

MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
VEGAS PBS, ROOM 122/123  
3050 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

Monday, January 25, 2016

6:02 p.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present

Linda E. Young, President  
Chris Garvey, Vice President  
Patrice Tew, Clerk  
Kevin L. Child, Member

Members Absent

Erin Cranor, Member  
Carolyn Edwards, Member  
Deanna L. Wright, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Rick Neal, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff; Billie Rayford, Interim Chief Educational Opportunity Officer, Educational Opportunities Unit; Joe Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Superintendent; Michelle Booth, Director, Communications Office, Office of the Chief of Staff; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; and Della Frank, Project Facilitator, Indian Education Opportunities Program, Education Opportunities Unit.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Trustee Tew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda.*

*Motion: Garvey    Second: Tew    Vote: Unanimous*

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**COMMUNITY LINKAGE**

Discussion with members of the American Indian/Alaskan Native community for the purpose of obtaining input on the education of American Indian/Alaskan Native students who attend the Clark County School District.

Trustee Young said they would like to try and hold an annual community linkage meeting with the American Indian/Alaskan Native community in November.

Superintendent Skorkowsky introduced CCSD staff present.

### **COMMUNITY LINKAGE (continued)**

Ms. Frank gave a brief presentation on the Indian Education Opportunities Program (IEOP) and an update on the Moapa Education Support Center (MESC). She said the IEOP enlists the help of a parent committee and student representative. She highlighted the following points about the program: Extended Academic Instruction; Title VII and Johnson O'Malley Act (JOA) funding; credit retrieval; college readiness educational workshops; field trips and events, including cultural literacy, the Nevada Department of Education summit, and the language and history symposium; and the Summer Science Program.

Ms. Rayford expressed appreciation to the Indian Education parent committee for their work. She announced that the IEOP has a new office location at the South Continuation School.

Petra Wilson, chairperson, and Diana Croci, vice-chairperson, JOA and Title VII Parent Committee, gave an update on the Indian Education program from the perspective of the parent committee. They discussed the needs of the IEOP office in order to create a functional office and a positive environment and the desire to work more closely with CCSD's Grants Department and improve communication and processes.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said he would work on those concerns expressed with staff.

Trustee Young expressed the Board's commitment to the community. She talked about how important the preservation of language is.

Superintendent Skorkowsky suggested working with Ms. Rayford and Tom Axtell, General Manager, Vegas PBS, on the possibility of collecting tribal elders' stories to record and preserve their history.

Trustee Garvey said she would like to hear back from the community about what they want to see happen in terms of preserving their language and their history.

### **Public Hearing**

Shelly White thanked the Board for holding this meeting. She said she would like teachers to be given cultural awareness training.

Leanetta Benally shared her story of being raised by her grandparents, being in an arranged marriage, and making the decision with her husband to leave their reservation to give their children more opportunities. She thanked Ms. Rayford and the parents for what they do.

Sean Scruggs also shared his story of joining the U.S. Air Force and leaving his reservation. He said although his daughter is a successful student, her ACT scores were low, and he would like to see a focus group formed to help students prepare for the ACT. He said he is involved in a Native American council involving 17 tribes, and he is willing to work with the District and IEOP.

**COMMUNITY LINKAGE (continued)**

Superintendent Skorkowsky suggested having the magnet school office available at the next meeting to provide information about what is available to students.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Trustee Young said a meeting date is needed for November to meet with the Snow Mountain Paiute Tribe community.

**DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**ADJOURN:** 7:52 p.m.

*Motion: Garvey    Second: Child    Vote: Unanimous*