

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

WORK SESSION

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

8:03 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Linda E. Young, President
Chris Garvey, Vice President
Deanna L. Wright, Clerk
Kevin L. Child, Member
Carolyn Edwards, Member
Patrice Tew, Member

Member Absent

Erin Cranor, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Jhone Ebert, Chief Innovation and Productivity Officer, Innovative Teaching and Learning Unit, Technology and Information Systems Services Division; Leslie Arnold, Assistant Superintendent, Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement; Mary Hafner, Principal, Roy Martin Middle School; Nathan Trenholm, Director, IDS – Instructional Data Services, Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement; Tiffany Seibel, Director of Assessment, Assessment, Accountability, Research and School Improvement; John Lockhart, Coordinator IV, CCSD Bus Operations; James Yoder, Coordinator, World Languages; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Loreasa Nary, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except note additional reference material provided for Item 4.02 and note reference material provided for Items 4.03, 4.04, and 4.05.

Motion: Garvey Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVE LEGISLATION

Approval regarding state and federal legislation which may affect education, including, but not limited to, reports of current legislative issues and events; the development of the District's legislative goals, platform, and courses of action; the establishment of the District's position on proposed legislation; and guidance to District representatives in the legislative process.

Superintendent Skorkowsky gave a brief update on legislative issues and events currently taking place during the Legislative Session.

DISTRICTWIDE SURVEY

Presentation and discussion on the progress and development of the Districtwide Survey to collect the perceptions and opinions of students, parents, and staff.

Ms. Ebert, Ms. Arnold, and Mr. Trenholm presented potential changes to the Districtwide Survey.

Trustee Wright suggested taking advantage of upcoming events at the malls to get this survey out to parents. She said she would be interested in knowing how staff plans to reach out to families and make the survey available and accessible to them.

Trustee Tew said she would like to see an incentive offered to students whose parents fill out the survey.

Trustee Young suggested increasing efforts to reach out to those communities who do not have access to computers and may not be able or willing to come to the schools to fill out the survey. She suggested also reaching out to students to increase those participation numbers as well.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT AND END-OF-COURSE PRESENTATION

Presentation, update, and discussion of the Smarter Balanced Assessment and End-Of-Course Assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics for Grades 3-10.

Ms. Ebert, Ms. Arnold, and Ms. Seibel presented information related to the Smarter Balanced Exam and the End-of-Course Assessments and graduation requirements.

Trustee Edwards said it would be helpful for the Trustees to have talking points regarding the exams and estimated timelines of receiving results when speaking to parents. She suggested working with the other states to encourage Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium to provide results more quickly so that students who had not passed the exam may be able to take advantage of the time they have to prepare to pass the exam again.

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT AND END-OF-COURSE PRESENTATION (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky said staff could develop some talking points for the Trustees. He said he would communicate those concerns to the state superintendent.

Trustee Garvey said there is a concern regarding whether or not a student has computer or keyboarding skills would influence their test results.

Trustee Edwards suggested that District staff, Board members, and concerned parents testify at state board meetings to express their concerns surrounding the testing requirements and timelines.

Superintendent Skorkowsy said staff could work with the Board to develop a plan for addressing the state board.

COLLEGE BOARD/HANBAN CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE PROGRAM

Presentation and discussion on the progress of the Confucius Institute Program and the Chinese Bridge Delegation to China. Jhone Ebert, Chief Innovation and Productivity Officer; Mary Hafner, Principal, Roy Martin Middle School; James Yoder, Coordinator, World Languages.

Ms. Ebert, Mr. Yoder, and Ms. Hafner gave a presentation of the Confucius Institute Program and the Chinese Bridge Delegation to China, and they shared their experience of their visit to China.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS – LATE START TIMES

Presentation and discussion on potential implementation of a pilot project for late start times for a secondary feeder alignment within the Clark County School District, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Barton and Mr. Lockhart presented the committee's work on Secondary Schools Late Start Times.

Trustee Edwards suggested that the benefits of late start times should also be listed along with the challenges. She said she would like to be invited to the community input meetings once those begin. Trustee Edwards said she would assume that if the District were to move forward with the pilot, something would be in place to assess the impact of late start times on student achievement.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said other factors, such as attendance and tardiness, would be looked at as well.

Trustee Wright suggested reaching out to local police departments and gathering their input. She suggested looking at the number of school buses that are sitting and only being used for activities.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Wright requested an agenda item to discuss potential changes to sex education in this Legislative Session.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky asked that two Trustees work with staff on that agenda item.

Trustee Edwards said the Board's position on "opt-in" and "opt-out" with regard to the sex education curriculum should be part of that discussion.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 11:08 a.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous