



**Washoe County School District
Oversight Panel for School Facilities
June 04, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.**

Minutes

1. Opening Items

1.01. Call to Order

The meeting of the Oversight Panel for School Facilities of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Due to the current health state of emergency and Directive 006 from Governor Sisolak the meeting was conducted remotely and live streamed for the community.

1.02. Roll Call

Chair Dave Solaro and Committee Members Devon Reese, Oscar Delgado, Charlene Bybee, Paul Anderson, Bob Lucey, Jeanne Herman, Justin Ivory, Andrew Diss, Elise Bunkowski and Ben Hutchins were present through phone/video conference.

1.03. Public Comment

All Public Comment can be sent to CapitalFundingCommitte@WashoeSchools.net. All Public Comment received will be forwarded to the Capital Funding Protection Committee for their consideration.

- No Public Comment

1.04. Action to Adopt the Agenda

On a motion by Devon Reese and seconded by Paul Anderson, **the Oversight Panel for School Facilities approved the agenda as presented** (Yea: Andrew Diss, Ben Hutchins, Bob Lucey, Charlene Bybee, Dave Solaro, Devon Reese, Elise Bunkowski, Jeanne Herman, Justin Ivory, Oscar Delgado and Paul Anderson) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 11-0

2. Discussion, Presentation, and Action Items

2.01. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes from the June 6, 2019 Oversight Panel for School Facilities meeting (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

On a motion by Ben Hutchins and seconded by Devon Reese, **the Oversight Panel for School Facilities approved the minutes June 6, 2019 Minutes as presented** (Yea: Andrew Diss, Ben Hutchins, Bob Lucey, Charlene Bybee, Dave Solaro, Devon Reese, Elise Bunkowski Jeanne Herman, Justin Ivory, Oscar Delgado and Paul Anderson) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 11-0

2.02. Introduction of Washoe County School District Superintendent Dr. Kristen McNeill (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Pete Etchart, WCSD Chief Operating Officer, introduced Superintendent Dr. Kristen McNeill. Dr. Kristen McNeill thanked the Oversight Panel for School Facilities/Capital Funding Protection Committee for all the work they have done.

2.03. Introduction of New Oversight Panel for School Facilities Members (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Pete Etchart, WCSD Chief Operating Officer, welcomed Elise Bunkowski who was approved by the Board of Trustees on March 10th and due to COVID-19 this is her first meeting on the Oversight Panel and Capital Funding Protection Committee. Elise is the incoming Budget Director for Truckee Meadows Community College effective July 1, 2020.

2.04 Discussion and Possible Action to approve the draft letter to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 393.097, outlining the Washoe County School District Oversight for School Facilities' recommendations for financing the costs of new construction, design, maintenance, and repair of school facilities (see Attachment A) (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Pete Etchart, WCSD Chief Operating Officer, the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) requires a letter submitted every July of every even numbered year. The draft letter is comprehensive and gives information going back six years.

Ben Hutchins asked about the recommendation for the accumulated depreciation on a parcel evaluation purposes be reset to zero percent upon the transfer of ownership of a parcel. Ben stated it would be a tax increase that would need to be voted on and requested to know about that recommendation and the specific purpose of the letter.

Pete Etchart, replied the letter is provided to the state, LCB, in an attempt to provide them information about how WCSD is financing the new Construction, Design, Maintenance, etc. LCB wishes to know how the work is being accomplished. Recommendations are also requested and have always been included. The two recommendations shown are about the reauthorization of the school facilities property tax rollover bonds. If they are not automatically rolled over, then WCSD has to go out to a full public, similar to WC-1, where authorization is requested to roll the bonds over. This is an expensive and a time-consuming process. This occurs every 10 years, last time the Governor automatically did it. When it comes to the accumulated

depreciation on a parcel evaluation, you can set to zero, it has always been in the recommendations, helps in sustainability and is very important not only to WSCD but to all the local agencies.

Charlene Bybee clarified it is a recommendation from the Oversight Panel for School Facilities to the LCB on the support for the recertification of Property Values. Pete confirmed it is one part of the letter and when it asks for future recommendations for funding that WSCD has those two recommendations including the reset. Charlene stated this is an important part of the letter because it is an important source of revenue for the WSCD and all the Municipalities and Jurisdictions in the State.

Andrew Diss asked if WSCD has ever done any calculations on how much revenue would be generated. Mark Mathers replied there had been an Analysis done by Applied Analysis Consulting Firm and it is posted on LCB's website, ultimately it is tens of millions of dollars per year and takes many years to get to that point. Initially it is not a huge impact, possibly in the range of a million dollars per year. Over time as the properties turn over the fiscal benefit is enormous. Andrew asked if WSCD Board of Trustees have taken an official position on property tax reset? Pete Etchart replied that he does not believe they have. Andrew stated he does not have any problem supporting the letter to LCB, he just wants it to be clear that the Committee would be taking a position that the Board of Trustees hasn't taken yet.

Ben Hutchins stated he does not have a problem recommending support of the letter and asked if it would go to the public at large for a vote. Mark Mathers replied there was a Constitutional Amendment that had been submitted to the Legislature. It needed to be approved twice. It was approved in the 2017 Legislature by a majority vote and did not get a vote in 2019. Had it been approved by the majority of the Legislature then it would have gone to whole State of Nevada for a public vote. The other way to make it happen is by a 2/3 passage by the Legislature. Ben asked if the Recommendation was taken up by the LCB, how does it get through and become law? Mark replied it could be resubmitted as a Constitutional Amendment and requires a majority approval by the Legislature for two sessions in a row and then would go to a public vote. Ben said he does not have a problem supporting the Recommendation as long as the voters would have a say.

Pete Etchart informed the Committee that the letter would be going forward to the Board of Trustees on June 9, 2020.

On a motion by Ben Hutchins and seconded by Charlene Bybee, **the Oversight Panel for School Facilities approved the draft letter to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 393.097, outlining the Washoe County School District Oversight for School Facilities' recommendations for financing the costs of new construction, design, maintenance, and repair of school facilities** (Yea: Andrew Diss, Ben Hutchins, Charlene Bybee, Dave Solaro, Devon Reese, Elise Bunkowski Jeanne Herman, Justin Ivory, Oscar Delgado and Paul Anderson) Final Resolution: Motion Carries 10-0

3. Closing Items

3.01. Public Comment

- No Public Comment

3.02. Next Meeting Announcement

To Be Determined

3.03. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Dave Solaro, Chair