

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2019
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 25, 2019

1. Opening Items

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 2:01 p.m. at the Washoe County School District's Central Administration Building, 425 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 ROLL CALL

President Katy Simon Holland and Board Members Jacqueline Calvert, Andrew Caudill, Scott Kelley, Malena Raymond, and Angela Taylor were present. Board Member Ellen Minetto was absent from the meeting. Acting Superintendent Kristen McNeill and staff were also present.

1.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven Costentino, Principal, RiSE Academy, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.04 PUBLIC COMMENT

Margaret Martini expressed concern over the data mining of student information she felt the Board was allowing to occur. She provided the Board with information from newspaper articles on how the data could be used by colleges, military recruiters, and future employers.

John Eppolito spoke against the amount of screen time children were exposed to on a daily basis, especially younger children. He was concerned about the 1:1 programs in the elementary schools and having kindergarteners use technology on a regular basis. He cited research that showed 4th graders who regularly used tablets scored lower on standardized reading tests.

Jeff Church stated Assembly Bill (AB) 70 would become effective on July 1, 2020 and required reasonable space accommodations be anticipated for public meetings. He did not believe the Board having an overflow room for people attending the meeting would adhere to the new requirements. He was frustrated by the lack of transparency in

regard to the alleged misconduct by Ms. Traci Davis and the possible false statements made by President Simon Holland to the press and community. He noted the Board's own policies did not allow the Board President the authority to direct the Superintendent as an individual member, so if Ms. David had been placed on forced leave then there could be a violation of Nevada's Open Meeting Law because one Board member would not be able to make that determination.

Connie Silveira mentioned she had recently retired and was finally able to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees. She felt the start time of the meetings, 2:00 p.m., was a deterrent to allowing employees and parents to opportunity to attend and express their opinion.

Elise Weatherly raised concerns regarding the application and admittance process for Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) High School and believed that students were not accepted because they applied from a charter school. She was also concerned about the amount of data mining occurring and the rumored lowering of standards to allow more students to graduate.

Donald Gallimore mentioned Protect Nevada Children had been providing information to the Board regarding data mining since 2009. He urged the Board to reconsider the extensive use of technology in the schools because he believed the data collection that was occurring would be detrimental to their futures.

1.05 **ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Trustee Taylor and seconded by Trustee Caudill that **the Board of Trustees approves the agenda as presented.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jacqueline Calvert, Andrew Caudill, Katy Simon Holland, Scott Kelley, Malena Raymond, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

2. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Raymond recused herself from voting on Consent Agenda Item 2.27, Consideration of approval of appointments to the Capital Funding Protection Committee and the Oversight Panel for School Facilities. One of the recommended appointments was her brother-in-law, so she would not be voting on the item.

President Simon Holland opened the meeting to public comment.

John Eppolito provided remarks related to Consent Agenda Item 2.04, Approval of the 3-year grant application to the Novo Foundation. He believed that if the District were to limit technology usage, the need for Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) would not be required. He claimed to have knowledge of teachers in the District who felt the

same way and that the teachers were frustrated by having to act as counselors. He believe his son who was in college received a better education at Incline High School than his current children were receiving because of the lack of SEL previously. He felt the District should leave the SEL and sex education to parents and not provide that information in the schools.

Elise Weatherly provided remarks related to Consent Agenda Item 2.03, Consideration of approval of renewal of the "College Readiness System Products Agreement" with CollegeBoard. She recommended the Board look at the return on investment on the programs they approved because she did not believe they were worth the costs. She would rather see money be spent on programs that would provide a better future for students.

President Simon Holland clarified that the approval of grant applicants and contracts did have performance measures associated with them so the District did work to ensure the programs were meeting the objectives for students.

