

MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

Thursday, December 13, 2007

4:09 p.m.

Roll Call:	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
	Ruth L. Johnson, President	Larry P. Mason, Member
	Terri Janison, Vice President	
	Mary Beth Scow, Clerk	
	Shirley Barber, Member	
	Sheila R. Moulton, Member	
	Carolyn Edwards, Member	

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

INVOCATION

Bill Garis, Deputy Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division, gave the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Ed W. Clark High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda except move Item 7.06 to follow Item 3.01 as 3.01a, and move Item 6.03 to follow Item 3.03 as 3.03a.

Motion: Edwards Second: Scow Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meetings – February 5, 2007; and June 28, 2007

Regular meeting – September 20, 2007

Motion: Edwards Second: Janison

Mrs. Johnson requested that staff have the Monitoring Reports put online, as stated in the February 5, 2007, minutes.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Johnson announced that Mr. Mason was absent for this Board meeting because he was attending an event with College of Southern Nevada (CSN).

STUDENT SPEAKERS FOR ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

Evelyn Blomquist, a first-grade student at Gilbert Elementary School, Shirley Barber, District C trustee; and Bentley Corbett-Wilson, a student at Roy Martin Middle School, Larry Mason, District D trustee, spoke about the school spirit and pride of the students at their respective schools.

STUDENT REPORTS

Anaiss Nava, student body president at Western High School, Shirley Barber, District C trustee; Bryan Grenier, student body president at Del Sol High School, Sheila Moulton, District G trustee; Christine Samson, student body president at Clark High School, Larry Mason, District D trustee; and Ali Schaefer, student body president at Green Valley High School, Mary Beth Scow, District A trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Priscilla Acosta, vice chairman, Student Advisory Committee, Del Sol High School, reported on the last meeting of the Student Council Advisory Committee. Some topics discussed were names for new high schools, security at school events, and water and energy conservation.

Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, recognized Sandy Ginger, Coordinator, Instructional Support and Student Activities, as the 2007 Earl Reum Award recipient.

NIKETOWN CHECK PRESENTATION

Hayden Ross, Facilitator, stated Niketown promotes physical activities for youth to participate in and that all the entrance fees for the race that are raised are returned to the schools for physical education.

Jimmy Brimmer Jr., representative from Niketown, presented a check to CCSD in the amount of \$48,638.00.

Ms. Ross introduced the following students and school representatives of William E. Orr Middle School who had the most participants in the Niketown 5K race: Cassidy Augustine and Aaron Diaz, students; Jeffrey Muehleisen, Director, Student Athletic Department; and George Leavins, Principal.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mark McGinty, Designer, SH Architecture, announced that on December 11, 2006, Southwest Contractors Magazine selected Lyal Burkholder Middle School as their Best of Nevada's Public Restoration Project of 2007.

ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED

Mrs. Barber acknowledged the musical presentation given during the recess by the elementary students of Gilbert Magnet Elementary School. Board members thanked the students; Sharon Brewer, Principal; and Kelly Bucherie, Academic Manager, Superintendent's Schools.

RECESS: 5:18 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:37 p.m.

APPROVE PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR STUDY GROUP

Approval of the Final Report of the Year-Round School Calendar Study Group, as recommended in Reference 7.06.

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the update of findings and recommendations of the Year-Round School Calendar Study Group. She explained the purpose of the committee, the make-up of the members who form the committee, and she discussed each of the six meetings that the committee held.

Holly Fite, Co-chair, Year-Round School Calendar Study Group, spoke about her sons' achievements, and she stated she is a proponent of the nine-month school calendar. She gave a report on the findings of the study and the committee's recommendations, which were encompassed in the pamphlet handed out to the Board members.

Mrs. Janison expressed sincere appreciation of the members' efforts. She asked for a clearer explanation regarding recommendations on Policy Reform number 2 and questioned why the school could not be given the ability to remain at nine months if it could be worked out that it would not cost more.

