

Minutes  
Clark County School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees  
Las Vegas Academy of the Arts High School, Lowden Theater  
875 E. Clark Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Thursday, April 8, 2021

5:04 p.m.

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| Roll Call: | <u>Members Present</u>       | <u>Member Absent</u>         |
|            | Linda P. Cavazos, President  | Irene Cepeda, Vice President |
|            | Evelyn Garcia Morales, Clerk |                              |
|            | Lola Brooks, Member          |                              |
|            | Danielle Ford, Member        |                              |
|            | Lisa Guzmán, Member          |                              |
|            | Katie Williams, Member       |                              |

Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**Adoption of the Agenda**

*Adopt agenda, except delete Item 5.06.*

*Motion: García Morales    Second: Williams    Vote: Unanimous*

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

In-person public comment:

Jenny Edington said this school year has been a year of growing disparity and uneven opportunity. She talked about the activities happening around Clark County and said it is frustrating that CCSD has more extreme Covid measures than the rest of the county. She asked that CCSD open the playgrounds and return all children to school full time by April 19, 2021.

Michelle Blauer said kids are suffering, and opening schools part time, providing materials, and conducting mental health checks is not enough. She said her son lost a friend to suicide this week. She asked the Board to open the schools full time, stating children need the socialization.

Dr. Jordan Larsen spoke in support of returning all kids to school immediately. He said as a pediatrician he is concerned and devoted to the wellbeing of all children. He said he and his peers agree that the mental health of children in Las Vegas is suffering because of the isolation.

Adina Began said today was her first day back in school where she was able to see her classmates and her teachers face to face. She expressed the feelings of energy, empowerment, and creativity she has because of that. She asked that the Board allow her to return to school.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (continued)**

Belinda Beck said by the end of the press conference announcement on Tuesday, she felt angry, upset, and sad for her senior student athlete. She said her daughter and her teammates have done all that has been requested of them, and they are still not allowed to have a game against another school with their families watching.

Voice-recorded public comment:

A caller voiced her opposition to the removal of CCSD police officers.

Dawn Maslowski said she was opposed to removing police from schools.

Sarah Comroe expressed frustration with inequities in education happening right now and not being able to have drive-through celebrations and ceremonies for high school students.

Dr. S. S. Rogers talked about health disparities in the Black community with more African Americans contracting and dying from Covid-19 and police brutality inflicted on Black men and other men of color. He said District C, the Historic West Las Vegas community, is misrepresented by the CCSD.

Sarah Comroe said elementary schools are not being given information on how they can proceed with celebrations and graduations. She said this would be an important business item for the Superintendent to focus on.

Louis Luna shared his positive experiences with school policing.

Erin Phillips said parents are very grateful to have their students back in school, but she said what they need is a commitment from the Board, Superintendent Jara, and the unions that students will be back in school full time, face to face in the fall.

Cindy Krohn, Director, Board Office, provided a summary of the written comments submitted, as follows:

A comment was received in regards to a student suicide. The writer also asked that someone call him to explain why spectators cannot watch outside sports.

The Northwest Area Residents Association wrote saying with everyone age 16 or older eligible for Covid vaccinations, students at all grade levels back in class, and evening custodial service in place for routine and Covid cleaning, that justifies a setting for group meetings and criteria for the usual on-site staff coordination and access for non-District, indoor school facility meetings. They asked that CCSD make a formal announcement today that the Open Schools Open Doors policy be reinstated for after school, indoor use for non-District residents and community organizations.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (continued)**

A parent wrote about his children who are suffering from depression and anxiety because they are not able to return to school full time. He asked that CCSD approve a comprehensive plan of in-class learning or transition back to school full time immediately.

A writer said that CCSD needs to commit to full-time, in-person learning beginning with the next school year. They feel distance learning is not giving children the education that they need and deserve, stating that Covid benchmarks have been met and the vaccine is readily available.

Comments were received asking that CCSD, in coordination with all key players, commit to reopening school for all grades full time in the fall, stating that education is essential and parents need to know that their children will never experience an interruption like this again.

A teacher wrote asking that schools be open as it is difficult to continue teaching full time with strict requirements and simultaneously preparing to educate their own family at home.

