

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, April 9, 2015

4:01 p.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present  
Linda E. Young, President  
Chris Garvey, Vice President  
Kevin L. Child, Member  
Erin Cranor, Member - *phone*  
Carolyn Edwards, Member  
Patrice Tew, Member  
Deanna L. Wright, Clerk- *phone*

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

**TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Cranor was connected at 4:01 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Durango High School Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Diego Trujillo, Centro de Victoria, President of Las Vegas Pastoral Council, performed the invocation.

**ADOPT AGENDA AND ADDENDUM**

*Adopt agenda and addendum, except delete Item 7.03, move Item 5.10 to follow Item 7.06 as 7.06a, move Item 7.05 to follow Item 9.01 as 9.01a, note additional reference material provided for Item 5.11, and note revised reference material provided for Item 5.03.*

*Motion: Garvey Second: Child Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Wright and Trustee Tew were not present for the vote.*

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Samantha Vitone, student body president at College of Southern Nevada East High School, Linda E. Young, District C Trustee; Cornelle Hingpit, student body president at College of Southern Nevada South High School, Deanna Wright, District A Trustee; Daniela Rodriguez, student body president and Kyle Nowak, student body vice president at College of Southern Nevada West High School, Patrice Tew, District E Trustee; and Alexandria Deaver, student body president at Durango High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE MOB MUSEUM, THE BANK OF NEVADA, AND THE LAS VEGAS METRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Recognition of The Mob Museum, Bank of Nevada, and the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce for hosting a recruitment event for the School-Community Partnership Program. Liberty Leavitt, Graduation Initiative Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

### **PRESENTATION OF 2015 NEVADA READING WEEK**

Presentation of highlights from the 2015 Nevada Reading Week. Laura Fischer, Project Facilitator, Zoom Schools Program, Clark County School District.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Skorkowsky shared recent activities and accomplishments of CCSD students, teachers, and schools throughout the District.

### **TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Cranor was disconnected at 4:55 p.m.

**RECESS:** 5:01 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:33 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Elena Rodriguez talked about Matt Kelly Elementary School becoming a Turnaround School and that being a way for the Superintendent and Board to avoid naming Lezlie Funchess principal.

Connie Stalworthy talked about how she has been bullied and harassed at John Dooley Elementary School by the principal.

Ben Schmauss stated that the teachers at Dooley Elementary School are afraid to speak out for fear of what may happen. He said the District's system for solving problems is broken, and he feels that trust has been broken.

Chris Stalworthy stated that he has withdrawn his kids from Dooley Elementary School and is instead homeschooling them because of the environment there under the leadership of Shannon Schumm.

### **BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Trustee Tew arrived at the Board meeting at 5:42 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

Laura Allen shared statements of teachers claiming that they are being bullied and harassed at Dooley Elementary School by Ms. Schumm. She asked that the Board interview the staff and investigate.

Elizabeth Robins stated that her children attend Dooley Elementary School, and she is saddened by what is happening there. She said a toxic environment is not healthy for children.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (continued)**

Gene Collins stated that when a problem exists in another community, it does not mean that it is not everyone's problem. He offered to assist the Dooley Elementary School community in any way he can. He said he would like to see more people from the community included on the list of committee members.

Dr. S. S. Rogers stated that there have been things said about the Ministers Alliance that are not true. He thanked the Board and Superintendent for hiring two African-American principals.

Donald Hinton stated that the Nevada prison system is disgusting and is a waste of money. He said he believes education is grossly underfunded. He submitted a pamphlet to show that there is an additional \$15 million or \$20 million that can go toward funding education.

## **TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was connected at 5:56 p.m.

## **APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

*Motion to approve, pulling Item 5.11 for separate discussion.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Cranor was not present for the vote.*

5.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the minutes of the special meeting of January 7, 2015, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** (Ref. 5.01)  
*(According to Governance Policies GP-8: Clerk's Role and GP-17: Cost of Governance)*

5.02 JOB EXPLORATION AND EXPECTATION PROGRAM. Discussion and possible action on authorization for CCSD to apply for grant funding and implement the Job Exploration and Expectation Program, and to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation – Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (DETR/BVR), to provide vocational rehabilitation to students in Grades 11 through 13 with disabilities, submitted in the amount of \$2,484,179.03: 30 percent funded by CCSD through staff time certification and 70 percent funded by DETR/BVR; to be paid from Fund 0280, with no fiscal impact to CCSD, from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2019; and for the Deputy Superintendent, Clark County School District, to sign the Interlocal Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Kimberly Wooden] (Ref. 5.02)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Engagement