It was moved by Trustee Kelley and seconded by Trustee Calvert that **the Board of Trustees approves Consent Agenda Items 2.02 through 2.26 and 2.28 through 2.42.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jacqueline Calvert, Andrew Caudill, Katy Simon Holland, Scott Kelley, Malena Raymond, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

It was moved by Trustee Kelley and seconded by Trustee Calvert that **the Board of Trustees approves Consent Agenda Item 2.27.** The result of the vote was 5-0-1: Pass (Yea: Jacqueline Calvert, Andrew Caudill, Katy Simon Holland, Scott Kelley, and Angela Taylor. Abstain: Malena Raymond) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

- 2.02 The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- 2.03 The Board of Trustees approved the renewal of the agreement with the CollegeBoard for the SpringBoard ELA Program in the estimated amount of \$141,409.55 for an additional one (1) year term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- 2.04 The Board of Trustees approved the 3-year grant application to the NoVo Foundation for the Strengthening and & Sustaining Social Emotional Learning programming throughout the Washoe County School District for \$450,000.

- 2.05 The Board of Trustees approved the grant application to the Nevada Department of Education for the adult high school program for Rise Academy for Adult Achievement for \$1,480,632.60.
- 2.06 The Board of Trustees approved the grant application to the Assistance League of Reno-Sparks for science classroom supplies for use throughout the District for \$50,000.
- 2.07 The Board of Trustees accepted the Internal Audit Department's Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2020.
- 2.08 The Board of Trustees accepted the Annual Independence Statement for the Chief Audit Executive.
- 2.09 The Board of Trustees approved Renewal 1 of Request for Bid (RFB) #059-06-06-17, Cooperative Bid for Certain HP Printers, to Office Depot in the estimated amount of \$105,613.32, for an additional term of one (1) year beginning July 26, 2019 and ending July 25, 2020.
- 2.10 The Board of Trustees approved Renewal 3 of Request for Proposal (RFP) #16-005, Commercial Purchasing Card Program, with Commerce Bank with an estimated revenue generating amount of \$342,700 for an additional one (1) year term beginning July 31, 2019 and ending July 30, 2020.
- 2.11 The Board of Trustees approved the University of Nevada, Reno Field Based Instructor Agreement between Washoe County School District and the College of Education for reimbursement to the District of three (3) teachers in the amount of \$242,000.00 and one (1) counselor in the amount of \$89,862.13.
- 2.12 The Board of Trustees awarded Bid #62160B, Parking Lot Improvements at Glenn Hare Center, to West Coast Paving, Inc. for \$229,427.
- 2.13 The Board of Trustees approved, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statue 286.523, the position of school counselor at the Gerlach K-12 Combined School as a critical labor shortage area in order to hire individuals under critical needs status when necessary.
- 2.14 The Board of Trustees approved the "Annual Charter School Performance Audit" for Academy for Career Education (ACE) Charter High School as compliant.

- 2.15 The Board of Trustees approved the Charter Performance Audit for Bailey Elementary Charter School as marginally compliant and requested the quarterly monitoring to ensure fiscal support for areas of financial concern.
- 2.16 The Board of Trustees approved the Annual Charter School Performance Audit for Coral Academy of Science Charter School as compliant.
- 2.17 The Board of Trustees approved the Annual Charter School Performance Audit for High Desert Montessori School as compliant.
- 2.18 The Board of Trustees approved the Annual Charter School Performance Audit for Sierra Nevada Academy Charter School as compliant.
- 2.19 The Board of Trustees approved the Charter Performance Audit as compliant and renewed the charter of enCompass Academy Charter High School for a 6-year term pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 388A.285.
- 2.20 The Board of Trustees approved the Annual Charter School Performance Audit for I Can Do Anything Charter High School as minimally compliant.
- 2.21 The Board of Trustees approved the draft Bylaws for the Oversight Panel for School Facilities.
- 2.22 The Board of Trustees approved membership for the Washoe County School District with the Council of the Great City Schools, with membership fees in the amount of \$45,201 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
- 2.23 The Board of Trustees approved the reappointment of current Student Attendance Advisory Committee members Keri Pruitt, Lacey Keele, and Charles Aglubat for an additional term each ending June 30, 2021.
- 2.24 The Board of Trustees approved the following reappointments and appointments to the Zoning Advisory Committee for two-year terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021: re-appointments Polly Boardman, Zone B position, and Dana Galvin, Certified Teacher/Counselor position; and appointments Christine Hull, Zone F position, Adriana Publico, At-Large position, and Kathleen Coombs, At-Large position.
- 2.25 The Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Audit Committee and approved the reappointment of Teri Avansino for membership to the Audit Committee for a term ending June 30, 2021.

