

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 8, 2021**

Central Administration Building

Disclaimer: These highlights are intended to give a summary of action taken at the Regular Meeting of the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees. The minutes of the meeting will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees at a later meeting. Additional information regarding each of these items can be found on the Trustees eGovernance website: <https://go.boarddocs.com/nv/washoe/Board.nsf/Public>

- The Board of Trustees heard from 116 members of the community during the general public comment periods (Agenda Items 3.01 and 7.01).

Consent Agenda

- The Board of Trustees provided final approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 1140, Distribution and Display of Information and Materials to Students and Staff. The Board heard from three (3) members of the community related to this item (Agenda Item 2.02).
- The Board of Trustees provided final approval to the proposed revisions of Board Policy 1314, Solicitation of Donations, Advertising, and Commercial Activities (Agenda Item 2.03).
- The Board of Trustees approved the renewal of Request for Proposal (RFP) #20-003 for Child Nutrition Programs Cost-Reimbursable Contract for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 to Aramark Educational Services, LLC in the estimated amount of \$446,675 plus other reimbursable expenses such as salaries, benefits, and food costs (Agenda Item 2.04).
- 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 \$46,704 for Fiscal Year 2021-22 (Agenda Item 2.05).
- The Board of Trustees approved the re-appointment of Rollins Stallworth as a member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Board of Control, for a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2024 (Agenda Item 2.06).
- The Board of Trustees approved the re-appointment of the following members to the Council of the Great City Schools for additional 2-year terms, ending June 20, 2023: Sherrilyn Elcano, Community Representative; Susan Severt, State or Local Elected Official; Vanessa Vancour, Community Representative; and Scott Benton, Community Representative (Agenda Item 2.07).
- The Board of Trustees approved the annual renewal of the BusinessPLUS software license maintenance agreement with PowerSchool in the amount of \$129,531.88 beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 (Agenda Item 2.08).

- The Board of Trustees approved to renew the service agreement with Blackboard Inc. to provide Connect services, Website Content Management services, Web Accessibility, and Mobile Communication services in the amount of \$239,015.71 for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Agenda Item 2.09).
- The Board of Trustees approved the renewal of the agreement with Infinite Campus, Inc. for the comprehensive web-based student information system beginning July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$466,944.40. The Board heard from three (3) members of the community related to this item (Agenda Item 2.10).
- The Board of Trustees adopted Washoe County School District Board Resolution 21-008, A Resolution to Augment the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Student Activities Fund 70 (Agency Fund) Budget in the Amount of \$4,967,028, and Augment the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Transfers Fund 80 (Agency Fund) Budget in the Amount of \$4,454,713 (Agenda Item 2.11).
- The Board of Trustees adopts Washoe County School District Board Resolution 21-009, A Resolution to Augment the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Student Activities Fund (Special Revenue Fund) Budget in the Amount of \$14,921,741 (Agenda Item 2.12).
- The Board of Trustees approved the grant application to the Nevada Department of Education, Nevada Ready Pre-Kindergarten Education Program in the amount of \$3,986,340 (Agenda Item 2.13).
- The Board of Trustees approved the renaming of William O'Brien Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) Academy back to William O'Brien Middle School (Agenda Item 2.14).
- The Board of Trustees approved the Ratification for Award of Bid #21-99-B-04-AA, Pavement Rehabilitation Project at Esther Bennett Elementary School, to West Coast Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$703,003 (Agenda Item 2.15).
- The Board of Trustees approved the Ratification for Award of Bid #21-98-B-04-AA, Pavement Rehabilitation Projects at Alice Smith Elementary School, Alyce Taylor Elementary School, Lena Juniper Elementary School, Sun Valley Elementary School, and Reno High School, to Spanish Springs Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,742,444 (Agenda Item 2.16).
- The Board of Trustees approved and adopted changes to the negotiated agreement between the Washoe County School District and the Washoe School Principals' Association (Agenda Item 2.17).
- The Board of Trustees approved the revision to the Occupational Therapy Contract with Ardor Health Solutions for Fiscal Year 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 (Agenda Item 2.18).
- The Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Washoe County School District and the Washoe Education Association for the

increase the total number of association leave of absence from one hundred eighty-five (185) two hundred twenty-five (225) (Agenda Item 2.19).