**Focus Area(s):** College and Career Readiness

**APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 5.03 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. Discussion and possible action on approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Southern Nevada Health District, to implement the Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant award to expand the CrossFit or CrossFit Kids program, to include a total of 48 elementary, middle, and high schools at an anticipated cost of \$386,950.00 for Year 1, an anticipated cost of \$386,950.00 for Year 2, and an anticipated cost of \$250,000.00 for Year 3, for a total cost of \$1,023,900.00 to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, with an anticipated three-year project period of April 13, 2015, to September 29, 2017, and for the Deputy Superintendent, Clark County School District, to sign the Interlocal Agreement, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**  
[Contact Person: Jhone Ebert] (Ref. 5.03)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Academic Excellence; Engagement  
**Focus Area(s):** Academic Growth; Family/Community Engagement and Customer Service
- 5.04 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**  
[Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.04)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Academic Excellence  
**Focus Area(s):** Proficiency; Academic Growth; Achievement Gaps; Disproportionality
- 5.05 LICENSED PERSONNEL DISMISSAL RECOMMENDATIONS. Discussion and resolution to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for dismissals, is recommended. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
**(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.05)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support  
**Focus Area(s):** Proficiency; Academic Growth; Achievement Gaps
- 5.06 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) **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Billie Rayford] (Ref. 5.06)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** School Support  
**Focus Area(s):** Disproportionality
- 5.07 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,365,956.04, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)**  
[Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.07)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus  
**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment
- 5.08 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$820,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.08)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus  
**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

**APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 5.09 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: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.09)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus  
**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment
- 5.12 VEGAS PBS – IP VIDEO ENTERPRISE UPGRADE: VIDEO FURNACE – JDL TECHNOLOGIES. Discussion and possible action on authorization to upgrade the Video Enterprise system from JDL Technologies, currently in use by the District, in order to continue delivering educational media content to the classrooms, for an approximate cost of \$215,334.00, effective April 10, 2015, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Unit 0140, FY15, Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 2010003140, GL Account 5650000000, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Tom Axtell] (Ref. 5.12)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Engagement; Academic Excellence; School Support  
**Focus Area(s):** Proficiency; Achievement Gaps; Value/Return on Investment
- 5.13 VEGAS PBS – CONTRIBUTOR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH WGBH. Discussion and possible action on authorization to purchase a Vendor Hosted Constituent Relations Management system, a Web overlay to highlight our premiums, premium fulfillment services, car donation services, inbound calling services, outbound calling services, and direct marketing services from the PBS station WGBH, located in Boston, Massachusetts, for an approximate cost of up to \$700,000.00 per year for five years, for an approximate total cost of \$3,500,000.00, effective June 1, 2015, through June 30, 2020, to be paid from tax-free, donor funds secured by Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television, Unit 0140, FY15, Fund 2200000000, Cost Center 2022008140, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Tom Axtell] (Ref. 5.13)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus  
**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment
- 5.14 OVER-THE-AIR TELEVISION ENCODER – HEARTLAND VIDEO SYSTEMS, INC. Discussion and possible action on authorization to purchase a backup encoder replacement from Heartland Video Systems, Inc., for the Over-the-Air television Channels 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, allowing Vegas PBS the ability to stay on the air in the event of equipment failure; expenditures for this supplier, in the amount of \$39,000.00, have already been completed, and additional expenditures are proposed for approximately \$44,000.00, for an approximate total cost of \$83,000.00, effective April 24, 2015, through June 30, 2015, to be paid from Fund Unit 0140, FY15, Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 2010002140, Account 5650000000, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Tom Axtell] (Ref. 5.14)  
**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus  
**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

**APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

5.15 OUTDOOR NEVADA – VEGAS PBS PRODUCTION. Discussion and possible action on the request to amend the Vegas PBS production and programming plan to include retention of services from an independent contractor to host the Vegas PBS production of Outdoor Nevada at a rate of \$4,000.00 per completed show for up to 26 shows, as well as reimbursement for travel, lodging, and workman's compensation insurance in accordance with CCSD policies, for an approximate total amount up to \$150,000.00, effective April 11, 2015, through June 30, 2016, to be paid from tax-free, donor funds secured by Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television Unit 0140, FY15, Fund 2200000000, Cost Center 2022002140, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Tom Axtell] (Ref. 5.15)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

5.16 CHANGE IN SERVICES – ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the engineering services agreement for a net increase of \$35,175.00 to the agreement for Las Vegas Academy of the Arts (MSA Engineering Consultants), is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.16)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

5.17 CHANGE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$12,138.00 to the construction contract for the Billy S. Key Northwest Transportation Facility (CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc.), is recommended. **(For Possible Action)** [Contact Person: Jim McIntosh] (Ref. 5.17)

**Strategic Imperative(s):** Clarity and Focus

**Focus Area(s):** Value/Return on Investment

**APPROVE RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE ADOPTION OF THE SOUTHERN NEVADA STRONG REGIONAL PLAN**

Approval of the resolution to ratify the adoption of the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan developed by the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, and for Jim McIntosh, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the resolution, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

Trustee Edwards noted that Chapter 3 of the document is all about education. She spoke in favor of this plan and recommended that the Board move forward with approval.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Cranor was connected at 6:01 p.m.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE ADOPTION OF THE SOUTHERN NEVADA STRONG REGIONAL PLAN (continued)**

Trustee Tew noted that the graduation rate should be 71.5 percent for 2014 not 62 percent.

