

Minutes
Clark County School District
Special Meeting of the Board of School Trustees
Public Education Foundation, Barrick Board Room
4350 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89119

Board Retreat

Friday, May 15, 2015

8:36 a.m.

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

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Carlos McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Office of the Deputy Superintendent; Rick Neal, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office; and Dr. Thomas Alsbury, Balanced Governance Solutions.

Flag Salute

Trustee Cranor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of the Agenda

Adopt agenda, except note reference material provided for Item 4.01 and Item 4.02, move Item 4.01 to precede Item 3.02.

Motion: Garvey Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment Period

Tarolyn Taylor (phonetic) said she attended the Sex Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting on February 19, 2015, and said it was be the best education she had received. She said she applauds the procedures that are in place. She said they want the Board to approve the curriculum and the materials and do not want any outside organizations' influence.

Christine Swartz (phonetic) expressed appreciation for the current sex education curriculum that is in place. She said she was very happy with the course expectations.

Communication and Support to the Board

Update and discussion on support to the Board to include Board and Superintendent communication.

Superintendent Skorkowsky introduced Rick Neal as the newly hired Chief of Staff for the District.

The Trustees and Superintendent Skorkowsky reviewed the Trustee Interest List in Reference 4.01, pages 7-8 of 11.

The Trustees identified their areas of expertise and chose areas in which they were most interested.

Superintendent Skorkowsky reviewed the Communication and Support to the Board document on page 9 of 11, and discussion was had regarding how to improve communication to the Board with relation to the categories listed on the document.

Recess: 10:00 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:18 a.m.

Governance Presentation

Presentation by Dr. Thomas Alsbury, Balanced Governance Solutions, on various governance models, including balanced governance.

Dr. Alsbury presented "Creating a Model for Balanced Governance" as show in Reference 3.01.

Dr. Alsbury facilitated discussion and activities designed to help the Board apply Balanced Governance™ to the Board's current governance processes and implement Balanced Governance™; learn how to evaluate for the governance model; and learn how to create a system that would allow to the Board to monitor District processes.

Lunch Recess

Reconvene

Governance Presentation (continued)

Review and discussion continued around how to apply Balanced Governance™ standards to how the Board currently operates.

In the area of Vision-Directed Planning, there was discussion regarding how to engage the community when there is inadequate response or when the response is coming from a special interest group and simply having a goal of proactive engagement.

Governance Presentation (continued)

In the area of Community Engagement, there was discussion regarding how to engage the community and consider community input and viewpoints when there are opposing groups; and how the Board and the Superintendent engage the community while remaining transparent and articulating the message when appropriate of the Superintendent's and the Board's authority for making decisions.

In the area of Accountability, there was discussion regarding finding balance in how to express dissatisfaction with a senior staff member's performance or system processes without holding the Superintendent out of compliance with the Superintendent being the only one accountable to the Board for the performance of senior staff; and establishing goals for the Board and evaluation of the Board.

Dr. Alsbury briefly reviewed Balanced Governance: Policy Template in Reference 3.01H, District Strategic Teaming Model in Reference 3.01I, and District-wide Strategic Teaming and Sustainability of Innovation in Reference 3.01J.

Approve Governance Models

Approval on alternative governance models for the Clark County School District Board of Trustees, any changes recommended at this meeting will not be implemented unless adopted by the public policy review process at the direction of the Board, at a regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

There was no discussion on this item.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Update on highlights and accomplishments related to the Pledge of Achievement.

Superintendent Skorkowsky provided a document listing District highlights and accomplishments shown in Reference 4.02.

Trustee Young mentioned the possibility of a CCSD app in the future.

Superintendent Skorkowsky agreed an app would be a great way to spread positive information about the District.

Trustee Wright asked about the possibility of receiving the document highlighting accomplishments on a regular basis.

Superintendent Skorkowsky said they would have to look at how that could be produced taking staff time into consideration and using resources efficiently.

Agenda Planning: Items for Future Agendas

Trustee Young said the Board's next retreat was scheduled for October 2, 2015, at Nevada State College. The Board agreed to schedule another retreat for August 14, 2015.

Discussion and Request for Special Meetings

None.

Public Comment Period

None.

Adjourn: 3:00 p.m.

Motion: Wright Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous