

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER, ROOM 466  
5100 W. SAHARA AVENUE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89146

**BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017

11:30 a.m.

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**Members Present**

Bowler, Richard	Lavelle, Lisa
Davis, Al	Lopez, George
Goynes, Byron	Philpott, Steve
Halsey, Jim	Reynolds, Jacob

**Members Absent**

Earl, Debbie  
Kubat, Charles  
Lazaroff, Gene  
Morley, Thomas  
Munford, Harvey

A recording of this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Facilities Division at 702-799-0591.

1.01 FLAG SALUTE.

1.02 ROLL CALL.

Ms. Lavelle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

1.03 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

Motion was approved to adopt and accept the June 15, 2017, agenda, with the revision of moving item 3.08 before 3.03.

Motion: Davis

Second: Halsey

Vote: Unanimous

2.01 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

None.

3.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

Motion for approval of the Minutes for the December 15, 2016, agenda.

Motion: Halsey

Second: Reynolds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion for approval of the Minutes for the February 16, 2017, agenda.

Motion: Davis

Second: Reynolds

Vote: Unanimous

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### 3.02 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

**Eleissa Lavelle** was nominated and elected CHAIR.

Motion: Reynolds

Second: Halsey

Vote: Unanimous

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (continued).

**Jim Halsey** was nominated and elected FIRST VICE CHAIR.

Motion: Reynolds

Second: Philpott

Vote: Unanimous

**Steve Philpott** was nominated and elected SECOND VICE CHAIR.

Motion: Reynolds

Second: Davis

Vote: Unanimous

### 3.03 APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS

Al Davis resigned as Liaison for Construction. Jim Halsey is the new Liaison for Construction. Byron Goynes is the new Liaison for Site Selection and Land Use. Richard Bowler is the new Liaison for Finance/Operations. Charles Kubat will remain the Liaison for Design.

Ms. Lavelle requested members to contact her after the meeting if they are interested in the Community Relations Liaison position.

### 3.04 REPORTS BY STAFF AND/OR LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES

None.

### 3.05 QUESTIONS REGARDING MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS.

None.

### 3.06 REPORT BY THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES' LIAISON.

Trustee Young stated she wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) members and internal Facilities and Construction staff for all the work everyone has done to help implement the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP). These projects are helping the entire community through not only new schools, but much-needed renovations at many of the existing schools.

Trustee Young stated, because of these efforts:

- The finishing touches continue to take place on the six new and two replacement elementary schools that will open in August. Many of these schools have already received their furniture and those that have not will receive their furniture in the next week or two as they prepare for their opening.

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- The construction process is about to begin on the four new elementary schools that will open in 2018-2019. The groundbreaking ceremony was held last week for the site at Beltrada and Via Italia Elementary School's, and the excitement continues to grow while moving forward with the process of adding more schools.
- It is also important to recognize the work that is being done at the existing schools, whether it is replacing a worn out HVAC system or building new wings that increase our classroom capacity, every one of these projects are improving the district and the learning environment for the children.
- Even though school just ended for most of the schools, if you drive around town, you can see the schools are busy with the work that is already underway to expand the facilities at places like Beckley, Wynn and Hal Smith Elementary Schools, as well as many others.
- CIP Revision 2 was approved during the BOC May meeting. Trustee Young stated the Board of School Trustees (BOST) appreciates the work BOC has done and the trustees are looking forward to reviewing and possibly taking action on the recommendations on additional new schools and a number of replacement schools.
- The BOST will consider the recommendations of CIP Revision 2 at one of the upcoming meetings within the next two weeks.

### **Other important items:** Legislative Session

Trustee Young thanked Nicole Rourke and her team for all the hard work and effort put into the legislative session. Trustee Young stated to consider funneling the information to Nicole for the presentation for How Educational Options Affects the Building Program so they're prepared for the 2019 Legislative Session and have Nicole attend a BOC meeting.