A person submitted a complaint in regards to the hiring practices for substitute teachers in the CCSD.

A parent asked that schools open in the fall so children can have normal lives. They wrote about their child who was a straight A student before schools closed last year and is now experiencing mental health issues and not doing well in class.

A writer provided a link to a news article.

A parent would like the coming school year to be fully in person at all grade levels. They are concerned with their son who is a senior and does not want to go back to school in person because he said there is no point.

The Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators understands that the CCSD will receive \$1.1 billion and committees will be formed to make key decisions. The LVABSE requests to be included in all committees that make key funding and educational decision. In addition, they said they are not in support of Balanced Governance and asked that the equity and diversity department be reevaluated to establish a pathway to leadership and that the Board hold Superintendent Jara accountable to the community and taxpayers.

A counselor and parent said they heard rumors that the District will stay with the current hybrid model for August 2021 and feels this is not a good choice. They cited concerns with the number of suicides, the need for socialization and academics and asked not to remain with the hybrid model.

A parent said that online learning has been a struggle and feels there is a disconnect for students and that it has been hard as a mom to try and keep her kids motivated. She said with Covid numbers in Clark County so low, kids need to be back in school full time this fall.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (continued)**

A mother and nurse heard that there is a possibility that CCSD will not be returning to full, in-person learning in the fall of 2021 and wanted to voice her concern with the injustice this would cause to children and families. She also mentioned her concern with the increasing numbers of young teens that have been seen for suicidal ideation and suicide attempts and with successful suicides within the community.

A parent said her son's grades are suffering and he has lost interest in trying, and she asked that kids get back in the schools to learn and not stare at a screen.

A writer said it is alarming how much time students are required to be on the computer and asked that in-person learning be face-to-face teaching and not in front of a Chromebook.

A parent asked that students not be forced to wear masks and asked why a child can take their mask off to eat in their class but not keep it off.

A writer asked that Trustees, unions, the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent, and Governor make a commitment for all CCSD schools to be open in August for full-time learning.

A mother said her older children were excited to go to school today and mentioned her younger children are like different people since they are back in full-time school. She asked that all students go back full time.

Several parents asked that all students return full time in the fall.

A parent said her younger child returned to school this week and was very happy. Her older children also returned to school but are struggling because there are so little kids at school. She feels this is due to the limited time students are allowed in school and feels it is a hardship on most parents who cannot pick their kids up after only three hours of school and had to remain online.

A parent feels that parents should have the option to have their children back in school full time along with sports and performing arts.

The Clark County Education Association (CCEA) said they conducted a summer school survey with over 5,000 educators participating which will be used for negotiating summer school. They hope to see innovative ideas that will provide extended educational opportunities and ideas that will address students' social and emotional needs. They feel it is important to have the flexibility to schedule summer school hours and days that work best for students and educators. They asked that you consider how hard educators and staff have worked this year and respect their time and dedication by raising summer school pay to help promote participation.

### **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (continued)**

A grandparent expressed concern that his grandchild has never been to school and is currently on the wait list for kindergarten. He asked that Covid-19 federal funds be allocated to hire new teachers, pay them competitively, to lower class size and eliminate wait lists. In addition, asked that the District actively advocate at the state legislature and make K-12 school their highest budget priority.

A parent said her child deserves to be in a classroom setting where learning is much more effective. They said children need to be kids and play on the playground, participate in other physical activities, be able to play with their peers, and develop social skills. They asked that schools be open this fall for the sake of their education and mental health.

### **Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda**

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

*Motion to adopt the consent agenda.*

*Motion: Williams Second: Guzmán Vote: Unanimous*

### **3.01 Approval of the Minutes.**

Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes from the special meetings of January 4, 2021, and January 6, 2021, and the regular meeting of February 11, 2021, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** (Ref. 3.01)

### **3.02 Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the Clark County School District and the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.**

Discussion and possible action on authorization to enter into an Intrastate Interlocal Contract in collaboration with the State of Nevada through the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to provide transition programs for students with visual impairments, for an amount of \$1,250.00 per student (12-student maximum, per year), not to exceed \$45,000.00, to be purchased through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): Local Plan, Public Law 108-446, Fund 0280, effective June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with no impact to the general fund, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the Intrastate Interlocal Contract, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Karla Loría] (Ref. 3.02)

**Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)**

**3.03 Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Clark County School District and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Educational Policy and Leadership Program.**

Discussion and possible action on the approval of the Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Clark County School District and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to build instructional leadership capacity in the Clark County School District, effective April 9, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and for the Superintendent of Schools, Clark County School District, and the President and Clerk, Clark County School District Board of Trustees, to sign the Addendum of the Memorandum of Agreement, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Karla Loria] (Ref. 3.03)

**3.04 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. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jason Goudie] (Ref. 3.04)

**3.05 Licensed Personnel Employment.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Nadine Jones] (Ref. 3.05)

**3.06 Purchase Orders.**

Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,847,707.54 as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 3.06)

**3.07 Purchasing Awards.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$16,633,977.15 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 3.07)

**3.08 Grant Application, Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds, Nevada Department of Education.**

Discussion and possible action on authorization to implement the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds grant application to purchase Chromebooks, iPads, and multimedia kits for teachers, submitted in the amount of \$5,700,745.46, to be paid from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds grant, Fund 0280, effective April 9, 2021, through September 30, 2022, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Mike Casey] (Ref. 3.08)

**Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)**

**3.09 Contract Award: Site Funded Project to Replace Gymnasium Bleachers at Walter Johnson Junior High School Academy of International Studies.**

Discussion and possible action on approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the site funded project to replace gym bleachers at Walter Johnson Junior High School Academy of International Studies in the amount of \$158,880.20, to be paid from Site Generated Funds, Fund 10000000000, Cost Center 1010001022, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.09)

**3.10 Professional Services Agreement: Test and Balance Services to Replace Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Components and Roof at Francis H. Cortney Junior High School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for test and balance services with TABITT, LLC, to provide testing and balancing services for replacing the heating, ventilation, air conditioning components and roof at Francis H. Cortney Junior High School in the amount of \$88,170.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0014448; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.10)

**3.11 Professional Services Agreement: Test and Balance Services to Replace Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Components and Roof at Barbara and Hank Greenspun Junior High School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for test and balance services with RSAnalysis, Inc., to provide testing and balancing services to replace the heating, ventilation, air conditioning components and roof at Barbara and Hank Greenspun Junior High School in the amount of \$65,940.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0014435; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.11)

**3.12 Professional Services Agreement: Test and Balance Services to Replace Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Components and Roof at Clifford J. Lawrence Junior High School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for test and balance services with Penn Air Control, Inc., to provide testing and balancing services to replace the heating, ventilation, air conditioning components, and roof at Clifford J. Lawrence Junior High School in the amount of \$92,900.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0014173; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.12)

**Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)**

**3.13 Professional Services Agreement: Test and Balance Services to Replace Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Components and Roof at Lied STEM Academy Middle School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for test and balance services with RSAnalysis, Inc., to provide testing and balancing services to replace heating, ventilation, air conditioning components and roof at Lied STEM Academy Middle School in the amount of \$67,140.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0014429; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.13)

**3.14 Professional Services Agreement: Test and Balance Services to Replace Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Components at Irwin A. and Susan Molasky Junior High School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for test and balance services with Penn Air Control, Inc., to provide testing and balancing services to replace the heating, ventilation, air conditioning components at Irwin A. and Susan Molasky Junior High School in the amount of \$94,900.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0014410; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.14)

**3.15 Professional Services Agreement: Test and Balance Services to Replace Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Components and Roof at Sig Rogich Middle School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for test and balance services with Tabitt, LLC., to provide services to replace the heating, ventilation, air conditioning components and roof at Sig Rogich Middle School in the amount of \$87,200.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0014428; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.15)

**3.16 Professional Services Agreement: Building Commissioning Services to Replace Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Components, and Roof at Sig Rogich Middle School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into a professional services agreement for building commissioning services with TMCx Solutions, LLC., to provide third-party commissioning to replace heating, ventilation, air conditioning components and roof at Sig Rogich Middle School in the amount of \$90,000.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0014428; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.16)