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- 2.26 The Board of Trustees approved the re-appointments of Scott Benton and Renee Martin, and the appointments of Lisa Loader, Christiana Frank, and Marianne Coduti to the School Naming Committee, all for 2-year terms, beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021.
 - 2.27 The Board of Trustees approved the reappointment of Tim Rowe and the appointments of Justin Ivory and Andrew Diss to the Capital Funding Protection Committee and the Oversight Panel for School Facilities for 2-year terms, beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021.
 - 2.28 The Board of Trustees adopted Washoe County School District Board Resolution 19-007, A Resolution of Intent to Sell 29.446-acres of District-owned property located on Vista Boulevard, for a minimum amount of \$6,000,000 pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 393.
 - 2.29 The Board of Trustees adopted Washoe County School District Board Resolution 19-008, A Resolution of Intent to Sell 10-acres of District-owned property located on Wilbur May Parkway, for a minimum amount of \$2,600,000 pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 393.
 - 2.30 The Board of Trustees accepted the "Budget Transfer Report" and provided authorization to include budget transfers between functions or programs for a total amount of \$70,419.67 for the period May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 in the official Board minutes, as required by Nevada Revised Statute 354.598005.
 - 2.31 The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of fleet fuels estimated at \$600,000 from Pilot Thomas Logistics through Joinder State of Nevada Purchasing Fuel Card Lock Contract #3125 for the period of July 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019.
 - 2.32 The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of bus fleet tires estimated at \$250,000 from authorized Michelin Tire and Service Centers through Joinder BuyBoard Contract #553-18 for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.
 - 2.33 The Board of Trustees approved the Joinder Washoe County Regional Communications System Interlocal Agreement for \$226,268 for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020 for the purchase of radio communication services.
 - 2.34 The Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of award for Request for Proposal (RFP) #C-62335A, Construction Manager at Risk

(CMAR) for the Darrell C. Swope Middle School Expansion and Renovation for Washoe County School District, to United Construction Company and approved of the pre-construction contract in the total amount of \$35,000 between Washoe County School District and United Construction Company.

- 2.35 The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of computer laptops, carts, and docks from CDW-G in the amount of \$437,231.25 for use throughout the District.
- 2.36 The Board of Trustees approved Change Order 1 to Titan Electrical Contracting, Inc. for the Traffic Signal System at Desert Skies Middle School in the amount of \$116,567.
- 2.37 The Board of Trustees approved the client services agreement between Washoe County School District and ProCare Therapy for a term of August 1, 2019 to June 5, 2020 to provide audiologist and other service providers for the Office of Student Services for an amount of \$133,200.
- 2.38 The Board of Trustees approved the grant application to the Nevada Department of Education for the Career and College Ready High School Diploma Incentive Grant Program for \$264,000.
- 2.39 The Board of Trustees approved the three-year agreement with Virgin Pulse, Inc, to provide Wellness Program services, for all active insured Washoe County School District members, retirees, and spouses, effective September 3, 2019 for an approximate amount of \$264,720 for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and \$794,160 for three years.
- 2.40 The Board of Trustees adopted Board Resolution 19-009, A Resolution to Augment the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget, approved budget transfers as proposed, and approved the contingency transfer.
- 2.41 The Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) for the TMCC High School program for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.
- 2.42 The Board of Trustees provided final approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 7110, Naming of Schools and Other District Facilities.

3. Budget Items

3.01 PRESENTATION BY STAFF AND DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 AMENDED FINAL BUDGET INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION IMPACTING THE BUDGET; UPDATE ON THE STRUCTURAL BUDGET DEFICIT FOR THE GENERAL FUND; CHANGES TO OTHER DISTRICT FUNDS; DISCUSSION OF OTHER REQUESTED INFORMATION; AND ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 AMENDED FINAL BUDGET

Mark Mathers, Chief Financial Officer, stated the District was excited to recommend a balanced amended final budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. The Board had adopted a policy 2 years prior to have a balanced budget in 3 years, so the District was 1 year ahead of schedule. The final budget approved by the Board in May 2019 was completed based on requirements set by the state and did not take into consideration final actions of the Nevada Legislature. All local governments were afforded 30 days after the close of the Legislative Session to approve and submit an amended final budget. The actions taken by the Legislature and Governor to significantly increase education funding allowed the District to submit an amended final balanced budget. Legislation with a fiscal impact on the District that were approved were reviewed, including Assembly Bill (AB) 309, Senate Bill (SB) 111, SB 505, SB 543, SB 545, and SB 555. He noted SB 543 was the development of the new funding model, SB 545 would supplement education funding from the retail excise tax on marijuana, and SB 555 was the K-12 education funding bill for the 2020-2021 biennium.

Mike Schroeder, Budget Director, reviewed funding changes for other programs based on legislation and how all legislative actions allowed the District to present an amended final budget that was balanced. The changes from the final budget to the amended final budget were represented. While the District was able to receive additional revenues, there were also additional expenses that had to be accounted for, such as technical adjustments and textbook cost shifts. It was important to remember that the balanced budget also came with cuts to programs that totaled about \$11 million since the District was not able to balance the budget with only revenue increases provided by the Legislature.

Trustee Caudill thanked staff for all their work. He praised the efforts of staff to not only balance budget, but to present a balanced budget that included the 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase.

Trustee Taylor agreed with the prior comments. She appreciated the efforts and knew that the District and Board might have to consider additional cuts because the deficit was structural so it would be important to remain cautious.

Mr. Mathers agreed that it was the combination of the cuts and additional funding that allowed the District to present a balanced budget.

Mr. Schroeder continued with the presentation by providing various ways to look at the General Fund budget by program and then by department. The summaries presented were high level and the detailed budgets of each department could be found online.

Mr. Mathers presented highlights of the amended final budget for FY20. The budget was the first structurally balanced budget the District was able to present since FY04 and there was no need to pull monies from reserves to balance the budget. The budget included a 3% COLA for all employees for the biennium, class sizes were not increased due to budgets, the Special Education Fund budget increased 6.5%, and more significant reductions previously discussed were not required.

President Simon Holland reiterated the District had submitted a balanced budget to the state previously, but the amended budget for FY20 was structurally balanced so the District did not have to further reduce reserves to balance the budget.

Mr. Mathers added the on-going revenues did cover the on-going costs at the present time. He reminded the Trustees that during the budget forums, extreme reductions were considered so he was thankful those options did not have to be considered. Additional highlights of the amended final budget were increases to funding to Special Education with an additional Child Find team and compliance position, operating costs for three new schools, and increased capital projects funding through bond for new construction and capital renewal projects.

Acting Superintendent McNeill remarked the additional Child Find position would assist the District in the identification of children with special needs prior to their entering school in kindergarten. The District was required to provide the services under federal law and had been falling behind so the additional team would support those efforts.

President Simon Holland highlighted the additional funding for Capital Projects for renewal projects. The Board had heard from many in the community about the importance of not only building new schools, but renovating existing schools. The \$40 million allocated for renewal projects would help with the process of renovating the older schools.

Mr. Mathers explained the sources and uses of the amended final budget for FY20. The District was anticipating an unrestricted ending fund balance of about \$35 million for FY19, which would increase the available fund balance to about 7.2%. The final numbers would be available a few months after the start of FY20. Since the FY20 budget was now balanced, the ending fund balance should remain at least the same

moving into FY21. It was important to remember an 8% fund balance represented 1-month worth of expenses.

Mr. Schroeder presented preliminary information related to the development of the FY21 budget. The per pupil funding would increase by \$50, or 0.9%, which did not meet the employee salary roll-up costs so the District was already looking at the possibility of a structural deficit for FY21. Additionally, 2 new schools would be opening for the 2020-21 School Year, textbook costs would increase, and health insurance costs were likely to increase.

President Simon Holland wondered when the Board would begin looking at the FY21 process. Mr. Mathers indicated staff was looking at early fall 2019 to begin the discussions on the process based on previous years and if the Board would like to see anything different in how the information was presented or if the current process met the needs of the Trustees. Staff from the Office of Business and Finance would also work with the departments sooner to have conversations about possible efficiencies.

President Simon Holland asked if staff would like to see any changes to the Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) process moving forward. Mr. Mathers remarked the review committees should be included in the process earlier so they could have better conversations with the departments on programs. He would also like to see more conversations regarding what a program was and how programs were scored since that had created some confusion. Timing would also be important because he believed the departments did not have enough time and understanding to fully provide the information on programs, but the conversations with the departments would take additional time so Business was looking at various options on how to proceed.

