

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2022
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

August 23, 2022

1. Opening Items

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Administration Building, located at 425 East Ninth Street in Reno, Nevada.

1.02 ROLL CALL

President Angela Taylor and Board Members Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, and Beth Smith were present. Board Member Jeff Church was present through video conference. Superintendent Susan Enfield, Student Representative Ivy Batmale, and staff were also present.

1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Seng-Dao Yang Keo, Deputy Superintendent, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Church requested Consent Agenda Item 2.13, Approval to purchase student devices in the amount of \$3,700,000 as part of the Information Technology Device Refresh Program approved at the June 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees, be pulled for additional discussion.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees approves Consent Agenda Items 2.02 through 2.12 and 2.14 through 2.21.**

President Taylor opened the motion for discussion.

Trustee Church spoke to Consent Agenda Item 2.14, Possible action to provide preliminary approval to the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7300, Risk Management, specifically to update formatting and clarify language, and initiation of the 13-day public

review and comment period. He believed the Policy was vague and would like to see Superintendent Enfield consider additional changes in the future.

The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

- 2.02 The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- 2.03 The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- 2.04 The Board of Trustees approved the 3-year agreement with Dyntek to purchase Cisco Flex Licensing and Support Services for the Washoe County School District telephone system in the amount of \$904,500, with annual payments of \$301,500 for the term beginning September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025.
- 2.05 The Board of Trustees awarded Bid #22-134-B-06-DA, Emergency Response Signage at 17 Washoe County School District Schools, to Bruce Purves Construction, Inc. for \$142,852.
- 2.06 The Board of Trustees awarded Bid #22-137-B-06-AA, Replacement of Site Irrigation at George L. Dilworth Middle School, to Garden Shop Nursery Landscape Division, Inc. for \$151,550.
- 2.07 The Board of Trustees approved the Authorization to Move Forward with Bid #23-04-B-07-DA, Football Scoreboard at Spanish Springs High School, in the estimated amount of \$155,000 with Ratification of the Award of this project at a future Board meeting.
- 2.08 The Board of Trustees approved the Award of Bid (RFB) #178-B-06-22-LR, Certain Irrigation Repair Services, to Harris Landscape in the estimated amount of \$204,574 for an initial term of 2 years beginning August 24, 2022 and ending August 23, 2024 with 3 optional 1-year renewals.
- 2.09 The Board of Trustees approved Renewal #1 of Request for Bid (RFB) #07-B-07-22-JP, Certain Can Liners, to Inland Supply Co. in the estimated amount of \$78,202.40 and to Mega Link Dist. in the estimated amount of \$145,248.20 for an estimated contract total of \$223,450.60 for an additional 1-year term beginning September 15, 2022 and ending September 14, 2023.

- 2.10 The Board of Trustees awarded Bid #22-136-B-06-AA, Landscape and Irrigation Improvements at Sarah Winnemucca Elementary School to Garden Shop Nursery Landscape Division, Inc. for \$207,885.
- 2.11 The Board of Trustees approved the Alternative Schedule Application for all the high schools in the Washoe County School District with the exception of Gerlach, Picollo, North Star Online, Turning Point, and Inspire High Schools and authorized staff to complete and submit the "Application to Operate on an Alternative Schedule" to the Nevada Department of Education.
- 2.12 The Board of Trustees approved the Alternative Schedule Application for all Washoe County School District Schools with the exception of the high schools who have 179 days for ACT testing and authorization to submit "The Application to Operate on an Alternative Schedule" for all Washoe County School District Schools with the exception of the high schools who have 179 days for ACT testing to the Nevada Department of Education.
- 2.14 The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval of the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7300, Risk Management, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period.
- 2.15 The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 7400, Conservation and Sustainability, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period.
- 2.16 The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revisions of Board Policy 7420, Performance-Based Contracting, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period.
- 2.17 The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 7450, Integrated Pest Management, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period.
- 2.18 The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 7500, Transportation of Students, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period.
- 2.19 The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 7505, District Vehicles, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period.

- 2.20 The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 7546, School Nutrition Services, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period.
- 2.21 The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 6154, Homework, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period.
- 2.13 **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE STUDENT DEVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,700,000 AS PART OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVICE REFRESH PROGRAM APPROVED AT THE JUNE 21, 2022 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Church requested clarification on what the purpose of the agenda item was, if the computers were a one-time purchase, and if the District had gone out to bid. Joe Gallegos, IT Director, reviewed the purpose/summary and background information provided in the staff report, which explained why the item was needed and that it was a reoccurring annual expense that was approved by the Board as part of the annual Capital Improvement Program. The District was not required to conduct a bid process for technology items.