Mrs. Haldeman responded that number 2 goes hand-in-hand with number 3 of the policies, that parents should be aware of how space is used and could make those recommendations to the principal, but that what is done needs to be consistent and uniform across the board for all, and she referenced page 5 of 8 as an explanation.

Mrs. Janison asked the following questions: Under Recommendations for Communications regarding annual regional presentations should be made to parents, she asked if that meant on the policy itself; Under Recommendations for Miscellaneous regarding considering the location of nine-month and year-round schools when selecting new sites, she asked what difference it would make if it changed all the time.

Mrs. Haldeman responded that facility updates to the parents would be made on a regional basis and also that within 30 days of count day the principal would meet with parents in order to eliminate lack of communication regarding growth. She also responded that as sites are purchased to please keep in mind the school needs to be year-round. She stated a challenge for working parents is daycare for their children when suddenly informed their school is going to year-round and that a plan needs to be in place to give information to parents immediately when informed.

Mrs. Barber questioned what research was utilized to determine that there was no difference in test scores of students attending a year-round school or a nine-month school.

Mrs. Haldeman responded that Dr. Karlene Lee, Associate Superintendent, Superintendent's Schools, compared the data, and it was found that student achievement was similar with no discernible difference.

Mrs. Barber stated some students need additional training or assistance, such as summer school, but that they are not getting what they need. She recommended looking at the needs of the students and working with parents.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR STUDY GROUP (continued)

Mrs. Haldeman responded that effectiveness of intermittent track breaks, as opposed to summer breaks, was helpful for students falling behind.

Mrs. Moulton expressed appreciation of the members' participation in the committee. She expressed concern regarding forecasting of numbers under Recommendations, number 3. She stated the district needs to work more carefully regarding safety and restrooms not being sacrificed. Regarding number 6, she stated this communication would cost resources. She agreed that parents need to be informed. She commented that the recommendation was interesting to have start dates at the same time rather than end dates and requested more information on that recommendation by the committee.

Mrs. Johnson stated she hoped the policy could be changed at the school community level and suggested running a pilot program. She suggested that the policy be changed to bring in some recommendations of the committee, have it impact the school, and make it a school decision. She also hoped the committee and policy would address how the schools could change from year-round back to nine-month.

Mrs. Haldeman stated the ideas Mrs. Johnson suggested had been discussed, but it was felt year-round needed to be implemented fairly and that policy should be implemented across the board. The issue of changing from year-round back to nine-month was discussed, and it was determined the district was moving towards year-round calendars ultimately.

Mrs. Johnson urged that the primary objective towards the community should be what could be done to support the schools and that it needs to be done fairly.

Mrs. Haldeman stated the reason for the committee's recommendation was so disadvantaged communities would be treated equally.

Mrs. Johnson addressed Mrs. Barber's comments regarding the data and the results of scores between the two calendars, and she suggested if there was no difference between the students and calendars then the district should test early.

Mrs. Haldeman stated the finding of the committee was that this issues has been raised with the Nevada Department of Education, and there was a new policy which came into effect one or two years ago of 100 days, plus or minus 10, which was testing in a smaller window and was part of the reason for the findings.

Mrs. Scow expressed her appreciation of the time the committee members put into the study and stated that the process was fair.

Mrs. Barber stated the main thing for the district was to treat each child fairly, and she stated this committee was a good beginning but would like to see more parent and Board participation.

Trustee Edwards stated that the district needs to be very careful that it is fair to all communities and that the district be cautious about allowing individual communities to provide resources to get an advantage. She thanked the committee members for their participation on the committee.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR STUDY GROUP (continued)

Mrs. Haldeman thanked the committee members and presented them with a calendar in recognition of their participation.

Dr. Ruffes commented on the challenge of policy development and expressed concern because there was only five months left until the end of the year. He suggested starting communications on the issues in the absence of the policy.

Mrs. Haldeman responded with regard to timing that communication and better decision-making should be done immediately, and refinement of the policy is something that should be done with a lot of consideration and input, which will take time.

