

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

WORK SESSION

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

8:03 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Linda E. Young, President
Chris Garvey, Vice President
Patrice Tew, Clerk
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; Joe Caruso, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Steve Canavero, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards and Trustee Wright was connected at 8:03 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Garvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except note reference material provided for Item 3.02 and move Item 4.01 to follow Item 2.01as 2.01a.

Motion: Garvey Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

Presentation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Steve Canavero, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education.

Dr. Canavero gave a presentation of ESSA as outlined in Reference 4.01.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Cranor left the Board meeting at 9:41 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of May 18, 2016, and the regular meeting of May 12, 2016, as recommended in Reference 3.01.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Garvey Second: Child Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Cranor was not present for the vote.

APPROVE CHANGE IN THE START TIME OF ALL REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Approval on changing the start time of all regular board meetings of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees and eliminating the Ends Report and Presentations and Reports categories from all regular board meeting agendas, as recommended in Reference 3.02.

Trustee Young said this has been part of the Board's discussion about how they can be more efficient in their meetings.

Trustee Garvey said in exploring other ways to celebrate the positive things going on in the District, she felt by eliminating these activities from the regular meetings, the Board could be more efficient and shorten the length of the meetings.

Trustee Tew said she felt this would also give the schools and students more opportunities to showcase their accomplishments.

Trustee Edwards asked that if this is moved forward, it be done on a trial basis for a specified time period of approximately 3 to 4 months with a reevaluation at the end of that period. She suggested starting the Board meetings during this time at 5:00 or 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Wright expressed concern that the Ends Reports and presentations portion of the meeting is not necessarily what lengthens the meetings. She said she would like to see a plan of how those parts of the meeting would be otherwise accomplished. She also expressed concern about the loss of time to communicate with people during the break.

APPROVE CHANGE IN THE START TIME OF ALL REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Tew said she has gotten feedback from parents that support a later start time for the Board meetings, and she proposed a start time of 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Young expressed concern that by eliminating that portion of the meetings, the Board would be losing a connection with the students and constituents. She suggested conducting a survey to gather input on the proposed changes.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNS

Trustee Cranor returned to the Board meeting at 10:25 a.m.

APPROVE CHANGE IN THE START TIME OF ALL REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Trustee Garvey agreed with the survey and suggested that the Trustees could survey their constituents during their parent and community meetings. She suggested that perhaps the Superintendent could present a timeline and plan for how the schools would be supported with this change. She suggested a start time of 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Child said he would be in support of starting at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. to give parents and community members an opportunity to attend the meeting.

Trustee Cranor suggested that the videos produced by schools could possibly be shown before or after the Board meetings in the Board room. She said she would be in support of having the high school ROTC students continue to come and lead the flag salute, and she would be in favor of a 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. start time.

Trustee Edwards agreed that it would be best to have a plan outlined before any changes are implemented.

Motion to move forward with a 6:00 p.m. start time of the regular board meetings and to restructure the meeting with a review after a four- to six-month period.

Motion: Tew Second: Child

Trustee Wright asked for clarification of the student reports and presentations.

Trustee clarified that her motion would include moving the school presentations and school and community presentations to different venues.

Trustee Child agreed to that amendment.

Trustee Edwards reiterated the need for a plan before moving forward. She said if this motion is to move forward with this immediately, she would not be in support of the motion.

APPROVE CHANGE IN THE START TIME OF ALL REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky noted that the information from the schools would come forward as part of the superintendent's report and would be part of the superintendent's evaluation. He proposed that there should be two separate plans, one focused on the students; and the other focused on presentations and recognitions. He suggested having this come back at the November 1, 2016, work session, for review of the changes. He said staff could come forward with a plan on July 21, 2016. He suggested implementing these changes beginning with the August, 25, 2016, Board meeting.

After further discussion, Trustee Tew and Trustee Child agreed with the August 25, 2016, start date and a review date of December 7, 2016.

Trustee Edwards said she would not be in support of the motion unless the motion was changed to include bringing this back with a plan in July and having the Board take a vote at that time.

Trustee Tew said she would like to keep her motion as stated.

Trustee Wright also asked that this be held until the plan is brought forward.

CALL FOR THE QUESTION

Trustee Tew called for the question.

APPROVE CHANGE IN THE START TIME OF ALL REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (continued)

Vote on Trustee Tew's motion: Yeses – 5 (Young, Garvey, Tew, Child, Cranor); Noes – 2 (Edwards, Wright)

The motion passed.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Garvey requested an item to be placed on a work session agenda to review the recommendations and plan of Michael Strembitsky, consultant, advisory committee in developing a plan to reorganize the CCSD, and information on what would be required to fulfill those recommendations.

Trustee Child requested that the work session be held at Las Vegas Academy so the public can attend and provide input.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)

Superintendent Skorkowsky said there are six public input meetings being conducted by Clark County on AB 394, and the District would share that information out to the public

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 11:08 a.m.

Motion: Child Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous