

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

Thursday, October 6, 2011

4:00 p.m.

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

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

INVOCATION

Reverend Mary Bredlau, Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church, performed the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Valley High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except move Item 6.01 to precede the consent agenda, and move Item 6.02 to follow Item 8.01 as 8.01a.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

*Special meeting – August 22, 2011
Regular meetings – July 28, 2011, and August 11, 2011
Motion: Cole Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*

STUDENT REPORTS

Heidi Hill, student body president at Arbor View High School, Chris Garvey, District B Trustee; Trent Gneiting, student body president at Palo Verde High School, John Cole, District E Trustee; and Aaron Diaz, student body president at Valley High school, Lorraine Alderman, District D Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

STUDENT REPORTS (continued)

Seth Goolsby, a student at Del Web Middle School, advocated for online learning opportunities for 7th- and 8th-graders. He said online learning programs would offer advanced learning opportunities for students and would afford them the same benefits as high schools students who participate in online courses.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Garvey arrived at the Board meeting at 4:25 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF INDIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM 2011

Summary of two college tour activities that were conducted during the 2010-2011 school year for eligible American Indian and Alaska Native students in the Clark County School District. Dr. Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education; Kenneth Paul, Principal, Ute Perkins Elementary School; Starlene Lopez, Parent; Juanita Pikyavit, Sophomore, Advanced Technologies Academy; Caprecia Singleton, Junior, Legacy High School, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF WEEK OF RESPECT

Discussion of the "Week of Respect" activity kit for schools in the Clark County School District and overview of school activities. Dr. Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education; Connie Kratky, Coordinator, Equity and Diversity Education; Hazel Jackson, Coordinator, Equity and Diversity Education, Clark County School District.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Board recognized Patricia A. Bendorf Elementary School and Advanced Technologies Academy for achieving the 2011 Blue Ribbon National School recognition.

RECESS: 5:11 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:35 p.m.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIME 6 SCHOOLS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Discussion of the Superintendent's Education Opportunities Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding Prime 6 schools and approval regarding implementation of the recommendations as proposed by the Superintendent, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Beverly Mathis, cochairperson of the Superintendent's Education Opportunities Advisory Committee, spoke about the collaborative process of the committee, District staff, and community members in arriving at the recommendations the committee presented to the Superintendent.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRIME 6 SCHOOLS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION (continued)

Superintendent Jones gave an update of the Prime 6 schools, including recommendations brought forward by the committee and his responses to those recommendations.

Trustee Edwards inquired about reports to the Board regarding the progress being made in implementing these recommendations.

Superintendent Jones said that he intends to report to the Board at least twice per year. He said he would also ask the schools to report their progress and challenges to the community regularly.

Trustee Young stated that she would like to see a more definitive timeline of when the reports would be presented to the Board.

Motion to accept the report as presented with two reports per year coming to the Board.

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

Public Hearing

Frank Hawkins thanked the Board and the Superintendent for their leadership and commitment to children.

Richard Boulware also thanked the Board and Superintendent and the principals for their work and collaborative effort in working with the community.

Sonya Horseford announced the new partnership between University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and CCSD with the creation of Promise Neighborhood focused on the Prime 6 attendance zone boundaries.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

4.01 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – NATIONAL TRAINING NETWORK, INC. Discussion and possible action on the request to contract with National Training Network, Inc. on The Key Elements to Mathematics Success (KEMS) for 155 days of coaching services for five Title I middle schools: Bridger, Fremont, Orr, Robison, and Von Tobel, at a daily rate of \$1,642.26, for an amount not to exceed \$254,550.00, effective October 10, 2011, through June 30, 2012, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 12, Grant G6633021712, Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 4.01)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.02 EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT, EMPLOYEE COOLING OFF PERIOD, MARC FULLER. Discussion and possible action on approval to contract with Marc Fuller, a former Clark County School District support staff assistant, to provide part-time programming and production voice talent support for various local station identifications and training projects, at a rate of \$13.33 per hour, for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, effective October 10, 2011, through June 30, 2012, to be paid from Cost Center 2022002140, Fund 2200000000, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.02)
- 4.03 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE SERVICES, MERAL COMPUTING SERVICES. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase a renewal of five years of maintenance and support from Meral Computing Services (MCS), Golden User plan, for the administration of the National School Lunch Program, at a cost of \$58.00 per month, per school, per year, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 per month, \$240,000.00 per year, for a five-year period, effective October 7, 2011, through June 30, 2016, to be paid from the Food Service Enterprise Fund 6000000000, Cost Center 3060004953, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.03)
- 4.04 STUDENT EXPULSIONS. Discussion and possible action on approval of student expulsions according to NRS 392.467 (Board Policy 5114 and Regulations 5114 and 5141.1), as listed, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL) [Contact Person: Bradley D. Waldron] (Ref. 4.04)
- 4.05 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 4.05)
- 4.06 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,298,071.53, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.06)
- 4.07 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$6,300,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.07)
- 4.08 WARRANTS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum to be presented at the Board meeting, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.08)
- 4.09 ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR NV ENERGY AT THE NORTHWEST SATELLITE TRANSPORTATION FACILITY. Discussion and possible action on approval to grant NV Energy unrestricted access, ingress, and egress to the facility located in the central portion of the Northwest Satellite Transportation Facility site, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 4.09)

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4.10 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$134,050.34, to the construction contracts, for the HVAC School Modernization at Jack Dailey Elementary School (U.S. Mechanical, Inc.), Drainage Improvements at Walter Bracken Elementary School (Western States Contracting), Local Area Network Upgrade at Robert Lunt Elementary School (Communication Electronic Systems LLC), and HVAC School Modernization at Selma F. Bartlett Elementary School (Lloyd's Refrigeration, Inc.), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.10)
- 4.11 CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering agreement for a net increase of \$2,080.00 for Basic High School (T. J. Krob Consulting Engineers, Inc.) and Ed W. Clark High School (Sigma Mechanical Engineering Consultants), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 4.11)

APPROVAL FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (NASB)

Approval to pay annual membership of the Clark County School District in the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB), for a total not to exceed \$26,250.00, to be paid from FY 11, Cost Center 1010001002, G/L Account 5810000000 Dues and Fees, Fund 1000000000, for the 2010-11 school year, as requested.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Young Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Trustee Wright read the warrants as presented in the consent agenda.

APPROVE EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS

Approval regarding negotiations or informal discussion with management representatives regarding collective bargaining with employee organizations or individual employees, and discussion regarding the approval of closed session minutes. Closed session and action may be recommended as necessary.

Public Hearing

Amy Hirsbrunner spoke about the impact that people have on education, on the students. She asked that the Teachers Health Trust be maintained.

Tom Wellman spoke positively about the Health Trust and said he needs the stability that the Trust offers as he retires.

John Carr spoke about the medical challenges some employees are facing and asked who has the authority to make the decisions with regard to health insurance.

APPROVE EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS (continued)

Public Hearing

Autumn Tampa talked about challenges connected to the current health insurance plan. She expressed support of maintaining the Teachers Health Trust.

LeeAnne Kelley stated there should be no outsourcing of CCSD positions for the safety of the students. She said the cost of the Gibson Report was a waste as well as other areas of the District; namely, the system used in the Transportation Department.

Ruben Murillo invited Board members, Superintendent Jones, and administrative staff to the upcoming Teachers Health Trust festival. He provided information to the Board regarding the Teachers Health Trust.

Brian Christensen said transparency is important in terms of bargaining and privatization. He spoke in favor of continuing the Teachers Health Trust.

John Ficarrota talked about the benefits he and his family have enjoyed with Teachers Health Trust.

Paul Ranstrom (phonetic) expressed concern with the reported approval of a labor lawyer by the Board at a rate of \$360 per hour in case of arbitration and the appointment of an administrator to handle the negotiations for \$136,050. He said money is being deducted out of his check without his authorization to the Health Trust.

Jeff Burst (phonetic) spoke about how he feels the employees are being treated unfairly, and he asked the Board to make the right decision.

Student, Robin Harden (phonetic), stated that it is unfair that teachers are not receiving raises.

Brian Todd said the employees of the District deserve to know how the Board members feel about privatization.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Jones reported on his participation in the NBC Education Nation presentation; his participation in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization in Washington, D.C., as requested by the U. S. Department of Education; and a meeting and community discussion with Governor Brian Sandoval and former Florida governor Jeb Bush. He announced that he would be participating in the Rebel Reading Challenge at the Thomas and Mack Center.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Cole spoke positively about the recent School Board Student Advisory Committee meeting.

Trustee Alderman reported on the Public Education Foundation gala, celebrating the foundation's 20th anniversary. She announced that the executive board meeting for the foundation is scheduled for October 18th and the AZAC meeting is also scheduled for October 18th.

Trustee Garvey reported on the joint meeting for the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB). She encouraged everyone to attend the NASB conference to be held November 17-19.

Trustee Edwards shared that she and Trustee Cranor attended the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) meeting where the realignment was approved, and they received a report on a new sport called stunt. She announced that as a result of the professional development given by Karen Beckvar, director of leadership development, Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) at the NASB meeting, she would be rearranging the Board seating at the dais in November for a trial period.

Trustee Edwards read that the post season tournament realignment has not yet been approved; that NIAA is seeking input; and that the information can be found on the NIAA web site.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Trustee Edwards noted that there is a Community Linkage meeting scheduled for October 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Valley High School; a Work Session also scheduled for October 13 at 2:00 p.m. at the Administrative Center; and a Work Session scheduled for October 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Administrative Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Tom Collins gave a brief history of high school rodeo and said high school rodeo is self-funded and should be recognized as a sport.

Kelly Griffith talked about the Las Vegas High School rodeo and junior high school rodeo teams, and she asked that the CCSD consider recognizing rodeo as a sport.

John Carr said he refused to sign a document that waived employees' contract rights, not to keep anyone from receiving a bonus.

Autumn Tampa said she understood that the District has less money and questioned why higher-paid employees are receiving raises while support staff employees are dealing with budget cuts, why inefficient, expensive computer systems are being purchased, and whether or not CCSD jobs will be outsourced.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)

Melanie Danzeisen expressed her disappointment with the District's count day and surplus process. She spoke about how the children are affected by being separated from their teachers because of this process.

Stacey Lynn Gelhart talked about being surplus and how her children were affected.

Laurie Cheney spoke against the recommendation made in the Gibson report to outsource some CCSD positions.

The following students talked about their responsibilities and activities in participating in rodeo, and they asked the District to recognize rodeo as a sport so that they may enjoy the benefits other athletic teams are afforded: Kelsey Lease (phonetic), Brock Linberg (phonetic), Joy Griffith (phonetic), and Aubrey Murray (phonetic).

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION (continued)

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

RECESS: 7:47 p.m.

RECONVENE: 9:21 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS LEAVE THE MEETING

Trustees Wright, Cole, and Garvey left the Board meeting at 9:21 p.m.

ADJOURN: 9:21 p.m.

Motion: Cranor Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

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

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.