

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, December 13, 2012

4:00 p.m.

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

Dwight D. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Kent Sutton, Beth Menorah Ministries Out Reach Center, performed the invocation.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Cranor was connected at 4:06 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

*Adopt agenda, except note revised reference material for Items 7.02 and 7.03, note additional reference material for Items 6.01 and 7.04, and move Item 7.04 to follow the Consent Agenda.
Motion: Cantú Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous*

APPROVE MINUTES

*Special meetings – October 12, 2012, and November 7, 2012
Regular meeting – October 11, 2012
Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous*

STUDENT REPORTS

Brandon Boone, student body president at Basic High School; Ashley Godfrey, student body president at Coronado High School; and RJ Mortensen, student body president at Boulder City High School, represented by Deanna Wright, District A Trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Michelle Lai, vice chairperson of the Student Council Advisory Committee and student body president at Clark High School, reported on the committee's December 4, 2012, meeting. She said at the suggestion of Trustee Edwards, the committee added another comment period at the beginning of its agenda, and that moving forward, all committee meetings will be recorded. She said topics of discussion included certificates of attendance and participation in graduation, revision of the Board of Trustees' Vision Statement, CCSD Bill Draft Requests (BDRs), student concerns, such as the requirement to take Advance Placement (AP) exams and promoting staff members during the school year.

RECOGNITION

The Board acknowledged Trustee-elect Patrice Tew and school namesake, Sandy Miller.

PRESENTATION OF MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL

Recognition of the partnership between the Clark County School District Reclaim Your Future Mentoring Project and MGM Resorts International. Debbie Tomasetti, Coordinator, School-Community Partnership Program, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTRONIC PHOTO CONTEST

Presentation and recognition of the 2012 Middle School Electronic Photo Contest winners. Michael Rodriguez, Internal Communication Manager, Communications Office, Clark County School District; Michele Nelson, Visual Communication, Communications Office, Clark County School District.

PRESENTATION OF 2011-2012 NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DESIGNATIONS

Presentation and recognition of schools designated by the Nevada Department of Education as Exemplary, High Achieving, or High Achieving Exemplary Turnaround during the 2011-2012 school year. Dr. Mike Barton, Associate Superintendent, Instruction Services Division, Clark County School District.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized Trustee Cantú for his contributions during his term as a CCSD Board member.

Trustee Cantú expressed gratitude for being given the opportunity to serve on the Board.

RECESS: 5:01 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Cranor was disconnected at 5:01 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE CALL RECONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Cranor was reconnected at 5:29 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Richard Tellier spoke about the need to properly fund education, including paying teachers versus funding central office positions.

Lisa Muntean expressed concern with information students were given regarding steps being taken as their school is being restructured.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Garvey Second: Cantú

Regarding Item 5.01, Trustee Edwards inquired about the English Language Learner (ELL) testing and the price of the previous program.

Norberta Anderson, Director, English Language Learner Program, Instruction Unit, answered that the cost of the previous contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill was \$18.95 per student and was only for the testing materials, so it was approximately over \$24 per student, and with the new contract, it is approximately \$23 per student.

Trustee Edwards asked about the anticipated additional costs to implement the program outlined in Item 5.08 for the student information system project manager.

Jhone Ebert, Chief Technology Officer, Technology and Information Systems Services Division, explained that once the new student information system is implemented, the additional staff coming onboard to implement that program will ramp down.

Trustee Edwards stated that as the Board and staff were making the decision regarding the new information system, the Board should have been made aware of the additional costs.

