

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, September 25, 2008

4:01 p.m.

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

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Scow announced that Mr. Mason was presently attending NALEO – Education Summit.

INVOCATION

Mrs. Moulton performed the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Desert Pines High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Items 7.07 and 7.08, and move Item 7.01 to follow Item 3.03 as 3.03a.

Motion: Edwards Second: Janison

Trustee Edwards asked that staff revisit the lease in Item 7.07 in terms of the amount and present negotiations.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meeting – August 18, 2008

Motion: Janison Second: Moulton

APPROVE MINUTES (continued)

Mrs. Johnson announced that she would abstain from the vote because she was not present at the August 18, 2008, Board meeting.

Vote on Mrs. Janison's motion: Yeses – 4 (Scow, Janison, Edwards, Moulton); Abstain – 1 (Johnson)

The motion passed.

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

STUDENT REPORTS

Jessica Plambeck, student body president at Clark High School, Larry Mason, District D trustee; Dominique Richard, student body president at Las Vegas Academy, Shirley Barber, District C trustee; and Amanda Pringle, student body president at Spring Valley High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

PRESENTATION OF HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA AWARDS

Presentation on the Career and Technical Student Organization, Health Occupations Students of America Award winners from the 2008 Leadership Conference held in July 2008. Vicki Smith, Medical Magnet Program Advisor, Rancho High School, Clark County School District.

Ms. Smith gave a brief overview of the history and purpose of the organization. She presented the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) with awards. Students Amanda Gracia and Stephanie Mendizabal spoke about the activities, experiences, and benefits of the HOSA program.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Presentation on the Communities in Schools programs offered in several Clark County schools. Louise Helton, State Director, Communities in Schools, and Jessica Bretzlaff, Executive Director, Communities in Schools of Southern Nevada.

Ms. Helton and Ms. Bretzlaff presented a brief history and an update on the Communities in Schools (CIS) program. Their presentation also included the goals and objectives of the program and CIS initiatives.

PRESENTATION OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS INSTITUTE FOR MATH AND SCIENCE

Dr. Edward Goldman, Associate Superintendent, Education Services Division, gave a brief history of the United States Marine Corps Junior ROTC program. His presentation of the Marine Corps Institute included school facts, such as school location, staffing, and U.S. Marine Corps requirements; academic requirements; student enrollment; student attire; extra-curricular programs; college prep curriculum; and goals of the institute.

AUTHORIZE MARINE CORPS JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS SCHOOL

Authorization to submit and implement the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Clark County School District and the United States Marine Corps to establish a Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps school named the Marine Corps Institute for Math and Science, and for the superintendent of schools to sign the document, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Mrs. Janison asked for confirmation that this school would be a Choice School.

Dr. Goldman stated this school would not be a behavioral school and students would not be sent to this school. He added that students who may be wavering and in need of a more structured and disciplined educational environment may benefit from this school and may be encouraged to apply to this school.

Mrs. Janison asked what portion of the funding would be provided by the school district.

Dr. Goldman responded the \$750,000.00 from the U.S. Marine Corps would provide all things related specifically to the Marine Corps, and the school district would provide staffing, salaries, and pro rata allocations based on enrollment as for any other school.

Mrs. Janison inquired about the location of the school.

Dr. Goldman stated the permanent location would be where Biltmore Continuation High School is currently housed, but the facility would be temporary.

Mrs. Johnson inquired about the budget for the proposed institute.

Dr. Goldman explained that the initial step was to enter the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Marine Corps to let them know that the district is interested so that they may begin taking steps to provide the school and students with what they will need. He stated the facility is currently an operational school, though it may need some adjustments, and that the Marine Corps has given the district a two-year hiatus to utilize this site without committing to a more comprehensive site. He stated staff hoped to secure funding for the facility sketched by the Facilities Department through grants from the federal government or ask the Board to include this school in the bond program in two years. He explained that other costs would be the same as any other school in the district.

Motion to postpone a decision and move this item to the next Board meeting, to gather more information on the facility including costs in all scenarios and a budget for the program, and to have a chance for the public to ask questions about the program.

Motion: Johnson Second: Moulton

AUTHORIZE MARINE CORPS JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS SCHOOL

(continued)

Dr. Goldman alerted the Board that the Marine Corps was on a strict timeline but agreed to provide the information requested at the next Board meeting,

Mrs. Moulton stated she is concerned with the funding for this program in the face of significant budget cuts. She inquired about transportation issues potentially related to a program open to students throughout the district.