Mrs. Scow stated it was essential to begin working on the policy and to have communication part of the development and that the community needs to know the committee was not in a position to make changes but to make recommendations.

Mrs. Moulton stated that in reviewing the policy there are two other areas, zoning and school sites, that interplay with communication which need to be brought together.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Student Expulsions – Melvin Valentine

Mr. Valentine stated that the African-American students attending Canyon Springs, Cheyenne, and Western High Schools are planning a strike during Black History Month because they feel they have been culturally discriminated against unless CCSD would allow a hip-hop production company for public education an opportunity to show how hip hop media can be used as a study tool in urban education.

Licensed Personnel Leaves of Absence – S.S. Rogers

Dr. Rogers stated that the public speaking portion of the Board meeting is put on the back-burner and that he had been waiting since 5:00 p.m. to speak. He requested an earlier time for public speaking. He asked who the Board was accountable to if it overstepped its bounds. He also stated the Board members needed to support each other.

Mrs. Moulton stated she would like more information regarding Mr. Valentine's comments to follow up. She agreed with Dr. Rogers regarding timing of public speaking, although the Board was trying to accommodate everyone as best they could. She stated a public hearings discussion should be held to determine more clearly a time for public speaking. She also stated the Board was accountable to each other and to their electorate.

Mrs. Barber agreed with Dr. Rogers' comments that the Board members needed to respect each other and work together.

APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY GP-2: GOVERNING STYLE

Approval regarding modification, additions, language changes, and deletions to GP-2: Governing Style, as requested in Reference 6.03.

APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY GP-2: GOVERNING STYLE (continued)

Mrs. Barber read a statement (attached hereto as Document A) for the record on GP-2: Governing Style, that included concerns over Board behavior during the 2000-2007 time period. Concerns about the behavior and particular incidents are included in Document A, attached hereto.

Motion to add language to GP-2: Governing Style as it appears in the backup material for Item 6.03.

Motion: Barber Second: Edwards

Trustee Edwards asked counsel if the Board had authority by statute to do this and how to do it.

Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, stated there was no direction from State statute on how to impose this and that a hearing process would be needed among Board members.

Mrs. Janison requested more information and evidence.

Ms. Miller explained the process as needing a fact finder, somebody to present that evidence, and an ability of the accused to present rebuttal to that.

Mrs. Janison asked if that type of language needed to be set in policy in order to enforce.

Ms. Miller stated she needed to research this issue further and would report back, but that it would not supersede the Nevada Ethics in Government Law.

Mrs. Scow stated she could not support what was in policy unless there was evidence something had occurred. She also stated she would like that the research be made available before voting on this item.

Trustee Edwards expressed disagreement with Mrs. Barber's allegations of breach of conduct by the Board. She suggested holding this item until further information is received to make a more fully informed decision.

Mrs. Johnson stated "willful and continual" meant more than two times and stated that the list of items Mrs. Barber recited was not duplicative and would not qualify under the language cited. She discussed the issue of Mrs. Barber abstaining during certain votes, and she asked Mrs. Barber what the process would be for the Board to handle a complaint that she had not followed the law regarding abstaining from voting.

Mrs. Barber agreed to bring back Item 6.03. She responded that part of the process for the Board should be to discuss it in public.

Mrs. Moulton proposed a policy from Dr. John Carver, CEO, Policy Governance®, be brought forward and recited it as follows: "The Board and its members are committed to faithful compliance with the provisions of the Board's policies. In the event of a member's violation of a policy, the Board will seek remedy by the following process: First, supportive conversation in a private setting between the Board member and the Board president and/or other individual; Second, if the violation continues, discussion in a work session, which would be in public between the Board member and the full Board regarding the policy issues involved; Third, if the violation continues, and only as a last resort, public censure of the Board member." She also asked that the definition of terms such as "public censure" and "willful" be clear in policy.

APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY GP-2: GOVERNING STYLE (continued)

Mrs. Barber stated that the Board needs to be abolished if it was not going to be honest.

