

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

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD AND WORK SESSION

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

8:02 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Linda E. Young, President
Chris Garvey, Vice President
Lola Brooks, Member
Kevin L. Child, Member
Erin Cranor, Member
Carolyn Edwards, Member
Deanna L. Wright, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office; Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Joe Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff/Liaison to the Board, Office of the Superintendent; Tammy Malich, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services Division; Nicole Rourke, Executive Director, Government Affairs, Community and Government Relations; Craig Stevens, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Government Affairs, Community and Government Relations; Brad Keating, Coordinator, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; and Jeanetta Hawthorne, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Child led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except note additional reference material provided for Items 3.09 and 3.10, note reference material provided for Item 3.11, and move Item 4.01 to follow Item 3.04 as 3.04a.

Motion: Garvey Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES—PRESIDENT

Approval on the election of the Office of the President.

Trustee Child nominated Trustee Garvey for the Office of the President.

Trustee Edwards nominated Trustee Wright for the Office of the President.

Motion to close nominations.

Motion: Edwards Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Garvey and Trustee Wright each spoke about their experiences on the Board, their ability and desire to lead and serve on this Board, their commitment to CCSD and their strategies for leading.

Public Hearing

Ed Gonzalez asked the Board to consider voting for a Trustee who would be able to serve for the entire year.

Vote for Trustee Garvey for Office of the President failed.

Vote for Trustee Wright for Office of the President passed.

APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES—VICE PRESIDENT

Approval on the election of the Office of the Vice President.

Trustee Wright nominated Trustee Edwards for the Office of the Vice President.

Trustee Cranor nominated Trustee Young for the Office of the Vice President.

Motion to close nominations.

Motion: Child Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Edwards and Trustee Young each spoke about their ability to serve as Vice President of the Board and what their goals would be while serving in that capacity.

Vote for Trustee Edwards for Office of the Vice President failed.

Vote for Trustee Young for Office of the Vice President passed.

APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES—CLERK

Approval on the election of the Office of the Clerk.

Trustee Cranor nominated Trustee Edwards for the Office of the Clerk.

APPROVE ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES—CLERK (continued)

Trustee Young nominated Trustee Garvey for the Office of the Clerk.

Motion to close nominations.

Motion: Wright Second: Cranor Vote: Unanimous

Vote for Trustee Edwards for Office of the Clerk passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the special meetings of November 2, 2016, November 10, 2016; and the regular meetings of October 27, 2016, November 10, 2016, as recommended in Reference 3.04.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Presentation of the latest Archive Committee booklet and overview of the services provided by the Clark County School District Archive Committee. Dr. P. Kay Carl, Chairperson, Clark County School District Archive Committee.

An update on the activities of the CCSD Archive Committee was given by Committee members Dr. P. Kay Carl, Rick Watson, Nancy Schkurman, and Susan DeHart.

APPROVE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Approval to accept the donation from Caesars Entertainment Corporation of the in-kind consultant services of its Executive Vice President of Government Relations and Corporate Responsibility, Jan Jones Blackhurst for a period of one-year at no cost to the District. Jan Jones Blackhurst will serve as an advisory mentor and coach to the CCSD Board of Trustees in the fields of, but not limited to, community, business, and legislative engagement and policy development aligned to the Trustees' Strategic Imperatives and to their Vision Statement, "All students progress in school and graduate prepared to succeed and contribute in a diversity global society".

Trustee Garvey clarified that the role of this individual would be focused on mentoring the Board and providing guidance and advice. She said any message carried out would be directed and led by the Board and would align with direction to the Superintendent and staff. She said this is not to take away any power, but to strengthen. She invited the Board to view the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as a commitment to explore the opportunity and then come back to a work session to discuss the parameters and what this mentorship would look like.

There was discussion regarding how Mrs. Jones Blackhurst's time would be spent meeting with individual Trustees and the Board as a whole and what the intent and scope of her work would be. There was also some discussion regarding the need for a MOA.