Dr. Goldman explained that while this program is not restricted to any one zone and is open to students throughout the district, there is no transportation commitment tied to this program.

Mrs. Moulton noted that as a school of only 600 students, it would require more students to be able to offer more programs.

Dr. Goldman explained that this particular program is very specific and restrictive, and there would be no expansion of programs.

Trustee Edwards asked Dr. Goldman to respond to the following questions when this comes back before the Board: What the cost would be over and above the per-pupil funding currently allocated; how would transportation be provided and would it be similar to a magnet school; how would students participate in sports; would there be Advance Placement (AP) classes offered other than math and science; would there be an opportunity to approve subsequent issues after this initial decision as they are presented; who would own the building; and who would be responsible for the liability of the building. She asked if the school would reside in Dr. Goldman's program or region.

Dr. Goldman responded that the region in which this school resides would be left to the discretion of the Superintendent. He did answer that it was staff's intent to bring information back to the Board as new developments occur.

Trustee Edwards applauded staff for their efforts with regard to this program but said it would have been more helpful to the Board to have been given information related to the program more in advance.

Mrs. Janison clarified that Dr. Rulfes forwarded a memorandum to Board members informing them of this discussion. She stated she would be in support of approving the MOU at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Edwards asked for clarification from legal counsel regarding the MOU.

AUTHORIZE MARINE CORPS JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS SCHOOL

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Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Department, explained that the MOU establishes the working relationship that the district and Board would be agreeing to; that is, the program and what that program encompasses, such as the curriculum, the requirement of uniforms, the size of the school, et cetera. He stated it is not a commitment of expenditure of funds.

Trustee Edwards asked how binding the MOU would be.

Mr. Hoffman answered that he believed the Board could discontinue the program any time in the future should it become necessary.

Mrs. Johnson added the following questions to the list of information that would be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting: She inquired about U.S. Marine Corps personnel coming to the school for inspections, as outlined in the MOU, and details surrounding those inspections as they relate to the school district. She asked if the school's math and science curriculum would require any additional programs. She asked if the budget information could include the sources of revenue. She stated her concern with bringing this item back in one week is that she wanted to assure that the public would be able to offer feedback and ask questions. She offered an amendment to the motion that included a commitment from staff to reach out to the public and get information out to the public on this issue.

Dr. Ruffes stated there are some uncertainties surrounding the program, and he asked if the Board would allow him to send a correspondence to the U.S. Marine Corps expressing the Board's interest in the program but stating there are numerous details and some uncertainties, which he would outline, and ask that the program be kept on track allowing staff to provide the Board with adequate information.

Dr. Goldman invited the trustees to visit a similar school in Chicago, which is currently the only school in the nation of its kind.

Mrs. Janison suggested the Superintendent should forward the letter to the U.S. Marine Corps, and the discussion should move forward to the next Board meeting for the Board to receive information and to allow the public to give input and ask questions.

*Vote on Mrs. Johnson's motion: Yeses – 4 (Scow, Edwards, Johnson, Moulton); No – 1 (Janison)
The motion passed.*

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

RECOGNITION OF THE CCSD BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Sharla Hales, president of the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB), recognized and commended the CCSD Board of School Trustees for their involvement in the NASB.

RECOGNITION AWARD FROM THREE SQUARE

Trustee Edwards asked that Mrs. Scow present Dr. Ruffes and Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, with a recognition award from Three Square for the district's partnership with the Three Square organization.

RECOGNITION AWARD FROM THE LAS VEGAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Trustee Edwards and Mrs. Scow presented Tom Axtell, General Manager, Vegas PBS, and Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division, with the BIZ E award from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce in recognition of becoming finalists in the Green Business of the Year category, particularly for the new Vegas PBS building. The Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce states the BIZ E awards "celebrate innovation, entrepreneurial excellence, and small business expertise in our community."

RECESS: 6:05 p.m.

RECONVENE: 6:25 p.m.

Trustee Edwards recognized members of the Student Advisory Council to the Board present at the Board meeting.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Mr. Mason was connected at 6:26 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, except taking Item 5.11 separately.