Superintendent Jones explained that the information that was available was presented to the Board at the time the decision was being made. He offered to provide the Board with more detailed information that is now available.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.01 STUDENT ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS—WORLD-CLASS INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN FOR ASSESSMENT. Discussion and possible action on the request to purchase ACCESS for ELLs as the Nevada English Language Proficiency Assessment from the World-Class Instructional Design for Assessment Consortium, for approximately 58,000 students, at a cost of \$23.00 per student, for an approximate cost of \$1,334,000.00, effective December 14, 2012, through December 13, 2013, to be paid from Fund 0100, Unit 0122, Project 000001, Account 55786, Object 0349, Program 0200, Function 2219, Year 2013, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.01)
- 5.02 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION—INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS PROGRAM: STUDENT-TEACHER ENGAGEMENT MATTERS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the National Science Foundation Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers grant project, Student-Teacher Engagement Matters in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, in the amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.02)
- 5.03 INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT—EPI, LLC. Discussion and possible action on the request for the purchase of additional out-of-district consultant services provided by Mr. Roy Casey of EPI, LLC, at Elbert Edward Elementary School for a total of 38 days of training for administration and staff at a cost not to exceed \$38,000.00 is requested with additional services to be provided December 14, 2012, to May 17, 2013, to be paid through Unit 0137, FY 2013, Fund 2800000000, and Internal Order G6633024713, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.03)
- 5.04 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: Pat Skorkowsky] (Ref. 5.04)
- 5.05 UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ unified personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Dwight D. Jones] (Ref. 5.05)
- 5.06 LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT. Discussion and possible action on approval to employ licensed personnel, is recommended. [Contact Person: Staci Vesneske] (Ref. 5.06)
- 5.07 PURCHASE ORDERS. Discussion and possible action on ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$858,226.30, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.07)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.08 PURCHASING AWARDS. Discussion and possible action on approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$1,817,905.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, is recommended. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.08)
- 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. [Contact Person: Jeff Weiler] (Ref. 5.09)
- 5.10 ADOPTION OF CLARK COUNTY 2012 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. Discussion and possible action on approval to adopt the Clark County 2012 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and for Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.10)
- 5.11 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, SEISMIC GAS VALVES. Discussion and possible action on authorization to submit and implement the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$501,000.00, to purchase and install seismic gas valves at all District sites, with 25 percent of the project's total budget in the amount of \$167,000.00 to be paid from the Risk Management Department, Fund 7000000000, Cost Center 5070001767, with no impact to the general fund, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.11)
- 5.12 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, OFFICE DEMOLITION AND EXPANSION, AND REDESIGN THREE PORTABLES, FOOD SERVICE COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE, PHASE I. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of JMA Architects, to provide architectural design services in support of the project to demolish and expand the office area, and redesign three portables at the Food Service Cold Storage Warehouse in the amount of \$91,282.34 to be paid from Fund 6000000000, Project C0012730, with no impact to the general fund; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.12)
- 5.13 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CENTRAL KITCHEN AND BAKERY, FOOD SERVICE COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE, PHASE II. Discussion and possible action on approval to select the architectural firm of JMA Architects, to provide architectural design services in support of modernization and expansion of the central kitchen and bakery at the Food Service Cold Storage Warehouse in the amount of \$774,785.93 to be paid from Fund 6000000000, Project C0012730, with no impact to the general fund; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.13)

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5.14 **ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, LOW VOLTAGE UPGRADES, CRESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Discussion and possible action on approval to select the engineering firm of TJK Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide engineering design services in support of low voltage upgrades at Crestwood Elementary School in the amount of \$183,093.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012687, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, is recommended.
[Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.14)
- 5.15 **CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$4,415.00 for Sandy Valley Elementary, Middle, and High School (Nevada By Design), is recommended.
[Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.15)
- 5.16 **CHANGE ORDERS.** Discussion and possible action on ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$364,837.14 to the construction contracts to construct the Northwest Transportation Facility (Core Construction), Chiller Conversion at Richard Rundle Elementary School (Ryan Mechanical, Inc.), HVAC School Modernizations at Marc Kahre, Edythe and Lloyd Katz, and Elaine Wynn Elementary Schools (Big Town Mechanical, LLC), is recommended. [Contact Person: J. P. Gerner] (Ref. 5.16)

Vote on Trustee Garvey's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Approval on options for addressing school capacity issues including the possibility of adjusting school attendance boundaries, school calendar changes, and additional facility capacity.

Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit, discussed school capacity issues and possible options for the Board's consideration.

Trustee Edwards commented that she was not in favor of the fifth-grade satellite center outlined under Option 1 – Strategic Placement of Selected Programs and Grade Levels. She asked about designing an elementary school level magnet program in the southwest area at a school that has available space, which may draw some students out of the overcrowded schools. She also suggested converting an elementary school into a gifted elementary school with the same outcome in mind of relieving some of the overcrowding in other schools. She suggested looking at the placement of the selected programs and whether that placement is wise, based on the overcrowded status of the school.

Trustee Edwards did not agree with using 1998 bond money to build new schools as outlined in Option 2 – Build New Elementary School(s), instead of using it for schools that need new air conditioners, for instance. She asked if the District is still receiving money from the room tax and the real estate transfer tax and how much those sources are generating annually.

APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR (continued)

Mr. Weiler answered that the District is still generating revenue from those sources, but they are only covering the District's outstanding debt service.

With regard to Option 3 – Create Portable Elementary School(s), Trustee Edwards said she does not believe parents would be willing to accept this. She asked if there would be a rezoning to create a zone for that campus.

Superintendent Jones said it is likely that there would be a rezoning, though another option would be to have that campus still associated with one of the schools, having one to two grades in the portable campus. He added that staff would be likely looking at a structure similar to another school which has a portable gym.

Trustee Edwards said then she would like to see a cost analysis showing the cost effectiveness of building such a campus.

Superintendent Jones stated that the estimated value of such a campus is \$8 million, and that if the Board wanted to explore that option, staff could provide more detail.

Trustee Edwards commented that with the use of portable facilities on a school campus, there needs to be a limit on to what extent the portables would be allowed to expand a campus. She said she would like that limit to be defined and she said another consideration should be whether or not enough staffing is being provided to those schools. She said the issue of traffic should also be taken into consideration.

With relation to Option 5 – Change Schools to Year-Round Calendar, Trustee Edwards said this option should be considered. She commented that with Option 6 – Major Rezoning, she believes some rezoning may still have to be done. She said an option that was not mentioned was double sessions. She added that in the consideration of building a portable campus, there should be an expectation of how long a portable campus would remain as such before a school is built, and that expectation should be applied to all schools.

Trustee Cantú asked about information related to the impact of overcrowding on student achievement.

Superintendent Jones said a formal analysis on that topic had not been conducted. He offered that the three most overcrowded schools in Trustee Edwards' district have all been able to maintain their high achievements.

Trustee Cantú said that it is important that there be no significant impact to student achievement no matter what decision is made.

APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR (continued)

Trustee Young commented that some difficult decisions have to be made for the District and for families. She said she would not be supportive of creating a fifth-grade center or relocating specialized programs because she views that as segregating special education students. She said she would recommend keeping communities as together as much as possible.

Trustee Wright requested a map that shows available land with relation to portable campuses. She said the advantage of a portable campus is that it is more manageable, but she agreed that there needs to be a date that a permanent facility would be built. She suggested looking into utilizing other vacant facilities. She also said she was in agreement with moving some accelerated 5th-grade students onto middle school campuses in a gifted program, for instance, and possibly moving full-day kindergarten programs onto high school campus that offer early childhood education programs. She agreed with the concept of a gifted elementary school, suggesting perhaps placing one in the southwest area and one in the southeast area. She suggested looking at a whole district rezoning, and the possibility of capping schools.

Trustee Garvey commented that she was in favor of strategic placement of special programs, and she liked the ideas of moving gifted 5th-grade students to a middle school setting and moving full-day kindergarten programs. She suggested future considerations may include having schools in workplaces. She said that she does not feel building new elementary schools would be best at this time, but that she is interested in the concept of creating portable schools. She asked if year-round calendars would provide adequate relief and for how long. She said she believed that option would be a decision for the community to make. She said she was not in favor of a major rezoning.

Pat Skorkowsky, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, explained that in the past staff has been able to maintain year-round campuses at schools that have over 1,100 to 1,200 students enrolled. He said there would be 20 percent of students out of school on a rotating basis.

Trustee Alderman stated that the District needs to do a better job at advertising open enrollment. She said she liked the concept of a magnet school. She asked about capping schools in the past.

Mr. Skorkowsky said that caps have been placed on schools in the past, but principals have raised concerns that students coming back to a school after being gone for a period of time is disruptive to the educational program and to the families.

Trustee Alderman said she would not be in favor of double sessions for elementary schools, and she would only be in support of year-round calendars as a last resort. She asked if staff could look into a 4-track calendar if year-round is considered. She said she was in favor of creating portable elementary schools because that option is the most economically feasible. She said she was also in favor of Strategic Placement of Selected Programs and Grade Levels.

APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR (continued)

Trustee Alderman said she fears identifying a date with when a permanent facility could expect to be built because of continuing needs and revisions.

Trustee Cranor said she was not in favor of a major rezoning.

Trustee Edwards said another important piece that should be considered is the next ballot question. She said she agreed with Trustee Wright's suggestion of a major rezoning of the District. She suggested holding a town hall meeting in the southwest and gathering input from the community.

Trustee Garvey offered to take questions to the upcoming Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meeting.

Trustee Cantú agreed with holding a town hall meeting to present the options to the community and said a major rezoning should be one of those options discussed.

Trustee Young said she was not in favor of a major rezoning at this time.

Superintendent Jones summarized that there was strong support from the Board to go out to the community and ask for input regarding building portable campuses, moving to year-round calendars, and potential additional portables. He asked for further direction from the Board with what should be taken out to the community.

Trustee Edwards expressed concern with the timeliness of this issue. She said taking this discussion to the community needs to happen right away. She suggested that most of the options included in the presentation should be shared with the community in addition to what options the Trustees favored.

Superintendent Jones agreed with the urgency of getting this discussion out to the community.

Trustee Edwards asked if the District has the funds to build a portable school.

Superintendent Jones said that some reallocation of funds would be necessary, and staff believes that could be accomplished to potentially build two portable schools.

Trustee Wright said the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) should be given clear direction from the Board regarding rezoning.

Trustee Edwards agreed but said direction cannot be given without input from the community, which is why she suggested that the Board give direction at their January 9, 2013, Work Session. She said she believed rezoning would need to take place if portable schools were not built. She suggested holding the public input meeting and bringing the information and direction to the January 9, 2013, Board meeting.

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Trustee Garvey said she was not sure what to discuss with the BOC at their next meeting other than relaying the Board's discussion.

Trustee Edwards commented that in building a portable school, that school would be treated as any other school and so a conversation would need to take place with the BOC.

Superintendent Jones agreed that a discussion should take place with the BOC since funds would be reallocated from an existing program. He said he would work with school principals to get the community meeting scheduled.

Public Speaker

Branislav Delic said he strongly opposed a year-round calendar. He asked about the cost of going back to a year-round calendar. He spoke in support of holding a community meeting.

Mr. Avram agreed with the previous speaker. He said he is also against year-round calendars because of the costs.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Cranor was disconnected at 7:54 p.m.

APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR
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Trustee Edwards clarified that the savings realized from moving to a 9-month calendar were due to changing the calendar of 70 year-round schools.

TELECONFERENCE CALL RECONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Cranor was reconnected at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVE SCHOOL CAPACITY PLANNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR
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Trustee Edwards said she would work with staff to schedule the community meeting and get notice out as quickly as possible.

EDISONLEARNING SCHOOLS UPDATE

Presentation and possible discussion on the annual academic achievement update for Marion Cahlan Elementary School, Crestwood Elementary School, Raul P. Elizondo Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Ann T. Lynch Elementary School, John S. Park Elementary School, and C. C. Ronnow Elementary School, under the contract with EdisonLearning, Inc.

Superintendent Jones explained that this update is coming to the Board as promised when the Board approved the two-year contract renewal with EdisonLearning, Inc.

EDISONLEARNING SCHOOLS UPDATE (continued)

Mr. Skorkowsky said this update is to inform the Board on the academic progress of the schools under this contract.

Marsha Irvin, Senior Vice President, EdisonLearning, Inc., presented the schools' academic achievement update to the Board.

APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-1: GLOBAL EXECUTIVE CONSTRAINT AND A REVIEW OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR A NEW EL POLICY

Approval on the review of EL-1 Global Executive Constraint and a review of proposed language for a new EL Policy. By direction of the Board, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Cantú explained that the proposed language for a new Executive Limitation (EL) policy before the Board was developed through discussions that the Board should ensure that its committees adequately reflect and represent the diverse community they serve.

Trustee Young suggested adding in the first paragraph, "...and benefit..." after "strength," "...District education..." after "programs," and "practices" after "priorities," changing "recognize" to "encompass," and deleting "within the District structure and in his interactions with the community," so that the paragraph would then read, "The Board of School Trustees recognizes the strength and benefit of the Clark County School District resides in the diversity of the community it serves. To that end, the Superintendent will not fail to initiate District education programs, practices, and priorities, which encompass the community's diversity."

Trustee Cantú said he was amenable to those changes suggested by Trustee Young.

Trustee Young suggested moving the second paragraph to the glossary and citing the source of the definition of diversity. In Number 1, she suggested the language, "...equity, diversity, and excellence..." in place of "equality."

Trustee Cantú agreed with Trustee Young's suggestion by to change "equality" to "equity." He offered the language, "Fail to recognize the benefits of learning in a setting that is equitable and diverse," or "...that encourages equity and diversity."

Trustee Wright suggested the language, "...encouraging diversity..." or "encouraging participation whenever possible..." in an effort to reach out to the different communities and ask for involvement.

Trustee Cantú stated that counsel suggested a change to Number 2 from "Fail to ensure..." to "Fail to encourage..."

APPROVE BOARD REVIEW OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-1: GLOBAL EXECUTIVE CONSTRAINT AND A REVIEW OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR A NEW EL POLICY (continued)

Trustee Young suggested the language for Number 2A, "Fail to see and review recommendations..." Regarding Number 3, she suggested changing "public" to "community," and adding "...and climate..." after "attitudes."