- Though many construction bills were debated during the 2017 Legislative Session, few passed that significantly impact the district's building program.
- Issues such as prevailing wage reform and requirements for apprentices were a top priority for the leadership of the Nevada Legislature. However, Governor Sandoval vetoed several bills including Assembly Bill (AB) AB154, Senate Bill (SB) SB173 and SB357.
- The Nevada Legislature continued allowing the use of the Construction Manager-At-Risk program (CMAR) through the year 2021 with the passage of SB246.
- By continuing CMAR, the Legislature assured stability in how CCSD can bid projects, especially for those projects that are difficult to build or require some sort of specialized construction.
- While a lot of new ideas were put forward during the 2017 Legislative Session, in the end, Trustee Young stated she is happy to say that CCSD can continue to build new schools and reinvest in older schools without delay.
- The process of assessment testing to obtain a high school diploma and be able to walk with the graduating class is crucial to the educational institution for students as it prepares them for the real world and ensures they are capable of doing their job.

Through the strong guidance of fellow Trustees, and the BOC, and CCSD's Construction Management staff, Trustee Young stated she is confident the building program will continue to be a success.

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### Questions:

Mr. Philpott asked if we're losing control of any Achievement School District schools (ASD) this year? Trustee Young stated that the Board of School Trustees are pushing back and are not supportive of the state coming in to take schools and take them under their direction without parental and community support. There is only one pre-school elementary school that will go forward, however there are no other schools being lost this year.

Mr. Philpott asked that the BOC be kept updated on the status of the ASD and A plus schools. Trustee Young stated the liaisons will prepare a monthly report to provide BOC with updates. She also stated the A plus schools were shut down, however the ASD schools are still on the books.

### 3.07 UPDATE ON MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS.

Mr. Cumbers stated since the last BOC meeting and their consideration of the 2015 Capital Improvement Program, Revision 2, there has been a meeting with a group that meets once a year which is the Oversight Panel for School Facilities (OPSF). As a result of that meeting we now have the authority to sell the next set of bonds to finance schools and the run rate will be between \$400,000,000.00 and \$500,000,000.00 annually for new schools, additions to schools and various projects.

Mr. Cumbers shared a PowerPoint presentation and provided updates on schools in regards to the 1998 and 2015 Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) Major Project Updates. For more information please visit our website at [CIP.CCSD.net](http://CIP.CCSD.net).

- Ms. Lavelle asked if Shelley Berkley, Marzano Academy at Lomie Heard, and Billy and Rosemary Vassiliadis Elementary Schools will be completed on time. Mr. Wagner stated Shelley Berkley, and Marzano Academy at Lomie Heard Elementary Schools will be completed on time, and Billy and Rosemary Vassiliadis Elementary School is estimated to be completed closer to July 11, 2017.
- Mr. Wagner stated we're opening schools over an eight week period which is putting a strain on the trades and we have taken that into consideration. We're now releasing schools in a staggered manner to alleviate the back log. Mr. Wagner stated we will begin the design process sooner to have offsite permits when construction begins.
- Mr. Cumbers stated the opening of Chapata and Casady Elementary Schools has been delayed by one year due to additional requests from The City of Henderson.
- Mr. Halsey asked for an explanation about the re-bid shown in the presentation. Mr. Cumbers and Mr. Wagner stated it changed as CMAR was too costly and the delivery date was not acceptable.
- Trustee Young asked what happens to the old furniture from the schools. Mr. Cumbers stated it's salvaged and goes to purchasing to be made available to others and anything we can't find someone to take goes to the trash.
- Mr. Reynolds asked if any of the structure of Boulder City High School will remain original. Mr. Cumbers stated the original gymnasium is now a library, the auxiliary and main gym will remain, the grand stands will be re-done and made ADA compliant, and we're building a new announcers booth.

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- Mr. Philpott asked going forward with the new prototypes do we have a team in place as curriculum and technology is changing and teachers are demanding things as we find they may not be working in the new classrooms will prototypes be adjusted. Once the staff and students are living in them, they will provide feedback so that we may provide a report to the Superintendent and the BOC.
- Mr. Philpott stated with regards to storage there doesn't seem to be enough as he has seen principals purchasing storage units and taking up space in classrooms. Mr. Philpott stated perhaps BOC should look into the issue for future prototypes. Mr. Cumbers stated we need to address the issue going forward but it will be difficult to accomplish within the confines of the building structure as it is too expensive and compared to other sites and states we provide quite a bit of storage in our schools.
- Mr. Philpott stated when storage is being added into the classroom some of the education is being done outside as there isn't enough room inside. Mr. Cumbers stated an annual review of how space is used at all schools is done through Rick Baldwin's department by requesting curriculums and how space is being used to determine if the space is being used efficiently.
- Ms. Lavelle asked if there are any outstanding or potential claims that the team is aware of with the schools going forward. Mr. Wagner stated there aren't any projects he foresees going to litigation.

