

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, June 5, 2013

8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Carolyn Edwards, President
Deanna L. Wright, Clerk
Lorraine Alderman, Vice President
Chris Garvey, Member
Linda E. Young, Member

Members Absent

Erin E. Cranor, Member
Patrice Tew, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Donna Mendoza Mitchell, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Nicole Rourke, Executive Director, Government Affairs, Community and Government Relations; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Elizabeth Carerro, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; and Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Edwards noted that Trustee Wright was not feeling well, Trustee Cranor had family business to attend to, and Trustee Tew was attending a graduation.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Alderman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except move Item 4.02 to precede Item 3.01 and move Item 4.03 to follow Item 6.01 as 6.01a.

*Motion: Alderman Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

LEGISLATION

Report and discussion on legislative issues which may affect education, including, but not limited to, legislation passed by the Nevada State Legislature during the 77th Legislative Session, as recommended.

Mrs. Haldeman and Mrs. Rourke gave an update on the activities of the Legislative Session. Their report consisted of headlines and highlights of bills related to education or that have a potential impact on education, students, teaching, or schools.

Trustee Edwards suggested that the Board take some time to consider this information and schedule another session where there would be the opportunity to have a discussion and to ask questions.

Mrs. Haldeman suggested that the Board could provide their questions in advance.

RECESS: 9:58 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:08 a.m.

APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE FOR THE PROPOSED EL POLICY, COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Approval regarding suggestions for future modifications, additions, language changes, and deletions to, the proposed EL Policy, Commitment To Diversity, as recommended in Reference 3.01. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Edwards said the definition of "adversity" needs to be added to this policy, and she suggested placing the definition in the Addendum and adding the language to the policy, "See addendum for definition." She noted that there should not be an "A" in Number 2.

Trustee Alderman asked that someone with an English background check the policy for content and grammar.

Trustee Young said that "equity" should be included in Number 1 to read, "...a setting that is racially and ethnically balanced, which includes a commitment to equality, equity, and excellence for all students..." She suggested adding "equity" in Number 3 to read, "Fail to ascertain public and District employee attitudes in relation to equity and diversity within the school and workplace."

Trustee Edwards said she would ask legal counsel about adding that language.

Trustee Alderman asked that the definition of "diversity" be provided when this policy comes back before the Board.

APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE FOR THE PROPOSED EL POLICY, COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY
(continued)

Trustee Edwards said this proposed policy would be brought back as a Notice of Intent and would include the definition of "diversity."

APPROVE REVISION OF THE 2013-2014 CALENDAR OF BOARD MEETINGS

Approval on the revision of the calendar of regular meetings of the Board of School Trustees for the period of January 2013 through January 2014, as recommended in Reference 3.02. requested.

Trustee Edwards said this item includes the changes that were discussed earlier to delete the work session in July and to change the July 11 meeting to July 18.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Alderman Second: Young Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

STATE-ISSUED SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

Update on the forthcoming results from the Nevada School Performance Framework.

Superintendent Skorkowsky provided a brief update on the state-issued school performance framework (SPF). He noted that one of the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP3) was that the District's framework be aligned to the state's framework. He said on June 7 there would be a joint press conference where the results for the Nevada SPF will be released. He said the District would continue to provide the District's results of the SPF on the website for the past two years. He provided a preliminary comparison of the District's and the state's SPF. He noted that the state's SPF data is based on 2012 information.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Garvey asked if an agenda item was forthcoming to look at the Sex Education Advisory Committee.

Trustee Edwards said there was nothing scheduled at this time, but Trustee Tew has just been appointed to that committee as the Board liaison. She said there are several openings on that committee, and those openings are currently being posted. She said work is being done to standardize the process for appointments to the committees.

Trustee Garvey noted that District B is heavily represented by parents on the Sex Education Advisory Committee, and she said it is important to have diversity and representation across the valley on the Committee.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)

Trustee Edwards agreed that the parents on the committee could be more geographically diverse but said the other members of the committee are defined in statute. She said she would make sure that the Committee is charged with making the membership more diverse.

Trustee Alderman said there is no representation for District D, and there are no Latinos on the Committee, and she requested an agenda item to discuss possibly reconfiguring the Committee.

Trustee Young said that she has also requested that there be a representative from District C on the Committee.

Trustee Edwards said she would discuss these issues with Trustee Tew since she is the liaison to this committee, and she will bring an agenda item forward.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Alderman Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

RECESS: 10:34 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:21 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 11:21 a.m.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was connected at 11:21 a.m.

ADJOURN: 11:21 a.m.

Motion: Young Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.