APPROVE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Cranor referred to the last sentence in the first paragraph, Reference 3.05, page 1 of 4, and she suggested that the language in the agreement read instead, "Consultation will be limited to professional development of individual Trustees or the Board of Trustees in their duties as trustees," and the agreement would also clearly define, "The consultant will not have any role as a representative of the Board to any person or group."

Trustee Garvey said she would make a motion to move forward in scheduling individual opportunities for discussion with Jan Jones Blackhurst for those Trustees who want to participate, and an agenda item would be set for the Board's next work session to discuss moving forward with an MOA.

Trustee Cranor asked that her suggested language be included in the motion.

Trustee Garvey agreed to include in her motion that "the Board resolve that the consultation will be limited to professional development of individual Trustees or the Board of Trustees in their duties as trustees, and that the consultant will not have any role as a representative of the Board to any person or group."

Public Hearing

Dr. Kay Carl shared that the members of the Retired Administrators Association of the Clark County School District, of which she is the chairperson, through discussion had agreed that the Board needs to find a way to bring all those involved in the next legislative session together. She said this way everyone is unified and focused on the issues that are brought forward to the legislature.

David Gomez said no one here is talking about student achievement. He said he has been helping for years, but the Board has not asked for his assistance. He said there are people in the community willing to help. He said Mrs. Jones Blackhurst is not knowledgeable about AB394.

Ed Gonzalez said he believes this discussion is moving things in a good direction. He said he witnessed during the last legislative session that the District has a fantastic government affairs team. He said he can appreciate the need for the consultant so the Board can advocate more strongly for the needs of the District.

Patrice Tew expressed appreciation for the discussion here, and she agreed with comments made by Dr. Carl. She also agreed with Mr. Gomez that there are many people willing to come forward to assist the Board. She applauded the Board for the discussion and everyone willing to come forward.

APPROVE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Motion to move forward in scheduling meetings for Trustees with Jan Jones Blackhurst to discuss mentoring and professional development opportunities as an option for each Trustee, and that an agenda item would be set for the Board's February work session to continue the discussion recognizing that any agreement to be entered into with the consultant would define that the consultation will be limited to professional development of individual Trustees and/or the Board of Trustees in their duties as trustees, and that the consultant will not have any role as a representative of the Board to any person or group.

Motion: Garvey Second: Second Vote: Yeses – 4 (Garvey, Cranor, Young, Child); Noes – 3 (Brooks, Edwards, Wright)

The motion passed.

ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Presentation and discussion regarding updated recommendations made by the Bond Oversight Committee related to the implementation of the Achievement School District, as enacted in Assembly Bill 448.

Eleissa Lavelle, Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) Chairperson, provided an update on recommendations by the BOC related to the implementation of AB448 as outlined in Reference 3.09.

Public Hearing

Jana Wilcox Lavin, Nevada Achievement School District Superintendent, provided a document from the Achievement School District addressing the seven concerns listed in Reference 3.09.

APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 394

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the plan to reorganize the Clark County School District.

RECESS: 11:00 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:44 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Garvey left the Board meeting at 11:44 a.m.

APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 394 (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky provided an update on the work that has been done toward the implementation of AB394, including training; communication about the reorganization of the school district through meetings, social media, and publications; School Associate Superintendent positions; School Organizational Teams; a revised Districtwide survey, the shift in roles and responsibilities for District divisions; and planning for the next phase of the work.

APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 394 (continued)

Public Hearing

Ed Gonzalez expressed some concern regarding the lawsuit against AB394 filed by Mr. McDade on December 21, 2016, to have the regulation declared invalid.

Dr. Kay Carl asked if anyone has applied the weighted funding formula to the schools hypothetically.

BOARD WALK

Update and discussion on the First Annual Board Walk taking place on March 11, 2017.

Trustee Young announced that the Board's First Annual Board Walk was scheduled to take place on March 11, 2017, at Western High School and would include healthy nutrition information, physical activities, and student entertainment.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR THE FLORENCE MCCLURE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTER PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Presentation on the development of programs accomplished by the committee and overview of the Florence McClure Correction Facility Cultural Enrichment Program proposal.