Mrs. Scow stated it was unfortunate to get personal with issues and that none of these allegations revolve around children. She stated that the Board was unified regarding children and the test score results and lower drop-out rates enforce that opinion.

*Vote on Mrs. Barber's motion: Yeses – 1 (Barber); Noes – 5 (Johnson, Janison, Scow, Moulton, Edwards)
The motion failed.*

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Motion: Edwards Second: Janison

Regarding Item 5.06, Trustee Edwards suggested that it was a good idea to have spring break fall at the end of the third quarter rather than at Easter and asked for the rationale if the Board felt it was not feasible.

Mrs. Johnson commended Dr. Rulffes for honoring the request for no school on Election Day and asked whether it needed to be reflected in the calendars.

Dr. Kohut-Rost responded how the dates for calendars were arrived at and that it did not need to be reflected until after identified.

Mrs. Johnson suggested changing the days as suggested by Trustee Edwards and having Easter be a three-day weekend.

Mrs. Janison discussed spring break and questioned that students going on spring break at the end of third grade period and then coming back and taking tests.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated the end of quarters 1 and 3 do not give semester exams.

Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Department, stated dates need to be coordinated with the collective bargaining agreement.

Mrs. Janison asked Dr. Kohut-Rost to come back with more information.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated it would be researched and brought back.

Mr. Garis spoke regarding spring break and events scheduling, and he stated he would speak with Martha Tittle, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources.

Mrs. Scow suggested having the semesters end before winter break.

The maker of the motion made a friendly amendment to approve the consent agenda except holding Items 5.06 and 5.07 for recess until December 17, 2007.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

APPROVE STUDENT EXPULSIONS

Approval of student expulsions according to NRS 392.467 (Board Policy 5114 and Regulations 5114 and 5141.1), as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

APPROVE SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

Approval to submit the Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program Annual Report 2006-2007 to the Nevada State Board of Education, the Commission, the Legislative Committee on Education, and the Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

AUTHORIZE SB 579 SUPPORT FOR THE JASON PROJECT

Authorization to submit an application and implement the state funded JASON Project, from December 14, 2007, to June 30, 2009, through Unit 0137, FY 08 and FY 09, Fund 0280, in the approximate amount of \$50,000.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

AUTHORIZE DESERT ROSE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL AND CAREER CENTER – ANDRE AGASSI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Authorization to submit and implement a grant program through the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation, to serve credit deficient high school and adult students ages 17 and above, throughout the Las Vegas valley, effective approximately January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, in the approximate amount of \$67,146.26, to be paid from Fund 0279, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

APPROVE SED DE SABER LEARNING SYSTEMS – RETENTION EDUCATION, INC.

Approval for purchase of 85 Sed de Saber Learning Systems from Retention Education, Inc. at an approximate cost of \$370.00 each, for a total cost of \$31,450.00 to be paid from Cost Center 9310001315, G/L account 5650000000, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ unified personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.08.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.09.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351, 4353, and 4355), as recommended in Reference 5.10.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$19,557,188.77, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$4,419,644.80 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.12.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #11-07-08 in the total amount of \$79,558,540.29, as recommended in Reference 5.13.

APPROVE ADDITION TO ENGINEER SELECTION LIST

Approval to add the engineering firms of C.R.C. Consulting Group Nevada, Inc.; Halcrow, Inc.; Independent Roofing Consultants; Petty Engineering, Las Vegas, LLC; and Sparks Engineering to the board-approved Engineer Selection List, as recommended in Reference 5.14.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT, C. C. RONNOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Benchmark Roof and Pavement Consulting, Inc. for consulting services in support of the roof replacement at C. C. Ronnow Elementary School in the amount of \$102,320.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000471; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT, BERTHA RONZONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Benchmark Roof and Pavement Consulting, Inc. for consulting services in support of the roof replacement at Bertha Ronzone Elementary School in the amount of \$102,320.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000478; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.16.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, UNNAMED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FORD AVENUE AND TORREY PINES DRIVE

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with International Commissioning Engineers, LLC to provide building commissioning services in support of the unnamed elementary school located near Ford Avenue and Torrey Pines Drive in the amount of \$88,500.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001557; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.17.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT, LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a cooling tower replacement at Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0011345; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.18.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT, ROBERT O. GIBSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a cooling tower replacement at Robert O. Gibson Middle School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0011343; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.19.