### 3.08 QUESTIONS ON AND/OR REMOVAL OF ITEMS ON MOTIONS AND TASKINGS.

Dr. Jesse Welsh from the Instructional Design and Professional Learning Department requested clarification and additional information that he can bring back to the department to be discussed and provide a formal answer regarding How Educational Options Affects the Building Program.

Mr. Reynolds stated essentially there is over a \$4,000,000,000.00 shortfall between our current budget and our needs. He stated a few options would be raise taxes, year round school, and blended learning. Mr. Reynolds asked how blended learning would affect the budget shortfall. Dr. Welsh stated it varies at grade levels. He stated secondary schools are using some forms of online blended learning as part of the curriculum. However, most instructional learning takes place in the classroom as blended learning is not a one size fits all for all children. Dr. Welsh stated the structure of the building to accommodate the type of learning could cause some shift in regards to needs vs. funds and isn't sure how it may positively impact schools as it's a space issue. Dr. Welsh also stated Aspire in Chicago is noted for its highly innovative program. However, when further researching it was noted that it doesn't have fields, cafeteria's, and has limited elective options to save money, and is impacting the quality of instructional learning.

Mr. Reynolds requested a formal presentation as he believes this is going to be a big issue at the 2019 Legislative Session and we need to be prepared with our options to present to them. Such as we don't want to go the Legislative Session and ask to raise taxes to fix the budget deficit and by not raising taxes here are the options we propose.

Mr. Philpott asked if there are any test scenarios where Clark County School District (CCSD) is strictly online. Dr. Welsh stated not at school level. However, the Nevada Learning Academy (NVLA) is our online school for grades 6-12 program and high school is 100 percent online, except for testing.

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Mr. Philpott asked how many students are enrolled at NVLA, and has there been growth in the program. He also asked if the facility offers flexibility, is there a waiting list and how is the program advertised. Dr. Welsh stated approximately 300 students are enrolled with about a 10 percent increase. He also stated students are offered flexibility, there is no waiting list, and advertising is through Television, Facebook, Pandora and Billboards.

Mr. Philpott asked if it's the best practice or conservative. Dr. Welsh stated it's the best practice for what it offers, and it challenges students who want the full learning experience.

Mr. Philpott asked if we're tracking the program. Dr. Welsh stated no more than the usual.

Mr. Davis commented that online enrollment has gone up for summer courses due to the flexibility it offers. Dr. Welsh stated it has gone up by approximately 10,300 students.

Mr. Philpott asked if the program could grow quickly. Dr. Welsh stated yes as it's appealing.  
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Ms. Lavelle asked if the program is being made available to students who don't have computers or internet. Dr. Welsh stated it's available to all students and the school provides a device for them. The district also has a partnership with Cox and CenturyLink to provide low cost home devices.

Ms. Lavelle asked how the information is being disseminated to students without access to technology. Dr. Welsh stated when students apply to the school they meet with a counselor and discuss the online options. He stated the information is also provided online through CCSD.net.

Mr. Philpott asked if there is a program on Vegas PBS about the online program. Dr. Welsh stated yes and he believes the last time it aired was about six months ago.

Ms. Lavelle asked in terms of the presentation, what if we don't have a certain amount of money available to do what is needed? Does that adversely impact the education options available or are there ways to work around it? Mr. Reynolds stated they're given so much money to build the school building and have no control over the curriculum.

Mr. Lopez asked how much of a boost in construction has there been? Mr. Cumbers stated he would research it and would develop a report on local construction trends.

### 3.09 AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

Formal presentation by Dr. Welsh on How Educational Options Affects the Building Program to occur at the September 2017 BOC meeting.

ASD update in October 2017 to be provided by Trustee Young.

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**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

4.01 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.  
None.

5.0 ADJOURN: 12:48 p.m.  
Motion: Davis

Second: Reynolds

Vote: Unanimous