

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

Friday, June 8, 2012

8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Dr. Linda E. Young, President
Deanna L. Wright, Vice President
John Cole, Clerk
Lorraine Alderman, Member
Erin E. Cranor, Member
Carolyn Edwards, Member
Chris Garvey, Member

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; John Swenside, CCSD Bond Counsel, State of Nevada; Pedro Martinez, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit; Jeffrey Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Pat Zamora, Public Finance, Nevada State Bank.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was connected at 8:00 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Garvey Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.

ADOPT 2012 ELECTION RESOLUTION

Adoption of the 2012 Election Resolution, placing a capital projects tax question on the ballot at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012; prescribing the Notice of Election and other details in connection with the election; ratifying action previously taken relating thereto; and providing the effective date, as recommended in Reference 2.01.

ADOPT 2012 ELECTION RESOLUTION (continued)

Trustee Young announced that at yesterday's Debt Management Commission (DMC) meeting, the commissioners voted to allow CCSD to move forward with the request to allow the District to propose a bridge capital program to be presented to voters for the November 6, 2012, general election.

Mr. Martinez stated that he believed the District is proposing the best option for gaining capital funding through this resolution. He asked that Mr. Weiler and Mrs. Haldeman speak to the Resolution and what it would mean for CCSD and the community.

Mr. Weiler explained the statutory requirements that staff had to meet in order to bring this forward and what took place up to this point.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Wright arrived at the Board meeting at 8:08 a.m.

ADOPT 2012 ELECTION RESOLUTION (continued)

Trustee Young acknowledge everyone who was instrumental in bringing this resolution forward for their work and leadership.

Trustee Cole questioned the omission of any language in the material provided that spoke to capping the tax at \$120 million.

Mr. Weiler guided Trustee Cole to page 3 of 18, Section 3 of the 2012 Election Resolution.

Trustee Cole stated that he did not feel that the language in Section 3 stated strongly enough that there would be a cap of \$120 million.

Mr. Swenside explained that the language here is language that was in the resolution adopted by the DMC and is the condition placed on the District by the DMC.

Trustee Cole suggested the language, "...may not exceed \$120 million in any given fiscal year, and if it does, the rate will be lowered to appropriately conclude at \$120 million."

Mr. Swenside said there is sample language that will be placed on the ballot titled "Description of Anticipated Financial Effect" shown on page 7 of 18. He said that if the Board wanted to strengthen this language, Mr. Weiler is authorized to make minor changes to the language after the Board has adopted the resolution and before it goes to the Registrar of Voters.

Trustee Cole referred to the sentence on page 7 of 18 and suggested inserting the word "total" before "cost." He questioned the amount given on page 7 of \$74.20 after hearing Mr. Weiler refer to an amount of \$76.54 earlier, and he asked Mr. Weiler to clarify.

ADOPT 2012 ELECTION RESOLUTION (continued)

Mr. Weiler explained that \$76.54 would be the new total tax rate.

Trustee Cole asked if that should not be the amount listed then instead of \$74.20.

Mr. Zamora explained how the amount was calculated.

Mr. Weiler further clarified that this is additional cost, not total cost.

Trustee Cole said that should be clarified in this language.

Mr. Weiler agreed to insert "additional" before "cost" in the last sentence on page 7 of 18.

Trustee Alderman recommended revising the language on page 6 of 18, the second sentence under "EXPLANATION" because as it is currently written, it appears that the priority of this program is to purchase more land.

Trustee Edwards referred to page 13 of 18, Section 17, and asked if the Board should schedule a special meeting for this, and she asked what canvassing the returns would involve.

Mr. Swenside said the Board would need to schedule a meeting for within six working days of the election. He explained that canvassing the returns would involve the Board receiving the report from the Registrar of Voters of the results of the Election and then adopting a resolution that officially declares those results.

Trustee Cole recommended simplifying the language for purposes of clarification for the voters.

Mr. Swenside suggested changing the language to, "...will not raise more than \$120 million" from "...is not anticipated to raise more than \$120 million." He suggested perhaps Mrs. Haldeman could work on that language.

Trustee Edwards said caution should be taken in revising the language to ensure that it is clear that the language is specific to this program and does not imply that the District will not raise more than \$120 million total across all programs.

Public Hearing

Victor Joecks asked if the District or the Board would be able to do a rollover, and if so, would they be able to do a rollover on the combined rate. He said charter schools do not get capital funding, and homeowners cannot levy a tax to pay for their home repairs. He said the average age of schools in Clark County is 22 years old, and he encouraged the District to work within its means in terms of operating expenses, instead of asking for more money. He said that this tax increase is likely not temporary, and he said the voters should be aware of that.

ADOPT 2012 ELECTION RESOLUTION (continued)

Motion to adopt the 2012 Election Resolution with the language modifications as indicated by Board members.

Motion: Wright Second: Garvey

Trustee Alderman suggested that the Board designate a representative to review the final language.

Trustee Young recommended that she and Trustee Alderman review the language.

Motion on Trustee Wright's motion was unanimous.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Young requested an agenda item to discuss filling the vacancy for District E on the June 21, 2012, Board meeting agenda.

Trustee Cranor noted that she would be absent from the June 21, 2012, meeting.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Trustee Young stated that the Board may need to schedule a special meeting for the third or fourth week in July in preparation for interviews for the vacancy. She asked the Trustees to review their calendars and give their available dates to Mrs. Krohn.

Trustee Garvey suggested scheduling a special meeting in November following the election.

Trustee Cranor asked if the Trustees should be considering a morning or an evening meeting for Board interviews.

Board members agreed that a morning meeting would be best.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Board members expressed appreciation for Trustee Cole's work on the Board.

ADJOURN: 9:10 a.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.