Motion: Johnson Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED, OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANTS – SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Authorization to employ various consultants, including the following four which are current employees: Rosa Contreras, Amigo Learning Center Program Director and teacher at Ronnow ES; Martha Valdez, Amigo Learning Center Academic Director and teacher at Ronnow ES; Maya Richardson, Teaching 4 Excellence Program, Coordinator and teacher at Cambiero ES; and Paula Barry, State Coordinator at Si2 and teacher at Elizondo ES. These consultants will provide tutoring services at an approximate cost of \$1,373.00 per student, for an approximate total cost of \$6,060,338.00, effective September 26, 2008, through June 30, 2009, to be paid by Fund 0280, G6633015608, Functional Area F01001000, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

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 5.02.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ unified personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351, 4353, 4355, 4357, and Articles 16-3, 16-5, 16-7, 16-8, and 16-9 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association), as recommended in Reference 5.05.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$14,096,425.64, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$3,499,433.15 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.07.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #05-08-09 in the total amount of \$74,944,049.09, as recommended in Reference 5.08.

APPROVE VEGAS PBS - PLEDGE DRIVE FUND-RAISING INCENTIVES

Approval to purchase discounted tickets for concert performances that will be offered during on-air pledge drives from either sole-source local vendors or tour promotion companies who have signed exclusive program distribution agreements with Vegas PBS, at an approximate total cost of \$300,000.00, effective September 26, 2008, through June 30, 2009, to be reimbursed from nondistrict funds secured through Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television to Fund 2200000000, Cost Center 2022008140, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.09.

APPROVE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, PLUMBING MODERNIZATION AND KITCHEN UPGRADE, LEWIS E. ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to select the engineering firm of Sigma Mechanical Engineering Consultants to provide engineering design services in order to solicit bids to support the plumbing modernization and kitchen upgrade at Lewis E. Rowe Elementary School in the amount of \$81,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000484, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.10.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT, VEGAS PBS AND THE DISTANCE EDUCATION CENTER

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Benchmark Roof and Pavement Consulting, Inc. in support of the roofing systems at Vegas PBS and the Distance Education Center in the amount of \$58,940.00 to be allocated and paid per project; for the Distance Education Center, from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001524; for Vegas PBS, from the previously authorized medium-term financing allocation, Fund 3300000000, Project C0000915; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.12.

APPROVE PERMANENT EASEMENT, TRAFFIC SIGNAL, INTERSECTION LIGHTING FACILITIES AND PEDESTRIAN POLE, TO CLARK COUNTY, AT RUBEN P. DIAZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to grant Clark County a permanent easement located across the northwestern portion of the Ruben P. Diaz Elementary School for the installation of a traffic signal, intersection lighting facilities, and a pedestrian pole, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference 5.13.

APPROVE PERMANENT EASEMENT, TRAFFIC SIGNAL, INTERSECTION LIGHTING FACILITIES AND PEDESTRIAN POLE, TO CLARK COUNTY, AT JACK LUND SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant Clark County a permanent easement located across the eastern portion of the Jack Lund Schofield Middle School for the installation of a traffic signal, intersection lighting facilities, and a pedestrian pole, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference 5.14.

APPROVE PERMANENT EASEMENT, TRAFFIC SIGNAL, INTERSECTION LIGHTING FACILITIES AND PEDESTRIAN POLE, TO CLARK COUNTY, AT CHARLES SILVESTRI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant Clark County a permanent easement located across the northern portion of the Charles Silvestri Middle School for the installation of a traffic signal, intersection lighting facilities, and a pedestrian pole, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND SCHOOL MODERNIZATION, JAMES B. McMILLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and school modernization at the James B. McMillan Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0011879, 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 CONTRACT AWARD: REMOVE AND REPLACE ATHLETIC COURTS, VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the removal and replacement of athletic courts at Virgin Valley High School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0005124 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.

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 \$264,822.25 for Tom Williams Elementary School Replacement (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation); Mark L. Fine Elementary School (JMA Architects, Inc.); East Career and Technical Academy (SH Architecture); Unnamed High School located at 2575 North Los Feliz Street (Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects and Acclaim Materials Testing & Inspection LLP); and Ernest Becker and Grant Sawyer Middle Schools and Cheyenne High School (Petty & Associates, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.18.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$2,459,348.47 plus additional days to the construction contracts to Construct the Unnamed High School located at 2575 North Los Feliz Street and Legacy High School (CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc.); Construct Distance Education Center and Vegas PBS (Martin Harris Construction); and Plumbing and Electrical Modernization at Vail Pittman Elementary School (Cobblestone Construction), as recommended in Reference 5.19.

APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE NEVADA HEALTH CENTERS, INC.