Trustee Cantú agreed with those suggestions made by Trustee Young.

Trustee Young suggested adding the word "that" to Number 4 to read, "Fail to ensure that the District..."

Trustee Edwards agreed with that suggested change to Number 4. She disagreed with Trustee Young's suggestion to add "benefit" to the first paragraph and "climate" in Number 3 in those contexts.

Trustee Young explained her intent in suggesting those additions.

After some discussion of Number 3, Trustee Young offered, "...in relation to diversity within the climate of the school and workplace."

Trustee Cantú suggested the word "value" in place of "benefit" in the first paragraph to read, "The Board of School Trustees recognizes the strength and value of the Clark County School District..."

Mary Ann Peterson, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, offered the language, "The Board of School Trustees recognizes that the strength..." for the first paragraph for further clarification.

The Trustees agreed with that suggestion.

Trustee Young agreed with adding the word "value" as suggested by Trustee Cantú.

In relation to Number 3, Trustee Cantú suggested the language, "Fail to ascertain attitudes and needs in relation..."

Trustee Alderman suggested separating community and District employees by separating Number 3 into two statements.

Trustee Edwards said she would work with staff and bring this policy language back with some changes.

Trustee Alderman recommended that the Trustees also email Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office, any suggestions they may have.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.02 AND 6.03

Approval of Items 6.02 and 6.03, respectively, as follows:

APOINT DEBT MANAGEMENT COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Appoint a Clark County School District Trustee as representative to the Debt Management Commission for the term of 4 years, in accordance with NRS 305.0115, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

APPOINT SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION REPRESENTATIVE

Appoint a Clark County School District Trustee as representative to the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition for the term of 4 years, in accordance with the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Act, Chapter 489, Statutes of Nevada 1999, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

Trustee Edwards recommended that if the Board appoints someone who is just starting their term, there should still be a review in two years to determine if that person would continue serving as the representative to these organizations.

Motion to appoint Trustee Young to serve as the representative to the Debt Management Commission and to the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition for a term of two years, with a review to take place in two years.

Motion: Wright Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02

Approval on Items 7.01 and 7.02, respectively, as follows:

APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-1: VISION STATEMENT – 2011-2012

Approval regarding the monitoring report for Ends Policy E-1: Vision Statement – 2011-2012.

APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – 2011-2012

Approval regarding the monitoring report for Ends Policy E-2: Academic Achievement – 2011-2012.

Superintendent Jones presented his monitoring report for Ends Policy E-1: Vision Statement – 2011-2012 and for Ends Policy E-2: Academic Achievement – 2011-2012.

Mr. Skorkowsky presented information of academic achievement in relation to E-2: Academic Achievement.

Trustee Alderman asked about what is being done to catch students up in middle school.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02 (continued)

Superintendent Jones said that while there are programs in place designed to catch students up, there are some that will not catch up before moving onto high school. He said students need to be moving onto middle school at grade level, and it takes two to three years to change that cycle. He said there are efforts being made moving in that direction to catch students up.

Mr. Skorkowsky added that funding is being utilized at the middle school level to provide remediation after school through tutoring and other programs. He said he would provide that information in presentations moving forward.

Trustee Alderman asked if the class of 2013 graduation data includes the 5th-year seniors.

Mr. Skorkowsky answered that those numbers do not include the 5th-year seniors, that it is only cohort data for the 2013 class.

Trustee Edwards commented that she believed the Superintendent's interpretation to be a reasonable interpretation, but that she does not believe his supporting data addresses the soft skills that are in the policy.

Superintendent Jones agreed that those skills are not addressed in the information he presented. He offered discussing ways in which staff can address those skills, perhaps in a work session or special meeting.

Trustee Edwards suggested that the motion could be in compliance with an exception and that the Board would like to see that information come forward.

Trustee Young asked about information regarding the gap in between genders at the high school level in reading.

Mr. Skorkowsky said in this situation there was no significant change in the gap between genders from middle school to high school.

Trustee Young inquired about the gap between genders in mathematics.

Mr. Skorkowsky stated that there was no significant change in that area.

Trustee Young asked about a strategy to close that gap between genders.

Mr. Skorkowsky stated that there are single-gender classes being held at Manual J. Cortez and Ruben P. Diaz Elementary Schools with some positive results being seen at Diaz Elementary School. He said there has not been enough positive statistical data to make the decision to expand that strategy.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02 (continued)

Superintendent Jones added that there is an effort, especially in literacy, to discover more resources that males find interesting in the areas of blended and online learning. He offered to highlight some of those strategies in a work session.