RATIFY CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$186,804.82 for Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle School (Welles Pugsley Architects, LLP); Carolyn S. Reedom and Jesse D. Scott Elementary Schools, and Gordon McCaw Elementary School Replacement (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation); Northwest Career and Technical Academy (SH Architecture); and C. C. Ronnow Elementary School (Precision Design Group), as recommended in Reference 5.20.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$872,606.50 plus additional days to the construction contracts to Construct Kermit R. Booker, Sr. Elementary School Replacement (Martin Harris Construction); Construct Lyal Burkholder Middle School Replacement (McCarthy Construction); Construct Robert L. Forbuss Elementary School and Construct Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle School (Pace Contracting Co.); Construct Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center (Sletten Construction of Nevada, Inc.); Construct Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary School (CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc.); HVAC/Control System Repairs at Eldorado High School (Siemens Building Technologies, Inc.); and Lighted Parking Lot at Lincoln Elementary School (Mikon Construction Co., Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.21.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02

Approval of Items 6.01 and 6.02, as follows:

Motion: Janison Second: Moulton

Regarding Item 6.02, Mrs. Barber stated that an enormous amount of time had been spent regarding this project and strongly recommended that the audit committee proposal be put in the "parking lot."

Regarding 6.01, the calendar on page 4 of 5 of the back-up material, Mrs. Johnson stated the proposals are marked and her overall goal was to ensure enough time would be allotted per meeting for discussion on a monitoring report. She noted that in July the Board would hear an internal report on the global Ends; in December it would be for E-2: Academic Achievement; that EL-1: Global Executive Constraint would be changed from December to January; she clarified that in September it would be for an internal report regarding EL-9: Compensation and Benefits; and November it would be for an external report.

Jeffrey Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Operations Division, stated that dates would be synchronized so that the audit comes at the same time as the Monitoring Reports.

Trustee Edwards clarified that EL-1: Global Executive Constraint would be the first regular meeting, and asked if the second meeting in June would be internal, EL-8: Asset Protection. She also asked if EL-5: Financial Planning/Budgeting and EL-6: Financial Condition and Activities would be internal as well.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02 (continued)

Mrs. Johnson responded that the second meeting in June, EL-8: Asset Protection would be noted as internal and that EL-5: Financial Planning/Budgeting and EL-6: Financial Condition and Activities would be internal as well. She suggested putting an asterisk to indicate that the EL-1: Global Executive Constraint report would be received by the Board prior to the evaluation.

The maker of the motion and the second accepted the modifications to the motion.

Mrs. Scow stated that Item 6.02 had been approved prior and that it was on the agenda for this meeting in case there was something that needed attention, and she asked to bring back this item on January 10, 2008, for process.

Vote on Mrs. Janison's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY BS/L-5

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy BS/L-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 10, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

APPROVE PROPOSED AUDIT COMMITTEE

Approval to develop an audit committee of the board and to establish a timeline for the organization of the committee, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – EL-1: GLOBAL EXECUTIVE CONSTRAINT

Approval regarding the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-1: Global Executive Constraint.

Motion to accept with commendation.

Motion: Scow Second: Edwards

Mrs. Barber expressed concern regarding the Global Executive Constraint in reference to the decision that was made, but she did not wish to discuss it this evening. She asked if it was clear and that everyone recognized that there were global constraints.

Mrs. Johnson responded that it was clear.

Dr. Rulfes responded there are constraints according to law and policy.