President Taylor opened the meeting to public comment.

John Eppolito felt there was no benefit to increasing screen time for students and urged the Board not to approve the agenda item. He believed the Board and District had lied to the community about the impact of screen time on students and that students were becoming addicted to screens just as they would drugs. He claimed the District was contributing to this addiction but not taking responsibility for their actions. He provided various articles for the Board and community to read.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of student devices in the amount of \$3,700,000 as part of the Annual Information Technology Device Refresh Program.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

3. Legislative Items

- 3.01 **PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BILL DRAFT REQUEST, AS ALLOWED BY NEVADA REVISED STATUTE 218D.205, FOR THE 2023 NEVADA LEGISLATIVE**

SESSION, AS EITHER MODERNIZING EDUCATIONAL STATUTES OR SCHOOL SAFETY

Dr. Susan Enfield, Superintendent, noted staff had researched the two proposals per direction of the Board: school safety and modernizing educational statutes. Staff determined any proposal related to safety and security would require a large fiscal note and unlikely to pass. Therefore, staff spent a larger portion of their time researching what the modernization of statutes would entail.

Dr. Seng-Dao Yang Keo, Deputy Superintendent, provided information on the proposed Bill Draft Request (BDR) topic for the District. The intent behind the modernization of statutes was to allow for more innovation and strengthen systems level collaboration across the state to improve student outcomes throughout Nevada. Additionally, the initial goal would be to strategically use public education funds to improve effectiveness and efficiencies in education, with the ultimate goal of having a highly functioning educational system that would meet the aspirational needs of all students and ensure they graduated with the skills needed to become engaged community members. The BDR would create a commission/working group, comprised of local experts, school district leaders, community leaders, and education officials throughout the state to study educational statutes and provide future recommendations and areas for prioritization to the Nevada Legislature and Nevada Department of Education. The core tenets the commission would focus on would be innovation, system-level coherence and alignment, evidence-based interventions and outcomes, and reducing the burden on educators and streamlining work. It was important to note the implementation and outcomes of the BDR would not be realized immediately, but provide a foundation for future improvements and successes over the next 10-20 years. Some topics that could be addressed through the BDR could include competency-based education, work-based learning, dual enrollment, and ways to address recruitment pipelines for educators and other school district staff.

President Taylor opened the meeting to public comment.

John Eppolito, Protect Nevada Children, mentioned the District was the only entity to oppose the BDR supported by Protect Nevada Children during the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session, which would have allowed parents to opt their children out of using third party education vendors and providing personal information for school work. He wondered if Superintendent Enfield would continue to oppose such legislation.

Trustee Smith requested clarification on who would be part of the commission that would review statutes and recommend changes. Dr. Keo indicated the goal would be to have the District provide information on who should be included on the commission as part of the BDR. It would be important for the District to review the final BDR to ensure that information related to commission membership was included. The District

was interested in seeing those closest to the work sit on the commission because they were the ones who would be most impacted by any changes.

President Taylor thanked staff for the work. She appreciated that the topic was something supported by superintendents throughout Nevada because that would increase the likelihood of success.

Trustee Nicolet expressed her appreciation for the work and indicated she would like to see similar work occur in the District as well. She believed the four tenets had something everyone could agree with and find a way to support the future legislation.

It was moved by Trustee Mayberry and seconded by Trustee Smith that **the Board of Trustees selects the modernization of educational statutes for the District's one Bill Draft Request (BDR) for the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

4. Budget Items

4.01 DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD RESOLUTION 22-013, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS THE "2022C SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND RESOLUTION" AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO ISSUE ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2022C, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000

Mark Mathers, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed Washoe County School District Board Resolution 22-013. The Resolution was the final authorization for the issuance of rollover bonds that began in May 2022. The proceeds of the bonds would be used to fund projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The issuance of the debt was approved by both the District's Capital Funding Protection Committee and the Washoe County Debt Management Commission. The bonds would be pledged with property taxes and the District had strong coverage and reserves if there were any concerns with repayment. He noted there was a minor change on page 24 to correct language contained in the Internal Revenue Code that was changed when the federal Inflation Reduction Act was signed.

Trustee Church wondered if the revenue could be used for projects other than school buildings, such as administration buildings, and if the District would be "bonded out" with approval of the Resolution. Mr. Mathers remarked the revenues could be used for any District facility, to include projects related to Transportation facilities or administration facilities. In May, the District sought approval of \$250 million in bonds; even with the

current request, the District still had around \$150 million in reserve if additional bonds did need to be issued in the future.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Nicolet that **the Board of Trustees adopts Washoe County School District Board Resolution 22-013, A 2022C School Improvement Bond Resolution authorizing the district to issue general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

5. Items for Presentation, Discussion, Information and/or Action

5.01 PRESENTATION FROM STUDENTS ATTENDING VARIOUS SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THEIR EXPERIENCES FROM THEIR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees was shown a video of the first day of school experiences of students and staff in high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools.

5.02 PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRINCIPALS IN THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Office of School Leadership provided a presentation to introduce the new principals in the Washoe County School District.

5.03 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NAMING THE TO BE RENOVATED ATHLETIC FIELD AT INCLINE HIGH SCHOOL, "RIDGELINE STADIUM," AND NAMING THE BUILDING EXPANSION AT INCLINE HIGH SCHOOL, "THE DUFFIELD STUDENT CENTER," IN HONOR OF THE COMMITMENT TO THE SCHOOL BY THE DAVE AND CHERYL DUFFIELD FOUNDATION

This item was pulled from the agenda. The item would return for consideration at a future meeting of the Board of Trustees.

5.04 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE, WITH OR WITHOUT CONDITIONS, AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT AND BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT NECESSARY FOR THE PROJECT, FOR CORAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR AN ADDITIONAL CAMPUS LOCATED IN NORTHWEST RENO LOCATED AT 1595 SKY MOUNTAIN DRIVE, RENO, NEVADA 89503

Mark Mathers, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the request from Coral Academy of Science (CAS) Charter School to amend their charter to allow for an additional elementary school campus in Northwest Reno. Information from the June 28, 2022 Regular Meeting was reviewed and a recap of the discussions between CAS and the District provided. Information on the District's obligations if a sponsored charter school were to close was presented, including any Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), unemployment insurance claims, and unpaid Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) contributions. The District and CAS had reached an agreement on mitigating the concerns expressed by the District in June related to long-term debt and the issuance of bonds by CAS. The District was recommending approval of the proposed charter amendment, bond purchase agreement and related agreements, and the purchase option agreement for the location based on the conditions provided in the provided term sheet.

President Taylor opened the meeting to public comment.

Feyzi Tandogen, Executive Director, Coral Academy of Science, thanked District staff for all their work with CAS to reach an agreement to allow a new campus to open in Northwest Reno. He indicated that he and other CAS staff members were available to answer any questions the Trustees might have on the agreement.

President Taylor thanked CAS for working with the District to clear up areas of concerns. She praised the academic work of CAS and looked forward to providing additional opportunities to students in the area.

Trustee Smith expressed thanks to everyone for working together. She believed the experience should also be used as an opportunity to ensure the District-sponsored charter schools understood the processes in place and for the District to better understand charter school processes. She would like to see increased cooperation and collaboration in terms of the selection of site locations.

Trustee Mayberry agreed with Trustee Smith and urged other District-sponsored charters to begin working with the District early in the process if they were seeking an amendment of any kind to their charters.

It was moved by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Trustee Mayberry that **the Board of Trustees approves the request from Coral Academy of Science for a charter amendment for school expansion at 1595 Sky Mountain Drive, Reno, as well as the purchase option agreement and form of bond purchase agreement, based on the conditions outlined in Attachment A.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jeff Church, Adam Mayberry, Ellen Minetto, Diane Nicolet, Joe Rodriguez, Beth Smith, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

6. Reports

6.01 BOARD REPORTS

Members of the Board of Trustees reported on their activities, meetings, and events.

6.02 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Ivy Batmale reported on activities related to the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

6.03 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Enfield reported on her activities including meetings with staff, community leaders, and the media.

7. Closing Items

7.01 PUBLIC COMMENT

John Eppolito expressed concern over the student social and emotional surveys conducted by the District. He believed the data collected by groups, such as CASEL and Panorama, might have been illegally obtained, as referenced in an article he provided, because the data was creating psychological profiles on students. He wondered if parents were notified when students participated in gender discussions with other students, as was referenced on Panorama's website. He urged the Board to follow Wyoming's example and not allow Panorama in the schools.

The Board received an email from Joe Morabito.

7.02 NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Regular Meeting would take place on Tuesday, August 23, 2022

7.03 ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business to come before the members of the Board, President Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Angela D. Taylor, President

Ellen Minetto, Clerk

From: Morabito, Joe
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 1:33 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Enfield's Performance Objectives & Quality Education Task Force

I keep waiting to see Susan Enfield's 2022 – 23 Performance Objectives and formation of a Quality Education Task Force on a Board Meeting agenda. And, as usual just not there. This district's test scores are disgraceful; yet the majority on the School Board takes no action. Malfeasance. Malpractice. Just plain incompetence. Incumbents must go in November. JM

Joseph Morabito