*Motion to adopt.*

*Motion: Edwards      Second: Garvey*

**APPROVE RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE ADOPTION OF THE SOUTHERN NEVADA STRONG REGIONAL PLAN (continued)**

*Trustee Garvey asked for an amendment to the motion to include that the document be amended to reflect the correct graduation rate.*

Trustee Edwards stated that she was not sure that would be possible because at the time of the printing of the document, that was CCSD's graduation rate. She explained that the graduation rate came out subsequent to the document.

Trustee Garvey asks if there was an electronic form that is posted anywhere.

Trustee Edwards said she could inquire.

Trustee Garvey requested that there be an effort to get the updated information posted online.

*Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.*

**APPROVE SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEX EDUCATION MATERIALS.** Discussion and possible action on acceptance of Evaluation Summary Item #1295: How to Build a Human Infographic, for Grades 8-12, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEX EDUCATION MATERIALS.** Discussion and possible action on acceptance of Evaluation Summary Items #1297 through #1301S: Always Changing, for Grade 5, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous*

**CAMELOT EDUCATION TRANSITIONAL SCHOOLS**

Presentation and discussion on alternative education programs offered by Camelot Education.

Ray Rodriguez, Chief Strategy Officer, Camelot Education; Joseph Carter, Chief Operating Officer, Camelot Education; Nilsa Gonzalez, Chief Academic Officer, Camelot Education; and Cory Thames, Vice President of Operations, Camelot Education, gave a presentation of Camelot Education and programs offered by the organization as shown in Reference 7.06.

There was discussion on various topics, including teacher licensing, curriculum, training, and costs.

## **APPROVE LEGISLATION**

Approval regarding state and federal legislation which may affect education, including, but not limited to, reports of current legislative issues and events; the development of the District's legislative goals, platform, and courses of action; the establishment of the District's position on proposed legislation; and guidance to District representatives in the legislative process.

Joyce Halderman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, gave an update on legislative issues and events related to education.

### **Public Hearing**

Daniel Lincoln stated that Senate Bill (SB) 204 and SB 504 were heard at a joint education committee meeting, and there was a lot of emotional testimony and all in support of this legislation. He stated that CCSD opposes the section of the bill that requires real discipline for principals who knowingly and willfully refuse to take bullying seriously. He said that collectively the District is not sending the message that they want to fix the bullying problem.

Michael Hollis stated that bullying does not only extend to the kids, but also to the employees. He said he and another teacher had an altercation and when he reported the incident to his administrator, the administrator stated that he would be investigated.

## **APPROVE PROPOSED 2017-2018, 2018-2019, AND 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDARS**

Approval to adopt a traditional or an early start calendar for the 2017-2018 school year, a traditional or an early start calendar for the 2018-2019 school year, and a traditional or an early start calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Trustee Edwards asked if there had been any public input meetings or town hall meetings where these calendars were presented.

Superintendent Skorkowsky stated that there had not been any public input meetings or town hall meetings to gather input, but this could be presented at the Trustees' parent meetings.

Trustee Edwards said they also need to consider how the calendar would affect athletic activities.

Trustee Garvey stated that she has presented the proposed calendar changes that were previously reviewed at her parent meetings, and parents liked that it would offer more instructional time before the test. She said she asked them to take it back to their schools and share it and reach out to her with any comments, and no one has contacted her about any comments or questions.

Trustee Tew said she would like this information to be shared through as many avenues as possible, such as the CCSD website, parent meetings, emails, community linkage meetings, and Trustees' newsletters.

Superintendent Skorkowsky agreed to publicize the information and gather input and said he would provide the information for the newsletters and come up with a draft schedule.

Trustee Cranor stated that she would like to have a clearer picture of the cost of an earlier calendar.



**APPROVE PROPOSED 2017-2018, 2018-2019, AND 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDARS** (continued)  
Superintendent Skorkowsky stated that he would get more information and bring it back to the Board in May.

Trustee Wright said she has taken this information to her parent meeting and received positive responses in support of changing the calendar.

Trustee Young said this item would be brought back for Board approval in May.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

None.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Tew shared that she attended a historic inauguration ceremony of the Nevada Court of Appeals.

Trustee Wright stated that she was currently in Carson City to meet with legislators and discuss some of the bills the Trustees have concerns about.

**DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Michael Hollis said he sent the Superintendent an email about the construction of new schools and rehab of older schools in regards to providing work opportunities to graduates and unemployed individuals, especially in the low-income community. He also spoke on bullying by administrators and stated that he felt that it is because of him speaking out.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Trustee Wright was disconnected.

**EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION**

Public Hearing

Michael Hollis asked where the District's funding is going because he has not had a raise in five years. He said support staff employees need and deserve raises.

*Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.*

*Motion: Child Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Wright was not present for the vote.*

**RECESS:** 8:47 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 9:38 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** 9:36 p.m.