**Approve Adoption of Consent Agenda (continued)**

**3.17 Engineering Services Agreement: Geotechnical Services School Replacement at Ira J. Earl Elementary School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an engineering services agreement with Universal Engineering Sciences to provide geotechnical services for the school replacement at Ira J. Earl Elementary School in the amount of \$328,425.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0001632; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.17)

**3.18 Engineering Services Agreement: Geotechnical Services School Replacement at Gene Ward Elementary School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an engineering services agreement with GeoTek, Inc., to provide geotechnical services for the school replacement at Gene Ward Elementary School in the amount of \$188,478.00, to be paid from the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3150000000, Project C0001634; and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.18)

**3.19 Grant of Easement to Las Vegas Valley Water District at Oran K. Gragson Elementary School.**

Discussion and possible action on approval to grant and convey perpetual access easements to the Las Vegas Valley Water District at Oran K. Gragson Elementary School, for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction, and removal of pipelines, all underground and surface appurtenances for conducting water, and any facilities ancillary thereto, such as electric power, fiber optic, and the rights of ingress and egress, over, on, above, across, and under, and for Jeff Wagner, Chief of Facilities, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jeff Wagner] (Ref. 3.19)

**Formative Board Reports and Updates**

None.

**Approve 2021-2022 Tentative Budget**

Approval on development and adoption of the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget, and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to file as required by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 354.596; and to authorize the superintendent to initiate a reduction in force because of a lack of money or lack of work, per NRS 288.150(3)(b), as recommended in Reference 5.01.

Jason Goudie, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Finance Unit, provided a summary of the CCSD 2021-2022 Tentative Budget, as shown in Reference 5.01.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Guzmán    Second: Williams    Vote: Unanimous*

**Approve Notice of Intent – Clark County School District Policy 5114**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 5114, Discipline: Student Exemption and Exclusion (Voluntary and Involuntary), prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 13, 2021, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

Dr. Mike Barton, Chief College, Career, Equity and School Choice Officer, College, Career, Equity and School Choice Unit, briefly reviewed proposed changes to CCSD Policy 5114 for the Board's consideration. He also stated staff is tracking three legislative bills that could potentially change some of the language in these Notices of Intent.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Williams    Second: Guzmán    Vote: Unanimous*

**Approve Notice of Intent – Clark County School District Regulation 5114.1**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 5114.1, Discipline: Suspension Procedures, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 13, 2021, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

Dr. Barton briefly reviewed proposed changes to CCSD Regulation 5114.1 for the Board's consideration.

Public Hearing

Voice-recorded public comment:

Dr. S. S. Rogers said the Ministers Alliance has been coming to the Board meetings for over 20 years and has not been given consideration or respect for the commitment to the education of all students. He said they still feel the suspension of students of color is disproportionate.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Williams    Second: Garcia Morales    Vote: Unanimous*

**Approve Notice of Intent – Clark County School District Regulation 5114.2**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 5114.2, Discipline: Expulsion Procedures, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 13, 2021, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

Dr. Barton briefly reviewed proposed changes to CCSD Regulation 5114.2 for the Board's consideration.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Garcia Morales    Second: Guzmán    Vote: Unanimous*

**Approve Notice of Intent – Clark County School District Regulation 5141.1**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 5141.1, Discipline: Control of Dangerous and Antisocial Behavior, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 13, 2021, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

Dr. Barton briefly reviewed proposed changes to CCSD Regulation 5141.1 for the Board's consideration.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Ford Second: Williams Vote: Unanimous*

**Legislative Updates**

Discussion and update regarding state legislation that could affect education, including, but not limited to, reports of current legislative issues and events; the establishment of the District's position on proposed legislation; and guidance to the superintendent and legislative staff.

Dr. Brad Keating, Director, Government Relations Department, Office of the Superintendent, provided an update on the current legislative session.

**Trustee Discussion Items**

None.

**Trustee Community Activity Reports**

None.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**Board Self-Assessment Assignment**

None.

**Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Thursday, April 22, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

Trustee Cavazos stated the April 22, 2021, Board meeting would be held at the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts High School, Lowden Theater.

**Adjourn:** 6:21 p.m.

*Motion: Guzmán Second: Williams Vote: Unanimous*