Approval to grant a First Amendment to the Cooperative Use Agreement that Clark County School District entered into with the Nevada Health Centers, Inc. (NVHC) on March 10, 2005; and to grant permission and assist NVHC with relocating their school-based health center from the west side of the Roy W. Martin Middle School to the northwest area of the site, for which NVHC has agreed to reimburse the district approximately \$30,000.00 upon receipt of a community development block grant, and to continue operating their school-based health center on the Roy W. Martin Middle School campus, at no cost to the district; and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

Motion to accept with the condition that the service agreement has not changed and that this only serves as a legal document that describes the movement of the facility due to the damage caused by fire.

Motion: Johnson Second: Mason Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 6.02

Approval of Items 6.01 and 6.02, as follows:

Motion: Johnson Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY E-1

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-1: Global Mission, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on October 23, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.01. Any changes made to this policy will be reflected in the 2008-2009 evaluation period.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY E-2.

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2: Academic Achievement, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on October 23, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.02. Any changes made to this policy will be reflected in the 2008-2009 evaluation period.

APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – EL-7: EMERGENCY SUPERINTENDENT SUCCESSION – 2007-2008.

Approval regarding the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-7: Emergency Superintendent Succession – 2007-2008, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Motion to accept in compliance.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – EL-9: COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS – 2007-2008

Approval regarding the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-9: Compensation and Benefits – 2007-2008, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

Trustee Edwards commented that for the first paragraph, "With respect to employment, compensation, benefits..." no comment or supporting data accompanies the Superintendent's interpretation. She stated she believed it is important to have a comment in that area and again for number 1 at the bottom of page 2 of 3. She asked, with regard to the last sentence, "Furthermore, this provision directs the Superintendent to ensure controls are in place that would not allow any employee to alter his or her compensation and/or benefits," what measures are in place to ensure those controls.

Dr. Rulfes asked permission to bring this item back to be able to include the requested information.

APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – EL-9: COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS – 2007-2008

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Jeffrey Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Operations Division, stated that staff inadvertently omitted some language that should have been included regarding those issues raised by Trustee Edwards. He stated this information would also be included in the auditors' report coming this November.

Mrs. Johnson asked for a timeline as to when the Board should expect to receive that additional information.

Dr. Rulfes stated he could provide that information to the Board within a week.

Mrs. Scow asked if the timing of this review of policies works congruously with the auditors' report.

Mr. Weiler responded that the auditors' report would be inclusive of the 2008 fiscal year which would be July of 2007 through June 2008.

Trustee Edwards asked the Superintendent to include in his forthcoming information what the processes and procedures are referred to on page 3 of 3, "It is the duty of the Superintendent to ensure, through proper process and procedure,..."

Motion to bring EL-9: Compensation and Benefits – 2007-2008 back to the next Board meeting.

Motion: Edwards Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – EL-10: COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT TO THE BOARD – 2007-2008

Approval regarding the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-10: Communication and Support to the Board – 2007-2008, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

Trustee Edwards referred to the statement on page 9 of 13, number 10, under Supporting Data/Information, "In respect to this policy provision, the Board will likely concur..." She stated the Superintendent should provide data that shows what those means are and asked that he provide that information next week as well.

Motion to bring this item back before the Board next week.

Motion: Edwards Second: Johnson

Mrs. Janison agreed that as a public document, supporting data would be beneficial for the public.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.05, 7.06, AND 7.10

Approval of Items 7.05, 7.06, and 7.10, as follows:

Motion: Edwards Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE TO REPEAL CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 5155

Approval to repeal Clark County School District Policy 5155, Junior Traffic Patrols – Safety, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

APPROVE TO REPEAL CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5155

Approval to repeal Clark County School District Regulation 5155, Junior Traffic Patrols – Safety, as recommended in Reference 7.06.

APPROVE VOLUNTARY RESOLUTION AGREEMENT

Approval of the Voluntary Resolution Agreement regarding the U.S. Department of Education OCR Complaint #10081154 and authorization for Walt Rulffes, Superintendent, to sign the necessary document(s), as recommended in Reference 7.10.

APPROVE UPDATE ON K-12 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Approval regarding an update on K-12 budget reductions, and possible legal action in response to such reductions.

Mr. Weiler briefly stated district staff continues to develop budget cuts; that administrators have been instructed to develop proposed 12 percent reductions in their departments; that feedback is being gathered from various principal groups; and that a survey would be going out to the principals to gather further input.