Trustee Wright, speaking about measuring soft skills, suggested that the Superintendent could include information regarding enrollment in those classes at the different levels and include information regarding student achievement and continued interest in those areas.

Superintendent Jones suggested that the Trustees could review the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) provided previously, which included information with regard to the soft skills, and the information presented at this meeting for comparison to consider compliance. He said then at the work session staff and the Board could identify categories in the QAF that the Board would like to have included in future presentations.

Trustee Cantú offered that the School Performance Framework (SPF) speaks to academics, as well as school climate and other areas that may be reflections of climate, so perhaps the motion could be to accept the monitoring report with a recommendation to include other supporting data in the future.

Motion to accept the monitoring reports in compliance with E-1: Vision Statement and E-2: Academic Achievement.

Motion: Garvey Second: Wright

Trustee Wright asked that Trustee Garvey include in the motion a note that the Superintendent provide more information with regard to the soft skills.

Trustee Garvey agreed to that amendment of the motion.

Trustee Edwards said that she suggested that the motion include an exception to be clear that the Board holds the Superintendent accountable for its policies.

Trustee Wright said she believes the Board was not clear in making a decision during the shift from the QAF to the SPF of exactly what information the Board wants to see, so she believes the note added to the motion is sufficient in redefining what the monitoring report should look like in the future.

Trustee Edwards said the policy includes the soft skills, so she does not believe the Board was unclear.

Trustee Wright offered an amendment to the motion: E-1: Vision Statement would be "in compliance" and E-2: Academic Achievement would be "in compliance with exception/notation that the Board is looking for more evidence with regard to the soft skills on the next monitoring report."

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02 (continued)

Trustee Garvey agreed with that amendment.

Trustee Garvey said that she views the student reports the Board receives at their regular meetings as examples of how this policy is being met with regard to soft skills.

Trustee Alderman said there should be a footnote that describes what the exception was in the final document.

Trustee Cranor said she is in support of in compliance by does not support the exception and asked that the reports be voted on separately.

Trustee Young stated that the motion on the floor must be voted on.

Vote on Trustee Garvey's motion: Yeses – 4 (Wright, Alderman, Cranor, Edwards); Noes – 3 (Young, Cantú, Garvey)

The motion passed.

ADOPT 2012-2013 AMENDED FINAL BUDGET

Adoption of the 2012-2013 Amended Final Budget, and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to sign and file, as required by NRS 354.598005, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

Trustee Edwards referred to Page 3 of 66 and questioned how the end fund balance is presented in the document. She said at face value it appears that there is \$31 million in the end fund balance.

Trustee Wright asked that an explanation be given of the different terms used in relation to the end fund balance.

Jim McIntosh, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit, said that there are approximately five categories associated with the end fund balance, and he gave an explanation of what is reflected in the document.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Jones spoke about a program in which Liberty High School is a participant called The Sparkle Effect, which partners the school's cheerleaders with students with disabilities to form an inclusive squad, and the team performs together at sporting events.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Edwards left the Board meeting at 9:54 p.m.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION (continued)

Trustee Wright said that at her recent parent meeting, the topic of 5th-year seniors participating in sports was discussed, and she asked the Superintendent to provide some information on this issue at a later date.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Cranor shared that the Nevada State Flip the Script champion was Del Sol High School.

Trustee Alderman reported on the official opening of the Casey Jones Health Center at Elaine Wynn Elementary School that she attended with Trustee Garvey. She also reported on the Sun Youth Forum luncheon she attended with Trustee Edwards and Trustee Young.

Trustee Young shared that she attended the Ruth Fyfe Elementary School's ribbon cutting ceremony for their new library sponsored by Scholastic. She reported on her visit to the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce along with Trustee's Alderman, Cantú, and Edwards. She invited the Trustees to attend a Debt Management Commission meeting or a Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) meeting. She shared that she now sits on the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Board.

Trustee Cantú acknowledged Superintendent Jones for being recognized as the Educator of the Year by the Latin Chamber of Commerce. He reported on ELL committee meetings, as well as the committee on suspensions which he has been attending and participating in.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Wright referred to the Board's debriefing document and highlighted the areas in which she felt the Board continues to do well and commented on areas in which she felt the Board could improve.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 10:06 p.m.

Motion: Cantú Second: Alderman Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Edwards was not present for the vote.

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