President Simon Holland appreciated that staff was interested in moving forward to improve the process and not abandon PBB.

Trustee Taylor appreciated the work done on the community forums and was pleased it was something that remained on the list of things to do as part of the budget process. Mr. Mathers cautioned the budget forums might look different than prior years. He believed there could be more effective and efficient ways to communicate the budget with the community and would work with Communications on the format.

Trustee Caudill looked forward to being part of the budget process from the beginning and not coming in during the middle of the process because he felt rushed to make decisions.

Mr. Schroeder reviewed the changes to other District funds as part of the amended final budget. It was important to note the District, like all local governments, was required to report pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities so the Nutrition Services

Fund appeared to have a \$4.3 million deficit. The deficit was not real but a recognition of the current value of future liability.

Mr. Mathers presented the Board requests for special analysis. A review of positions vacant for 6 months or more was conducted to determine the actual amount of salary savings for the District. Based on the analysis, 77 positions had remained vacant in the District over the course of the 6-month period which resulted in a 6-month savings of over \$2.1 million. He cautioned that many of the vacant positions were for bus drivers and teachers, so even though the positions had remained vacant, the District did not want to lose the positions because they were critical to student achievement. The second analysis was related to travel and training costs. To complete the analysis, staff looked at training for school-based staff, training for central office staff, and professional development funding trainings.

Trustee Caudill requested clarification on the possible elimination of overtime for School Police. Mr. Mathers stated overtime was included in the amended final budget for athletic activities for School Police. School Police felt the consequences of not having a presence at athletic events was not worth the cost savings to the District and the safety of students and visitors.

President Simon Holland opened the meeting to public comment.

Natha Anderson, Washoe Education Association (WEA), thanked the District for providing a balanced budget that included the 3% COLA. She was also thankful many programs that impacted student learning and success were not impacted, including no increases to class sizes.

Margaret Martini commented that budgets were subjective and she believed the large increase in funding from the state would result in the mismanagement of funds. She felt the increases in costs to capital projects and construction were due to the District not competitively bidding out projects. She wondered why, if the District was able to cut \$11 million easily, those cuts were not made long ago.

Elise Weatherly believed the District taking tax money from marijuana was morally wrong. She would rather the District remove the immoral programs, such as sex education, to save money and pay for items that were actually needed, such as tire replacement.

It was moved by Trustee Taylor and seconded by Trustee Raymond that **the Board of Trustees approves the balanced Fiscal Year 2019-20 Amended Final Budget.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: Pass (Yea: Jacqueline Calvert, Andrew Caudill, Katy Simon Holland, Scott Kelley, Malena Raymond, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

President Simon Holland recessed the meeting for 17 minutes.

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

4.01 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY THE CAPITAL FUNDING PROTECTION COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE THE 2018/2019 'D' MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM AND FISCAL YEAR 2020 CAPITAL RENEWAL PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,000,000 TO INCLUDE PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROGRAM PROJECTS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR EACH PROJECT

Pete Etchart, Chief Operations Officer, introduced the agenda item. The Capital Funding Protection Committee had reviewed the recommended expenditures and projects and approved forwarding the recommendations to the Board for final approval.

Tami Zimmerman, Deputy Chief Facilities Management Officer, began the presentation. The information the Board would be receiving was the same information that was presented to the Capital Funding Protection Committee at their June 4, 2019 meeting. The first project was the expansion of Darrel Swope Middle School to allow for the current middle school model of grades 6-8, inclusion of current education specifications approved for all new construction, and renovation of the existing facilities. The architect had provided two options for the District to work with during the initial stages of the process.

Trustee Taylor appreciated the District was looking at renovating the core schools as well as constructing new schools. She wondered if the District would be looking at including the new safety features as part of the renovation, such as single-point-entry. Ms. Zimmerman mentioned all the middle schools did have single-point-entry and perimeter fencing.

