

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

ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

5:39 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Deanna L. Wright, President
Linda E. Young, Vice President
Carolyn Edwards, Clerk
Lola Brooks, Member
Kevin L. Child, Member
Erin Cranor, Member
Chris Garvey, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Office of the Deputy Superintendent; Rick Neal, Chief Operating Officer, Operational Services Unit; Joe Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff/Liaison to the Board, Office of the Superintendent; Eva White, Assistant Superintendent, Strategic Resources and Capital Improvement, Operational Services Unit; Steven Osburn, Director II, Budget Department, Operational Services Unit; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager/Director II, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office; and Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Cranor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except note reference material provided for Item 4.02.

Motion: Cranor Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Richard Tellier talked about rising cost of healthcare coverage for support staff employees and said now the District wants to get rid of Teachers Health Trust and place teachers on the same plan as support staff with increasing premiums.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Autumn Tampa talked about increases in healthcare costs. She said the cost has gone up, and the quality of care has gone down. She said everyone needs to work together to find a solution.

Robert Cowles shared information about offers and counteroffers made in negotiations concerning healthcare. He suggested the District “split the difference” between what it funds for the Teachers Health Trust and what it funds for administrative employees’ healthcare.

Vikki Courtney spoke about what has been happening in negotiations concerning healthcare, and she expressed concern that information regarding problems within the CCSD Employee Management Relations Department has come forward. She said when Edward Goldman, Associate Superintendent, Employee-Management Relations, is a part of negotiations, there is no movement or progress.

Jessica Maleskey asked the Board to consider what is good for students and to ensure quality healthcare for teachers.

Erik Smith said the matter of the teachers’ health insurance requires an immediate resolution focused on restoration of CCSD’s per-employee contribution to the Teachers Health Trust, development of a global plan, and the immediate removal of Mr. Goldman from the negotiations team.

David Tatlock provided information about Health Plan of Nevada and UnitedHealthcare which included poor ratings and lawsuits.

Angie Sullivan expressed disappointment that the District has not increased its contribution to health insurance for employees in such a long time. She expressed concern regarding the legitimacy of the negotiations. She asked that the Board expedite this matter.

Elysia Garcia asked why teachers do not receive the same District contribution to healthcare as administrators. She asked that the District increase the teachers’ healthcare funding to an adequate level.

Jordan Wenger said she worries about what it might cost her if she were to become ill. She asked that the Board consider the best healthcare for District educators.

Mario Walters said the manner in which the teachers’ healthcare issue is being handled sends a message that teachers are not important. He asked the Board to reconsider.

Jana Pleggenkuhle said she is concerned with teacher shortage, and she said something needs to be done. She said UnitedHealthcare is not the best choice.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Karl Byrd invited Board members come to schools and meet with teachers and support staff employees and have a dialogue about the healthcare situation.

Dolly Rowan said she is not healthy, and she needs Teachers Health Trust.

Chuck Scorpiniti said the Board has failed to do right by teachers. He said if the District offered decent health insurance, maybe they would be able to have qualified teachers in every classroom.

APPROVE REORGANIZATION OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the plan to reorganize the Clark County School District.

Superintendent Skorkowsky reported on the joint hearing of the Assembly Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee that took place at 4:00 p.m. where they discussed Senate Bill (SB) 178 related to weighted funding. He also shared that a revised Achievement School District plan might be coming forward.

APPROVE COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the Community Implementation Council, including, but not limited to, requests for assistance and recommendations to the Community Implementation Council, as it pertains to the Reorganization of the Clark County School District.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said a joint meeting between the Board and the Community Implementation Council (CIC) was tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., and the next CIC meeting was scheduled for June 21, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Trustee Wright and Trustee Child asked that the joint meeting be scheduled for a later time on that date so that more people could be present.

PUBLIC HEARING, 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET

This is the time and the place that was advertised for the public hearing on the tentative budget per Nevada Revised Statutes 354.596, and interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the 2017-2018 Tentative Budget of the Clark County School District.

Trustee Edwards read the public hearing statement into the record.

Public Hearing

Autumn Tampa said she does not recall the final budget being heard together with the tentative budget in the past. She asked about the information listed in Reference 4.02B, page 2 of 79, item D.2.c.

PUBLIC HEARING, 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET (continued)

Bill Garis expressed concern with regard to the administrators' pay increases being pulled from the 2016-2017 budget and said they hope that those budget allocations would be restored.

Richard Tellier talked about the need for quality, affordable healthcare for all District employees. He shared information about his wife's health and treatment and why he wants to keep the Teachers Health Trust.

David Tatlock asked what "professional services" includes in the budget. He said it would be financially beneficial for the Board to adopt a nonprofit, self-funded model for District employees.

ADOPT 2017-2018 FINAL BUDGET

Adoption of the 2017-2018 Final Budget and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to file as required by Nevada Revised Statutes 354.598, as recommended in Reference 4.02.

Dr. White presented the 2017-2018 Final Budget as shown in Reference 4.02A.

Trustee Garvey referred to Reference 4.02A, page 7 of 20, and asked if perhaps the District's model used for projecting the Local School Support Tax (LSSST) should be modified, since the actual amount came in much lower than projected.

Superintendent Skorkowsky agreed that it may be time to revisit this model.

Trustee Garvey suggested that perhaps the Audit Advisory Committee could also review the model.

Trustee Garvey asked that information concerning attrition be brought back to a regular meeting.

Public Hearing

Autumn Tampa thanked staff for the information given. She said educating everyone on how the budget works would be beneficial.

Motion to accept 2017-2018 Final Budget and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to file as required by Nevada Revised Statutes 354.598.

Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Approval of the Clark County School District's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and authorization for the Plan to be submitted to the Nevada Department of Taxation, the Clark County Debt Management Commission, and the Legislative Counsel Bureau, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 354.5945, as recommended in Reference 4.03.

APPROVE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (continued)

Public Hearing

Robert Cowles talked about the number of portable facilities that are on school campuses and building schools that meet the needs of the people that are going to attend the schools.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Young left the Board meeting at 8:13 p.m.

APPROVE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (continued)

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Young was not present for the vote.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards said she would bring an agenda item forward in June concerning transgender policies to create a taskforce that would do the work.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mohammad Omar Ahmad described an incident that happened in the parking lot of his child's school involving him and another parent and said he has been banned from coming to the school, and that decision was made unfairly.

ADJOURN: 8:22 p.m.

Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Young was not present for the vote.