

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, August 1, 2018

8:06 a.m.

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

Jesus F. Jara, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Kirsten Searer, Chief Communications, Marketing and Strategy Officer, Communications Office; Brad Keating, Coordinator, Office of the Deputy Superintendent; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager/Director II, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office; Tammy Malich, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services Division; Jason Goudie, Chief Financial Officer, Business & Finance Division; Jon Okazaki, Interim General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Norma Herrera, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Jeremy Aguero, Principal Analyst, Applied Analysis

**FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda, except note additional reference material provided for Item 3.01.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Brooks Vote: Unanimous*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2018; and the special meeting of May 11, 2018, as recommended in Reference 3.01.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous*

## POSSIBLE CCSD BILL DRAFTS

Presentation and discussion related to Bill Draft requests to be submitted for the 80th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature, pursuant to NRS 218D.205.

Ms. Searer and Mr. Keating presented an update on the Bill Drafts, as showed in Reference 4.01.

Mr. Goudie indicated that the language on the page would be changed as follows:

The District requests adding a section to NRS 354.6241 that states: "For public school districts, for the purposes of chapter 288 of NRS, a *budgeted and or actual* ending fund balance of not more than 8.3 percent of the total *budgeted and or actual* expenditures, less capital outlay, for a general or special revenue fund: (a) is not subject to negotiations with an employee organization; and (b) must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability of the local government to pay compensation or monetary benefits."

Mr. Goudie said this will align with the language of NRS 354.6241 while adding the language from NAC 354.660.

Trustee Young said that she agreed with the change of language.

Trustee Child said he believes that the categorical funding should be equal throughout the Clark County School District.

Mr. Keating indicated that legislators are trying to move from the categorical funds to the weighted funding formula that will address all students in the District.

Trustee Garvey asked that the Board be provided updates.

Superintendent Jara said that he is currently collecting input from the community.

Trustee Edwards welcomed Superintendent Jara and Interim General Counsel Jon Okazaki.

Trustee Wright asked to continue having discussions in the community about funding to address all students in the District.

Trustee Young shared her concerns with Option 1 "Handle with Care" Initiative Support Students in Trauma. She said that students can suffer long-term effects of trauma.

## **POSSIBLE CCSD BILL DRAFTS (continued)**

Ms. Searer mentioned that the School Community Justice Partnership committee is currently working in supporting the community when they are in crisis.

Trustee Young suggested long-term mentorship for students.

Trustee Garvey asked if the District could collect data that would identify students experiencing trauma so that it could be shared with the legislature and other entities.

Dr. Malich responded that the Infinite Campus system will measure some of the climate initiatives. The system will have an additional tab that will go live in September that will help track the data.

*Motion to approve Option 1: "Handle with Care" Initiative to Support Students in Trauma and Option 2: Protecting the District's Ending Fund Balance  
Motion: Garvey Second: Young Vote: Unanimous*

## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Presentation and discussion on legislative priorities for the 80th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature

Ms. Searer and Mr. Aguero provided a presentation and update on the Board of School Trustees 2019 Legislative Platform, as showed in Reference 4.02.

Trustee Young suggested more magnet programs for students to become teachers. She also said she would like students be ready for the workforce upon graduating from high school.

Trustee Brooks asked if legislators would look at property tax abatements to fund schools.

Mr. Aguero responded that legislators could have the conversation. He felt the legislature should explore capping tax abatements.

Ms. Searer said that language would be available to inform the public about property tax abatements.

Trustee Edwards asked that funding the base in the document be more specific.

Mr. Keating said updated numbers would be announced at the August 9, 2018, Legislative Committee on Education.

Trustee Edwards suggested funding the base for cost of living raises for teachers and support staff.

Mr. Aguero believes that funding the base is a prerequisite for cost of living raises for teachers and support staff.

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (continued)

Superintendent Jara said he had conversations with Tesla on how to grow Career and Technical Education (CTE) public-private partnerships in building relationships for CCSD students at schools.

Mr. Aguero said that the legislature, media, and the public need to be educated on how to provide more funding to education.

Trustee Cavazos said we need to look at return on investment and long-term partnerships.

Trustee Wright asked what would be the best way to educate the public and legislators.

Mr. Aguero said that legislators should be educated one-on-one and should also include local government officials.

Mr. Aguero said that positive things happening in the District are often overlooked by social media.

Trustee Young said we need to communicate and let people know about the CCSD success stories.

Superintendent Jara said he is currently in the process of finalizing a Government Relations Working Group and that Trustee Cavazos, Trustee Brooks, and Trustee Garvey will be part of the group. He indicated that once a member list was finalized, it would be shared.

## **AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Brooks spoke about a report reviewed recently at a Nevada State Board of Education meeting about using average teacher salaries versus actual salaries of staff and asked if it could be presented to the Board.

Superintendent Jara agreed to bring the presentation to the Board and have a discussion.

Trustee Brooks requested a briefing regarding Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

Trustee Garvey requested that the School Associate Superintendents provide a report on things happening in their schools before they report to the different entities.

Superintendent Jara agreed.

Trustee Young requested an agenda item regarding the homeless student population within the District and what the District is doing to work with those students. She requested a presentation on energy saving options and the programs available.

**DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 10:19 a.m.

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Brooks    Vote: Unanimous*

Meeting minutes transcribed by Norma Herrera, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.