- The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revisions of Board Policy 1160, Communications, Community Relations, and Public Engagement, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period (Agenda Item 2.20).
- The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revisions of Board Policy 3100, Financial Services, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period (Agenda Item 2.21).
- The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revisions of Board Policy 3320, Procurement, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period (Agenda Item 2.22).
- The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revisions of Board Policy 3321, Contracts, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period (Agenda Item 2.23).
- The Board of Trustees provided preliminary approval to the proposed revision of Board Policy 3350, Employee Travel, and initiated the 13-day public review and comment period (Agenda Item 2.24).

Items for Presentation/Discussion/Information/Action

- Agenda Item 4.01 was pulled from the agenda for time.
- The Board of Trustees premiered a video thanking staff for all their work over the past year and a half (Agenda Item 5.01).
- The Board of Trustees approved the allocation of \$44,500,000 to the 2020/2021 'C' Major Projects Program, consisting of the Information Technology Device Refresh Plan and the Capital Renewal Plan, as recommended by the Capital Funding Protection Committee. The Board heard from three (3) members of the community related to this item (Agenda Item 5.02).
- The Board of Trustees approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Washoe County School District and the Washoe Education Support Professionals for the payment of New Hire Incentives to bus drivers and pupil transportation assistants in the total possible amount of \$2,000 per employee, Retention Incentives to bus drivers and pupil transportation assistants in the total possible amount of \$2,000 per employee, and Referral Incentives in the total possible amount of \$1,000 per Education Support Professional (ESP) employee who refers a new bus driver and/or pupil transportation assistant between June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to address a critical personnel shortage. The Board heard from four (4) members of the community related to this item (Agenda Item 5.03).
- The Board of Trustees took the following actions related to the appointment process to be used to fill upcoming vacancies of the Board of Trustees in Districts C and D (Agenda Item 5.04):

- The Board of Trustees approved the proposed calendar for the appointment process in Trustee Districts C and D;
 - The Board of Trustees agreed that if there are 5 or less applicants for each vacancy, all applicants will be invited to interview and a meeting to narrow the number of candidates will not be required;
 - The Board of Trustees approved the proposed process to be used to determine which applicants will be invited to interview and that each applicant will be provided 5 minutes to address the Board prior to any action related to the narrowing of candidates to invite to interview;
 - The Board of Trustees agreed that each Trustee will submit 1 question and a back-up question to be used during the interviews of the candidates to the Superintendent and Board Services Department the Thursday prior to each meeting scheduled to interview candidates for vacant seats;
 - The Board of Trustees approved the proposed questions included in the "Invitation to Apply" notices, as part of a 2-page Letter of Intent for the application packets; and,
 - The Board of Trustees approved the proposed interview process as follows: candidates will be provided a total of 30 minutes to respond to 6 questions from Trustees and provide an opening and closing statement, with a break between candidates of around 10 minutes.
- The Board of Trustees received a presentation on the community outreach and communications plan for the Response to Recovery 2-year strategic plan (Agenda Item 5.05).
 - Agenda Item 5.06 was not heard for time.
 - The Board of Trustees provided direction to the Superintendent, in alignment with the adopted Action Plan, and in meeting the needs of our students, staff, and school communities, move forward with a measured approach to providing supplementary curriculum based on the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS) and involving stakeholders through the establishment of a Superintendent's Task Force, and to be brought back to the Board of Trustees with an update on progress at a future meeting; that the Superintendent's Task Force include a total of 5 elementary school parents, one from each regular Trustee district; that the agendas and minutes of the Superintendent's Task Force be posted for the community to review; that the Superintendent's Task Force not consider divisive or political materials proposed by Benchmark; and that the final recommendation on the curriculum be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. The Board heard from 205 members of the community related to this item (Agenda Item 5.07).

Meeting Announcements

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

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