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CCSD Board of School Trustees meeting recap

Trustees adopt amended final budget for 2018-2019

Board Agenda item 5.01 - Presentation, discussion and possible action on adoption of the 2018-2019 Amended Final Budget

The Clark County School District (CCSD) Board of School Trustees voted 6-0 to adopt the [2018-2019 Amended Budget](#). In accordance with state law, the [final budget](#) must be presented to the Nevada Department of Education by Jan. 1, 2019.

The 2018-2019 general operating budget totals \$2.4 billion. The budget for 2017-2018 was \$2.37 billion.

CCSD Chief Financial Officer Jason Goudie said the state's per-pupil funding for Nevada schools increased by \$81 for the 2018-2019 school year, to \$5,781 per student. The average daily enrollment for 2018-2019 is projected to be 320,292 students, a slight drop from the enrollment for the current school year.

Goudie explained that 87 percent of the budget goes toward salaries and benefits, while the balance is used for items including textbooks, electricity and fuel.

"Sharing our budget information is important for our community, especially as we head into the legislative session," said CCSD Superintendent Dr. Jesus F. Jara. He thanked Chief Financial Officer Jason Goudie for his work.

"Thank you for providing the Board with additional clarity on the complexities and reality of our budget," said CCSD Board of School Trustees Vice President Carolyn Edwards. I applaud you and your staff for your hard work."

Board Agenda item 5.06 - Discussion and possible action on approval of amendment to District Regulation 6174, Higher Education Cooperative Program

The CCSD Board of School Trustees voted 7-0 to streamline the process for [Dual Enrollment programs](#), previously known as Higher Education Cooperative. The change simplifies the process for high school students, who will now be allowed to take dual enrollment courses unless otherwise noted in formal agreements with community colleges, state colleges, or universities.

Superintendent Jara said, “Increasing the number of students in dual enrollment is one of our key goals to ensure all students graduate ready for college or career.”

Board Agenda Item 5.02 - Discussion and possible action on approval of the amendment to CCSD Policy 1101, School Mascots and Other Identifiers

Trustees voted 7-0 to amend [Policy 1101](#), which addresses concerns that may arise regarding school mascots. The new language would state that challenges made by students, parents and/or community members to the selection of or proposed changes to an existing school mascot, team name, school colors, and other school identifier would be made in writing to the principal of the school or the direct supervisor of the school.

Trustees voted in favor of this item at their Nov. 29 regular meeting; this was the second and final vote needed to approve the amendment.

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