers and students have had a chance to get the vaccine.

A person expressed concern with one of the newly elected Trustees and hopes she is able to set aside her personal agenda, show respect for employees and community who have different opinions, will listen to an issue and do what is right for the greater good of all students and employees at CCSD.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (continued)

A parent said they are happy with their child's academic success and expressed their gratitude for the educational team and all those working behind the scenes, the hours of time dedicated, innovation, professionalism, character, and personal sacrifices that are being made.

Superintendent Jara congratulated the Board Officers and acknowledged Trustee Brooks for her leadership during her time as Board President for the last two years.

Adjourn: 8:55 a.m.

Motion: Ford Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous