

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 7, 2013

8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Carolyn Edwards, President
Lorraine Alderman, Vice President
Deanna L. Wright, Clerk
Erin E. Cranor, Member
Chris Garvey, Member
Patrice Tew, Member
Linda E. Young, 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; Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Division; Staci Vesneske, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division; Kim Wooden, Chief Student Services Officer, Student Support Services Division; Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; Pat Zamora, Vice President, Zions Bank Public Finance; and Stephanie Gatlin, Transcriber/Recording Secretary, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Tew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except move Item 3.04 to follow Item 5.01 as 5.01a.

Motion: Wright Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S BOND RATINGS

Presentation of information and discussion on the District's bond ratings.

Mr. Weiler gave an update on the District's bond ratings. His presentation included current bond ratings, key factors effecting ratings, what is out of the District's control that could improve ratings, and what the District could do to improve ratings.

Trustee Young asked if there would be future discussions to address the District's capital funding needs to make improvements to facilities.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said staff would have that discussion in the next few months to talk about the needs of the District and how to address those needs and would bring that discussion back to the Board at a work session.

Trustee Young asked if any one of the key factors affecting the bond ratings has a more significant impact on the ratings than the others.

Mr. Weiler explained that this information comes out of the bond rating agencies' processes and formulas.

Trustee Young commented that the community needs to be educated on how schools are financed so these conversations need to continue to happen to get people involved in funding education.

Trustee Edwards said the District needs to continue to ask that the Ending Fund Balance be protected from bargaining, and the Nevada funding formula needs to be addressed so the District's funding could be increased.

APPROVE POTENTIAL REVISION TO THE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Presentation of information, discussion, and possible action regarding a potential revision to the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, including but not limited to discussion on future revenue and bond capacity estimates and setting priorities for a revision to the 1998 Capital Improvement Program.

Superintendent Skorkowsky stated that staff is not proposing a Revision 18 at this time but is bringing forward information of what could be included in Revision 18. He said he is aware that there would need to be a joint meeting with the Board and the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) to discuss this possibility within the next two months.

Mr. Weiler gave a presentation of a potential revision to the 1998 capital program. His presentation included the current status of the capital program and factors to consider in developing Revision 18. He said there would be a demographics and zoning presentation coming to the Board in September with updated information.

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Trustee Edwards suggested bringing this information back to the September work session with the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) to give them some perspective for zoning and overcrowding.

Trustee Young asked about the additional interest funding.

Mr. Weiler said the interest earnings is included in the \$44 million remaining to be allocated.

Trustee Young said we need to be as specific as possible when sharing these numbers with the public to increase transparency. She asked how much the District received from the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB).

Mr. Weiler said the net proceeds to spend were \$102 million, which was presented to the BOC and allocated.

Trustee Young suggested that growth should be a consideration when discussing the building of a gymnasium in a small rural high school. She said building a small gymnasium would not be beneficial if it would preclude the school from competing or limit a student's options. She said this type of consideration should be the District standard and not a rural school standard.

Trustee Wright suggested that an abbreviated list of projects that are currently in development and an estimate of how much it would cost to fund certain projects should be included in the future presentations to aid in the discussions and to be transparent.

Trustee Alderman said the Board needs to have a conversation about their position on portable schools and how students are affected with so many portables on school campuses.

Trustee Garvey said the conversation with AZAC should include the expansion of full-day kindergarten and the creation of Zoom schools in one area of the District and the projected growth in another area of the District. She referred to Page 5 of 7, Number 4, and asked with relation to the reduced elementary school capacity, if that 3.6 percent reduction considers the portable classrooms that could possibly be purchased, and she asked what the District's budget was for purchasing portables.

Mr. Weiler said capacity shown here is permanent capacity. He said there are portables that are going to be moved around, and the District is in the process of ordering approximately 100 new portables that will be needed primarily in the second year with the expansion of full-day kindergarten.

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Trustee Edwards said there are a number of schools that are almost entirely portable, and it would be helpful to know which schools those are as these conversations move forward. She said when the conversation is had with AZAC, they will begin the discussion about year-round schools in all districts to accommodate overcrowding, but at some point they would need to talk about building a new school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INTERPRETATION OF THE BOARD'S VISION FOR THE DISTRICT

Presentation and discussion on the superintendent's summary/analysis of trustee and community comments made during the superintendent search, including support for continued reform efforts, making corrections where necessary, and setting the goal of ensuring that every student graduates from high school, college and career ready.

Superintendent Skorkowsky presented his interpretation of the Board's vision for the District, which integrates all of the information shared by the Board, the parents, the business community, and the overall community during the superintendent search process and focuses on the positive input given. He produced a partial reorganizational chart that showed the following work streams and which individuals would be leading those work streams: Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence (Results), Kim Wooden; Chief Student Achievement Officer (Achievement), Mike Barton; Chief Human Capital Officer (People), Staci Vesneske; Chief Educational Opportunity Officer (Opportunity), Andre Denson; Chief Innovation and Productivity Officer (Innovation), Jhone Ebert. He said this reorganization is cost neutral, with some positions being repurposed and some positions being eliminated.

Trustee Edwards suggested that diversity of District staff should be included as one of the areas of focus under "People."

Trustee Garvey asked how the money is being reallocated in the funding of this reorganization of the structure.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said some people are retiring and some people have left the District, so some positions will be eliminated, which will allow for the repurposing of funds to fit the organizational structure.

Trustee Young said people are extremely important in working toward the success of the District, and she said "People" should also include students and community partners.

Trustee Alderman suggested that the parent engagement piece included as "Parent and community involvement" under "People" should be a separate statement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INTERPRETATION OF THE BOARD'S VISION FOR THE DISTRICT

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Superintendent Skorkowsky said the parental input opportunities are being revised to ensure that parents have access at the school and at the District levels. He said that he would be working toward putting together advisory groups of central office administrators and school-based administrators, as well as licensed personnel and central office and school-based support staff that will meet with him on a regular basis.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards noted that the work session in September would be a joint meeting with AZAC with discussions on the revision of the 1998 Capital Program and bond ratings; and the work session in October would be a joint meeting with BOC with those same discussions taking place.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Trustee Edwards noted that there is a Board retreat scheduled for October 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

RECESS: 10:03 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 11:49 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE

Trustees Tew and Wright left the Board meeting at 12:59 p.m.

RECONVENE: 12:59 p.m.

ADJOURN: 12:59 p.m.

Motion: Cranor Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

Trustees Garvey, Tew, and Wright were not present for the vote.