Vote on Mrs. Scow's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.02 THROUGH 7.04 AND 7.07 THROUGH 7.08

Approval of Items 7.02, 7.03, 7.04, 7.07 and 7.08, as follows:

Motion: Edwards Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous

ADOPT 2007-08 AMENDED FINAL BUDGET

Adoption of the 2007-08 Amended Final Budget and authorization for members of the Board of School Trustees to sign and file, as required by NRS 354.598005, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3312

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 3312, Purchasing Authorization and Nepotism – All Funds, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3420

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 3420, Periodic Audits, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

Approval of the settlement of the matter of Castanon-Robles, et al. v. CCSD, et al., in the amount of \$50,000 to Sylvia Castanon-Robles and \$10,000 to Janina Castanon-Robles, for a total amount of \$60,000, as recommended in Reference 7.07.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

Approval of the settlement of the matter of Andrew J. Leavitt, et al. v. CCSD, in the amount of \$50,000, as recommended in Reference 7.08.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

None.

APPROVE 2008 BOND PROGRAM UPDATE

Approval of further information to be provided by staff in response to questions at the November 26, 2007, Facilities Work Session, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

Mr. Weiler pointed out there were page numbers added.

Dr. Rulfes suggested that Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, and Elizabeth Carrero, Secretary to the Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent, plan another work session in January before the Bond issue.

Trustee Edwards stated that number 17 on page 5 was not a plan and requested more information.

Dr. Rulfes stated there was a good deal of data available regarding a plan.

Mrs. Johnson suggested having a discussion on a plan in January 2008.

Trustee Edwards stated that discussion on a plan should be held after the next bond passes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Scow stated that Mrs. Krohn had a sheet prepared for each Board member which listed two policy assignments for each Board member to lead discussion on. She also stated assignments were distributed alphabetically and by district.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)

Mrs. Johnson asked Mrs. Barber to remind the Board if input would be requested of Dr. Carver on any policy discussions. She also requested an agenda item on January 7, 2008, for a 2007 review.

Mrs. Barber stated she would like to resubmit her agenda item that was sent back for January 7, 2008.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Mrs. Johnson requested a reorganization and work session on January 7, 2008.

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Johnson suggested that the Board thank Anderson Dairy, suggesting a Crystal Apple Award for community service, and asked staff to follow up.

Trustee Edwards stated that included in the packet for the Board's information were two agendas and two sets of minutes from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Mrs. Moulton reported that she attended Legislative Interim Council for Education today with Mrs. Janison and Trustee Edwards, and a topic of discussion was drop-out rates. She also attended a Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) meeting, and stated that Mr. Garis indicated that the amount of swimmers would be limited. She also attended the Public Education Foundation meeting last week. She indicated that she had been asked by constituents of one of the high schools to reevaluate standard student attire.

Dr. Kohut-Rost responded that every four years there is a requirement to resurvey a school that has implemented the standard student attire.

Mrs. Moulton suggested that it be reviewed in 2008.

Mrs. Janison reported that during the Legislative Interim Council for Education meeting they were shocked to hear that 10% was Special Education, General Educational Development (GED) and attendance were included in the 36% figure. She requested having more discussion regarding building a database of student longevity in relation to graduation to benefit the district during legislative sessions.

Dr. Lee stated there was a database, but it just needed to be sorted out. She stated the data could be looked at again and put in a form that would be more valuable.

Mrs. Barber stated it would be valuable to compare results from school transcripts where children were coming from before.

Mrs. Janison reported on the School Improvement Plan (SIP) Team meeting she attended where discussion was held regarding strategic plans for each school. She requested working with Dr. Lee's staff to obtain updates.

Trustee Edwards reported on the P16 Council and that a discussion on the structure of the State Board of Education took place. She stated that the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) Directors meeting was scheduled for January 12, 2008. She also stated there was a rescheduled date for School Matters regarding proficiency exams and asked if someone would like to attend that meeting in her place.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Mrs. Krohn stated that the School Matters meeting was rescheduled for January 31, 2008.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Mrs. Barber left the Board meeting at 8:55 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Mrs. Moulton spoke about the State Board of Education and some actions they are taking that have consequences on the district.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)

Mrs. Johnson requested an agenda item for discussion regarding the matter of looking into school surveys for standard student attire remaining in place for four years or resurveying every year if they are not successful.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Ruffles reminded the Board of the upcoming National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Conference, and he also mentioned discussion on cooperative arrangements with crossing guards and responsibility on the streets.