President Simon Holland asked if the expansion would occur while the school was being used and the proposed timeline for the project. Ms. Zimmerman explained the intent was to work with a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract to allow the expansion to occur while school was in session when possible. Since the school was landlocked, there were fewer options to expand outward so a second story was being considered for the new classroom area. The District would work with school site administration to ensure student and staff safety when construction was occurring. If approved, the District intended to begin construction in 2020 and open the expansion for the start of the 2021-22 School Year.

Trustee Raymond expressed concern over the current size of the cafeteria and wondered if the proposed designs would be large enough to accommodate all students. Ms. Zimmerman noted the renovation would include the hub spaces that were integrated into the new schools to allow students additional areas where they would be able to eat lunch and spend time in groups.

Trustee Raymond asked if the hallways would also be enlarged in the existing building. Ms. Zimmerman mentioned in the new middle schools the lockers were a smaller size so that was one option that could be considered to add space in hallways. Additionally, if the District continued to move forward with 1:1 programming, the lockers could be removed altogether.

Ms. Zimmerman continued with the presentation. The Capital Renewal Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 was presented. The District generally presented the request for approval of the Renewal Plan in December; however, the plan would now be coming to the Board for approval in June to align with the fiscal year. The information was continually updated on the District's building and construction website to allow members of the community to ability to review the projects and associated funding.

President Simon Holland requested additional information on the process used to determine which projects were included in the renewal program. Ms. Zimmerman explained the District used a Facilities Condition Index System (FCIS), which was updated based on annual assessments of building systems and collaboration with the Maintenance Department, who knew the building systems age and status. Systems listed as a "3" were considered the worst of the worst and given priority on the renewal list.

Trustee Kelley wondered if Capital Projects communicated directly with the school sites on when projects would occur. He had heard from a number of teachers who had mentioned they did not know work would be occurring. Ms. Zimmerman noted the project managers would work with the principals to determine when work should begin on a particular project and the information to the staff would generally come from the principal. If the project were to occur in a specific room, Capital Projects staff would meet with the individual teacher to determine when items should be packed up and moved to an alternative location. Many teachers would actually look up the information in the District's Data Gallery and call Capital Projects directly to find out when a project would be starting.

President Simon Holland noted the only project scheduled for Robert McQueen High School was for turf. She asked when the District would begin the process of determining if the school could be expanded. Ms. Zimmerman mentioned the feasibility

was still being worked on so it was difficult to determine when an expansion could occur.

Mr. Etchart presented the Capital Improvement Program, which included the requested allocation for the projects presented of \$38 million. The information provided showed over \$533 million had been allocated for Capital Projects since the passage of WC-1.

President Simon Holland asked if the checked items were the actual amount or the budgeted amount. Mr. Etchart noted the amounts on the righthand side of the page were the allocated amounts to the projects and did not represent the actual costs. If a checkmark was next to an item, it meant the project was fully funded. The annual evaluation report would provide greater detail on the actual costs and expenditures for projects.

President Simon Holland remarked it would be beneficial to see additional information on the actual costs of projects.

Trustee Caudill wondered what the status of William O'Brien Middle School was and if options were being considered to expand the school. Ms. Zimmerman explained a feasibility study was occurring for the site. The project for Darrel Swope Middle School was further along which was why the project was included in the current Capital Renewal Program.

Trustee Caudill asked if there was a timeline on O'Brien Middle School. He felt the North Valleys area had not seen any of the revitalization efforts or new school construction since the passage of WC-1 and it was one of the few areas of the Truckee Meadows that was seeing additional growth. Ms. Zimmerman indicated the District would have a better idea on the options for O'Brien Middle School before the end of the calendar year. She noted the new Cold Springs area elementary school was also moving forward as well.

President Simon Holland opened the meeting to public comment.

Elise Weatherly expressed concern over Mr. Etchart handling the budgets for projects because he was not an accountant. She would like to see additional information on the amounts actually spent on projects as well for transparency sake. She felt the playgrounds at all schools should be smaller because she believed that was where most instances of bullying would occur.

President Simon Holland stated all expenditures were reviewed and the information available to the public for review on the website. The District also had external auditors review the expenses.

