

# WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL NAMING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 5:30 P.M.

# **AGENDA**

#### 1. OPENING ITEMS

- 1.01 Call to Order 5:30 P.M., WCSD Central Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512
- 1.02 Roll Call
- 1.03 Public Comment Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda. A "Citizen's Request to Speak" card should be filled out and submitted to the Recording Secretary before speaking during the Public Comment section. All persons are limited to 3 minutes per item. In accordance with Open Meeting Law and on the advice of legal counsel, the public body is discouraged from discussing and precluded from deliberating and/or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. The public body may impose reasonable content-neutral restrictions on public comment such as willfully disruptive comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Correspondence or written materials submitted for public comment by the general public shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.
- 1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda (For Possible Action) Please Note: Items on this agenda may be taken out of order; The Public Body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and The Public Body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.
- 2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION (Public comment: any individual may address the public body concerning any item listed below. A completed "Citizen's Right to Speak" card must be submitted to the public body at the meeting. During the discussion of each item on the agenda, the Chair will invite the individual to come forward to speak. Individuals are limited to three minutes per item.)
  - 2.01 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the February 6, 2019 School Naming Committee meeting (For Possible Action)
  - 2.02 Discussion and Possible Action on Semi-Finalist Name Submissions For The New Middle School In Arrowcreek (see Attachment A to this Agenda for a list of those names), the community responses to those semi-finalists, and the creation of a finalist list of no more than three names based on individual rankings of committee members to be recommended to the Board of Trustees (For Possible Action)

### 3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – To Be Determined

3.02 Public Comment - Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda. A "Citizen's Request to Speak" card should be filled out and submitted to the Recording Secretary before speaking during the Public Comment section. All persons are limited to 3 minutes per item. In accordance with Open Meeting Law and on the advice of legal counsel, the public body is discouraged from discussing and precluded from deliberating and/or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. The public body may impose reasonable content-neutral restrictions on public comment such as willfully disruptive comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Correspondence or written materials submitted for public comment by the general public shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

#### 3.03 Adjourn Meeting

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business: The School Naming Committee conducts the business of the Washoe County School District during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

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Washoe County Courthouse

Reno City Hall

Sparks City Hall

Sparks Library

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Administration Building

Reno Sparks Indian Colony Administrative Office



#### Attachment A

# Community Rankings: Semi-Finalist Names for New Middle School in South Reno

# **Number of Community Votes Received**

	1st Place	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Arrowcreek	77	42	18	11	11	7	7	2	1	2
Michael Landsberry	35	12	16	14	10	16	12	15	14	11
Thomas Creek	22	63	29	21	17	10	9	1	2	1
Evelyn Mount	17	15	16	19	15	14	13	11	12	6
Zypher	8	16	46	30	22	14	9	10	4	2
Humboldt Toiyabe	5	7	18	24	34	20	11	13	7	8
Sun Valley	5	0	4	4	9	12	4	8	9	6
Paiute	2	7	13	24	15	13	16	13	12	10
Marce Herz	2	1	3	4	4	19	10	15	21	33
Debbie Smith	2	3	5	4	7	11	22	16	14	22
Chris Harris	1	1	2	3	11	9	16	17	23	22
Paul Dugan	1	6	9	10	8	13	15	14	22	20
Ann Carlson	0	0	1	9	11	13	11	29	23	28
Sessions Wheeler	0	3	3	5	8	10	26	19	18	18



# 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 semifinalists 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 Piazzo.

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 Lansberry 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 Landsberrry 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 Zephry. Motion carried unanimously.

# 3. Closing Items

**3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting:** March 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