RECESS TO A TIME, DATE, AND PLACE CERTAIN

Approval to recess the December 13, 2007, Board meeting to follow the meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007, in the Board Room of the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, for the purpose of discussion and/or action on the remaining items of this agenda.

The December 13, 2007, Board meeting recessed at 9:04 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2007

The December 13, 2007, Board meeting reconvened at 12:37 p.m., December 17, 2007, in the Board Room of the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada.

All Board members were present except Larry Mason and Shirley Barber. Also present were Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, and Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Department.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Mrs. Tittle explained the proposed calendar change based on the discussion held at the December 13, 2007, Board meeting, and that the calendars were developed following input from various associations, the cabinet, and many people.

Mrs. Scow stated that there may be impact with the schools if the calendars were changed without more notice because plans had already been made by students and families according to spring break being at a certain time.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Mrs. Johnson suggested taking this to a community linkage to ask what would be the advantage or disadvantage to a three-day Easter weekend and having the school year shorter when it costs more to air condition classrooms.

Mary Ella Hollaway, President, Clark County Education Association (CCEA), stated change was always difficult for people, but to change the proposed calendar without getting input from the public was ill advised.

Mrs. Johnson stated it was about the impact on testing and holidays.

Trustee Edwards stated that it made sense to have spring break right at third quarter rather than link it with a religious holiday. She did not know why the two-year calendar could not be approved and there could be discussion regarding future calendars later on.

Mrs. Janison agreed that she would not be interested in changing what was proposed already because of plans that families had already made, but she suggested more discussion for future planning regarding having a two-week break and then having students returning back to school to take tests.

Mrs. Moulton suggested taking the two items separately because one was regarding spring break and one was regarding winter break.

Ms. Holloway cautioned that the Board also should consider the summertime was when teachers go back to school which could pose a problem.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated that with regard to Mrs. Janison's comments there were two provisions in the negotiated agreement which would need to be addressed regarding if there was a change in aligning winter break with the end of the first semester.

Mrs. Janison requested an educational process for the Board on how calendars and breaks were negotiated and put together.

APPROVE ITEMS 5.06 AND 5.07

Approval of Items 5.06 and 5.07, as follows.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton

Mrs. Moulton requested an agenda item for January 7, 2008, regarding Governor Jim Gibbons' cuts.

Mrs. Johnson encouraged all Board members to speak individually with Dr. Rulfes next week regarding issues they deem important.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Mrs. Moulton left the Board meeting at 12:50 p.m.

APPROVE ITEMS 5.06 AND 5.07 (continued)

Trustee Edwards requested that staff begin discussions to find out what is or is not doable regarding holiday and spring breaks.

APPROVE ITEMS 5.06 AND 5.07 (continued)

Mrs. Johnson stated there was quite a bit of time for those discussions.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

Mrs. Moulton was not present for the vote.

Mr. Hoffman stated an appropriate next step might be to modify the beginning and end dates for the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He proposed that the chief negotiator mention that to the CCEA and see if they wished to change the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

APPROVE PROPOSED 2008-2009 AND 2009-2010 NINE-MONTH SCHOOL CALENDARS

Approval to adopt the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 calendars for nine-month schools, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

APPROVE PROPOSED 2008-2009 AND 2009-2010 CALENDARS FOR SUPPORT STAFF, SCHOOL POLICE, AND UNIFIED EMPLOYEES

Approval to adopt the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 calendars for support staff, school police, and unified employees, as recommended in Reference 5.07.

ADJOURNED: 12:55 p.m.

Motion: Janison Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Moulton was not present for the vote.