It was moved by Trustee Raymond and seconded by Trustee Calvert that **the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Capital Funding Protection Committee and approves the Washoe County School District Capital Improvement Program, to include the 2018/2019 'D' Major Projects Program in the amount of \$38,000,000 to include projects throughout the District pursuant to the attached list of program projects and associated costs for each project.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jacqueline Calvert, Andrew Caudill, Katy Simon Holland, Scott Kelley, Malena Raymond, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

4.02 **PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTS+ LLC FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DARREL C. SWOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL CMAR EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,520,000**

Tami Zimmerman, Deputy Chief Facilities Management Officer, explained the Board approved the funding for the expansion of Darrel Swope Middle School with the previous agenda item. The current item would be to approve the professional services contract with Architects+ to begin the design portion of the project.

Trustee Raymond wondered if the new principal at Darrel Swope Middle School had the opportunity to provide input in the process since he was not there for the feasibility study. Ms. Zimmerman stated once the design process began, weekly meetings would occur and include the principal and site facility coordinator so they would have the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions to any changes to the design.

It was moved by Trustee Raymond and seconded by Trustee Caudill that **the Board of Trustees approves the Professional Services Contract for Architecture Services between Architects + and the Washoe County School District for the Darrel C. Swope Middle School Expansion and Renovation, in the total amount of \$2,520,000.** The result of the vote was Unanimous: (Yea: Jacqueline Calvert, Andrew Caudill, Katy Simon Holland, Scott Kelley, Malena Raymond, and Angela Taylor.) Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

4.03 **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE DISTRICT WIDE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

Adam Searcy, Chief Facilities Management Officer, provided an overview of the presentation that would focus on current Integrate Pest Management (IPM) in the District and possible changes to IPM due to the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 205 during the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session.

Charlie Hoppe, Director of Maintenance & Housekeeping, explained IPM was intended to protect students and the environment while controlling pests and weeds on District property. All products used by the District were regulated by law and managed through the Facilities Management Department with the goal of using the least amount of product necessary to control the problem. The District did have a Certified Pesticide Applicator on staff to provide education and training to other staff members on the usage of pesticides. The procedures used for tracking the usage of pesticides at each District facility were reviewed.

Trustee Kelley wondered what the first steps were when a site facilities coordinator or grounds keeper came across a weed. For example, would they pull the weed or use a product on the weed. Mr. Hoppe stated the goal of IPM was to use the least amount of product as possible so ideally the weed would be pulled; however, if the problem covered a large area or was too widespread, then the use of products would be looked into, first at the site level and then the department level. Mr. Searcy mentioned the weed used in the photo included in the presentation was commonly referred to as a puncture vine, which was a safety concern for the District because it could cause injuries to students since the seed pods had thorns and one plant could produce thousands of seed pods.

Mr. Hoppe continued with the presentation. The District collaborated with the Nevada Department of Agriculture to ensure alternatives to pesticides were always considered.

Mark Kahl, Mobile Grounds Shop Supervisor, presented information on the use of RoundUp for weed abatement in the District. Since he had been with the District, the only product used for weed abatement was RoundUp in different concentrations. Due to the recent concerns related to the use of RoundUp, the District launched a pilot program at the start of the 2018-19 School Year to test different products and methods for weed abatement. The District would generally apply a spray in April of a given year and then monitor the progress to determine if additional applications of the product would be required. He noted the RoundUp would eradicate about 95% of weeds with one application; however, there were some noxious weeds that would require additional applications since the District always tried to use the least amount of product with each application. Additional information on the products used with the pilot program was provided and included options that were certified organic; at the present time, none of the alternative products had proved as effective as RoundUp.

Mr. Searcy explained the impacts related to AB205. The primary requirement of the legislation was that the District adopt a policy related to IPM. Facilities Management had been working with the Policy Coordinator on the development of the policy and would present the information at a future meeting of the Board Policy Committee. The District did not have a lot of concerns with the legislation since they were already in compliance with many of the elements of the bill.

Trustee Calvert requested additional information on the pilot program and how long staff would wait between applications of the alternative products to determine effectiveness. Mr. Kahl indicated the District used a 14-day window between applications. The District would see results with RoundUp within 24- to 48-hours though the product could take up to 14 days to see results, so the District decided to use the 14-day window to test the alternatives.

