



Washoe County School District School Naming Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the School Naming Committee was called to order at 5:37 p.m. in the WCSD Central Administration Building, 425 E. Ninth Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 Roll Call

Committee Members Elisabeth Genasci, Victor Sherbondy, Carly Lott, Renee Martin, Mercedes De La Garza, and Scott Benton were present at roll call. Jennifer Hampton, Alyson Castro, Clyyne Cook, Madeline Osterman and Frank Perez were absent. Staff Liaison Riley Sutton was also present.

1.03 Public Comment

There was no public comment given.

1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda

Motion from Victor Sherbondy, second by Carly Lott to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Items for Discussion, Presentation and/or Action

2.01 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the November 7, 2018 School Naming Committee meeting

Motion by Mercedes de la Garza to approve the November meeting minutes, second by Carly Lott. Motion carried unanimously.

2.02 Discussion and Possible Action on Community Name Submissions for the New Middle School in South Reno, the committee members' individual ranking of those submissions, and the creation of a semi-finalist list of no

more than 10 names based on the individual rankings of the committee members to be considered at a future meeting for recommendation to the Board of Trustees

Riley Sutton stated that the goal for the meeting was to create a short list of semi-finalists that can be no more than 10 names, from the full list of community submissions.

Mr. Sutton confirmed for the committee that the previous finalists that were not selected by the Washoe County School District (WCSD) Board of Trustees will automatically roll over into the semi-finalist round for all future schools. Mr. Sutton also reiterated that the point totals are non-binding and that ultimately, the WCSD Board of Trustees has the final vote on all school names.

Committee member Carly Lott asked for clarification that Michael Landsberry is still on the list for consideration. Mr. Sutton confirmed that he is.

Committee member Mercedes de la Garza wanted verification that the name submission "Paiute" was cleared by the tribe. Riley Sutton stated that if "Paiute" is chosen by the committee as a semi-finalist or finalist that he would reach out to the tribe.

2.02 Public Comment

Tim Henderson spoke in support of Sessions "Buck" Wheeler for the new Middle School in South Reno.

Bill Henderson spoke in support of Sessions "Buck" Wheeler as well as Marce Herz for the new Middle School in South Reno.

Randi Thompson spoke in support of Marce Herz for the new Middle School in South Reno.

Alicia Arraiz spoke in support of Marce Herz for the new Middle School in South Reno.

2.02 Continued

Committee member Mercedes de la Garza verified that both Marce Herz and Sessions "Buck" Wheeler are short listed and will automatically be on the semi-finalist list.

Committee members each individually gave their suggestions for semi-finalist names, and discussed their choices. Committee members then gave their individual score totals

(from scores in each of the individual categories) for each of these top names. Mr. Sutton totaled those complete committee scores.

Committee member Scott Benton asked if the submission for "Mountain View or Monte Vista Middle School" was interchangeable, could they select which name they prefer from those two choices. Mr. Sutton said it was up to the committee.

Committee Mercedes de la Garza suggested the removal of some name submissions. From that discussion, it was determined by the committee that the following names would be removed from the list: Bella Vista, Mountain View, Galena, Mount Rose, William Raggio, and Link Piazza.

Committee members each individually gave their suggestions for semi-finalist names, based on personal preference and public comment. Committee members then gave their individual score totals (from scores in each of the individual categories) for each of these top names. Mr. Sutton totaled those complete committee scores.

Committee members Mercedes de la Garza and Elisabeth Genasci reiterated that Michael Landsberry will automatically be moved forward, since that name was a previous, unused finalist for another school. Committee member Carly Lott commented that she felt that perhaps the committee was not giving Michael Landsberry the recognition he deserves, that our community has re-nominated him over and over and they feel strongly about a school being named after him, so the committee should not keep putting him on the back burner.

Committee Laison Riley Sutton clarified that the Landsberry family has expressed that they are in favor of a school being named after Michael Landsberry and that his name will remain on the list indefinitely.

Victor Sherbondy motioned to accept the top 5 person names and the top 2 geographic names for voting. Second by Carly Lott.

After much committee discussion, the motion was amended.

Final motion to create a semi-finalist list for the name of the new middle school in the South Reno area consisting of the following names: Evelyn Mount, Paiute, Chris Harris, Paul Dugan, Humboldt Toiyabe, Arrowcreek, Thomas Creek and Zephyr. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Closing Items

3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting: March 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the WCSO Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno Nevada.

3.02 Public Comment

There was no public comment given.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Chair Elisabeth Genasci adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Note: Due to a technical malfunction, no audio is available for this meeting.