Dr. Malich shared information regarding the development of programs for the Florence McClure Correction Facility Cultural Enrichment Program as provided in Reference 3.07.

APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 448

None.

APPROVE COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL

Approval by the Board of School Trustees on issues related to the Community Implementation Council, including, but not limited to, requests for assistance and recommendations to the Community Implementation Council, as it pertains to the Reorganization of the Clark County School District.

Superintendent Skorkowsky shared that a proposal for training received by the District has been provided in the backup material.

Trustee Cranor reported on the Community Implementation Council (CIC) meeting. She asked if there was anything the Trustees would like to have discussed at the CIC's January 11 meeting.

Trustee Edwards said the \$1.2 million bill for TSC² remains an issue and said she would hope there would continue to be a focus on how that can be paid that would not come out of school district funds.

Trustee Child suggested adding a parent component to the CIC.

APPROVE COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL (continued)

Public Hearing

Sylvia Lazos said the community shares Trustee Edwards' concern regarding the \$1.2 million bill. She said the deliverables for the consultant are broad and vague.

APPROVE SCHOOL CALENDARS

Approval regarding the process to receive input from the school community related to the proposed revision of the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school calendars.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said staff is in the process of developing the revision for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school calendars. He said the Trustees would have these to take to their parent meetings in January, and then it would come back to a Board meeting in February.

Trustee asked for an update on the proposed summer school schedule to come forward at the Board's regular meeting in February.

APPROVE STANDING ITEMS – 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Prior to each legislative session the Board of School Trustees has endorsed a list of standing items. This platform provides the District's lobbying team the Board's position on a host of issues that may be raised during the course of the session. Discussion and possible action on approval of the standing items for the 79th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature as requested in Reference 4.03.

Ms. Rourke, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Keating presented the standing items for the 2017 Legislative Session to the Board for approval as outlined in Reference 4.03.

Trustee Cranor suggested that weighted pupil funding should be placed under Academic Excellence in Reference 4.03, page 2 of 2.

Trustee Wright suggested that perhaps the District could work with legislators to provide a type of waiver for teachers who were educated in their native language to be able to teach that language here without having a degree. She said this would assist with the District's Mandarin Chinese program, as well as other foreign language programs.

Trustee Edwards spoke to diversity issues and opportunity gaps. She said there ought to be some diversity on the lobbying team representing the District. She referenced items under Academic Excellence and said that this is an area where opportunity gaps should be specifically addressed; that there should be some priority for the subgroups that are least proficient; and that these priorities should be tied to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). She suggested that there should be a focus on expanding minority representation in the District's teaching staff, support staff, and leadership. She also spoke about the importance of the sanctity of an elected board.

APPROVE STANDING ITEMS – 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (continued)

Trustee Child talked about unsuccessful transfers and how that affects schools' graduation rates and scoring. He expressed concern with testing and separating the scores of English Language Learner (ELL) students, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) students, and traditional students.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said staff could explore the possibility of looking at unsuccessful transfers and graduation rates.

Trustee Young suggested considering including under Engagement, Reengagement of disconnected youth and adults, page 2 of 2, "a second chance in education and community service," whereby after 25 years of a model lifestyle, individuals who have committed minor offenses would be eligible for employment with the CCSD.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said he could look at the guidelines and possibly include it in conversations.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Child left the dais at 1:24 p.m.

APPROVE STANDING ITEMS – 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (continued)

Motion to move "weighted pupil funding" under Academic Excellence and that students of poverty with English Language Acquisition and opportunity gaps, as well as the identified ELL programs be referred to under Academic Excellence.

Motion: Edwards Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

Trustees Garvey and Child were not present for the vote.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards requested an agenda item for GP-4.2: Board Members' Principles of Operation to discuss a recommended change. She also asked to have a status report on the sex education curriculum items that have not been brought forward yet that were approved for Board review.

Superintendent Skorkowsky announced that a full-day retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017, with Dr. Thomas Alsbury, Balanced Governance™.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNS

Trustee Child returned to the dais at 1:32 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 1:35 p.m.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Child Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Garvey was not present for the vote.*