Trustee Caudill wondered if the District applied different concentrations of products depending on the area, such as a playground versus a fence line. Mr. Kahl mentioned the District would generally spray the same concentration no matter the location. The District would be aware of when a product would be applied to a certain area and how long after the application it would be before students were present. The application of pesticides would generally occur during the early mornings prior to the arrival of students.

Trustee Kelley wondered if the District had ever considered partnering with local ranchers and use livestock, such as goats, for weed abatement. Mr. Kahl stated the District had considered the utilization of livestock in the past; however, they would have to work closely with the Washoe County Health Department to ensure it could be done without additional risks to students and staff.

President Simon Holland opened the meeting to public comment.

Robert Dunmore, Pesticide Free Reno, was concerned about the effects of pesticides on children as a teacher and as someone who cared for the environment. He had worked with Reno and Washoe County to ensure the parks and other community areas reduced their usage of pesticides. He appreciated the information presented by the District and that they were conducting a pilot program to test alternatives. He looked forward to working with the District in the future on other alternatives as well.

Sharon Davidson, Pesticide Free Reno, was a local business owner who had changed her model over 20 years ago to sell all organic teas because of her concerns about pesticides. She hoped the District would suspend the use of RoundUp and look to organic means of weed abatement for playgrounds and athletic fields. She mentioned many school districts across the country were moving away from pesticides for weed abatement, as well as local governments and higher education institutions. She presented information on recent lawsuits against the maker of RoundUp and the health risks associated with the pesticide.

Jan Gilbert had been in Reno for about 2 years and lived near Hunter Lake Elementary School. She was very concerned about the spraying that had occurred at the school in the mornings because it was so close to the time when students would begin arriving.

She urged the Board to look at alternatives to RoundUp because she did not want to see harm come to any of the children, wildlife, waterways, or environment.

Connie Silveira appreciated the District was looking into alternatives for weed abatement.

Elise Weatherly thanked the District for the information. She wondered if the District had considered tilling the soil to remove the weeds because she believed that would be a more effective way than the use of pesticides.

President Simon Holland requested staff provide information on the ability of the District to till the soil for weed abatement. Mr. Kahl stated once the ground was tilled, the propagation rate of the weeds would increase because of the seeds being put back into the soil. Additionally, the surface would then be uneven for students and staff causing the potential of injuries.

President Simon Holland thanked staff for the information and their willingness to look into alternatives. As one Trustee, she would like to see the District discontinue the use of RoundUp because of all the information concerning the health effects related to long-term exposure.

Trustees Kelley and Taylor also expressed appreciation for the District looking into alternatives to RoundUp.

5. Reports

5.01 BOARD REPORTS

Board Members reported on their attendance at District and community activities and shared announcements of dates and times of upcoming events.

5.02 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Acting Superintendent Kristen McNeill reported on her activities including meetings with staff, community leaders and the media.

6. Closing Items

6.01 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

President Simon Holland requested a follow-up report on the pilot program alternatives related to weed abatement.

6.02 PUBLIC COMMENT

Elise Weatherly expressed concern over the administrative staff at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) High School but felt the teachers at the school were wonderful. She hoped the Board would listen to the community when they raised concerns because community members did speak to each other about what they were seeing. She also hoped the Board would not approve the proposed Sexuality, Health and Responsibility Education (SHARE) curriculum because the community was against what was being proposed.

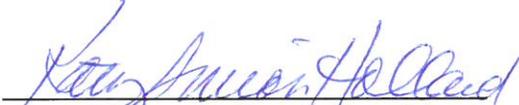
Michelle Engebretson was the principal of Bailey Charter Elementary School. She mentioned she would like to provide additional information to the Board related to the annual performance monitoring report. She indicated Bailey Charter Elementary School had seen various successes over the past school year and she would like to provide a presentation to the Board in the future on their progress.

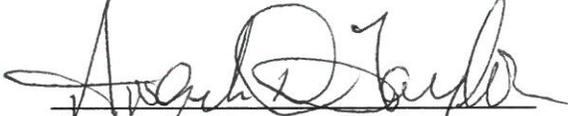
6.03 NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Regular Meeting would take place on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Central Administration Building.

7.04 ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business to come before the members of the Board, President Simon Holland declared the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.


Katy Simon Holland, President


Angela D. Taylor, Clerk