Mrs. Scow commended staff for their work during this budget crisis, and she mentioned the difficulties schools are facing because of the textbook cuts.

Trustee Edwards asked if staff planned to address this information in public at some point. She stated the 15 percent reduction in the textbook budget seems to have had a more significant impact on the schools than originally anticipated.

Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, stated the principals would be working with their stakeholders to complete the survey described by Mr. Weiler. She explained that the district would be attempting to restore half of what was taken from the textbook and instructional supply dollars at the onset of the school year with the second allocation that would be coming this October.

Mrs. Janison asked for clarification regarding this allocation.

Mr. Weiler explained that because of some efficiencies from last year's budget, staff would be proposing to use those extra dollars to restore half of what was cut from the textbook and supply dollars.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

School Safety Concerns – Cora Taylor-Millender

Ms. Taylor-Millender spoke on behalf of her son and addressed an incident which jeopardized her son's safety.

Mrs. Scow asked that Dr. Rulfes speak with Ms. Taylor-Millender.

West Prep Academy – Kathy McManus

Ms. McManus requested information concerning procedures for Spanish-speaking parents to be able to speak at Board meetings. She stated she attended the recent Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meeting, and she asked if West Prep Academy could be considered for a new campus. She stated parents had been signing a petition asking the district to build a new facility for West Prep Academy.

Campaign Concerns – Ronan Matthew

Mr. Matthew presented the Board with an invitation for a program to welcome new African-American teachers to the district and accused the district of using district funds to support his opponent for candidacy for Board of School Trustees member for District C. He suggested that this event should take place after November 4, 2008.

Trustee Edwards assured Mr. Matthew that The New African-American Teachers' (NAAT) Cultural Connections Program and Reception is and has been an annual program, and this program would not be a forum for campaigning. She stated it would be helpful for Ms. McManus to understand the process and changes that have taken place with the bond.

Mr. Mason spoke positively about the program to which Mr. Matthew referred.

Regarding West Prep Academy, Mrs. Moulton suggested possibly placing some of the kindergarteners in nearby schools that have space as opposed to having them in portables.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Scow stated Mrs. Johnson requested an agenda item to have a discussion regarding districtwide rezoning at the October 21, 2008, Board's special meeting.

Mrs. Johnson inquired about a facilities work session at which the extension of the bond program would be discussed.

Mr. Weiler stated there is a work session tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2008.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards commented that she attended and enjoyed numerous open houses; that she went to Goodsprings to visit CCSD's oldest school; that she attended Sawyer Middle School's International Peace Day event. She reminded everyone that Assemblywoman Barbara Buckley would be holding a town hall meeting on Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Spring Valley High School to discuss the financial crisis the state is facing. She commented on two author events she attended hosted by children's book author and illustrator Mark Ludy at Silverado High School and Wiener Elementary School. She stated that she visited and toured C. T. Sewell Elementary School.

Mrs. Moulton informed Board members, Superintendent Rulfes, and staff that the Parks and Recreation committee is working on an expansion and revitalization of Sunset Park, and they have also instituted the Parks Ambassador program. She stated in her visits to open houses she had noticed significant class sizes. She reported on the recent School Name Committee meeting for the new Northeast region school and the recent Audit Committee meeting. She stated the Audit Committee requested that a member of the committee be allowed to sit on the Request For Proposal (RFP) process for the external auditors. She stated the Audit Committee would also like a representative present when the Board president meets with the external auditors. She asked how the Board would like to proceed with those requests.

Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, advised the Board that the discussion and decision would need to be brought back as an agenda item.

Mrs. Moulton requested that this issue be placed on the October 2, 2008, Board meeting agenda.

Mrs. Janison shared that she and Dr. Kohut-Rost attended the 9/11 memorial for Barb Edwards who was a teacher at Palo Verde High School. She reported on the School Safety Committee meeting, the Jesse Scott new school ribbon cutting ceremony, a chamber luncheon she and Trustee Edwards attended together, open houses she had attended, the Public Education Dinner, the Adelson School open house, and the new administration ceremony for those individuals who have moved into new positions. She announced that she would be giving opening remarks at the Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) ceremony at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino Las Vegas on September 26, 2008.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Janison asked Dr. Rulfes to comment on the joint press conference held today by himself and Sheriff Douglas Gillespie.

Dr. Rulfes stated Fight Crime: Invest in Kids is a program sponsored by the law enforcement agencies throughout the country, and it focuses on the link between early childhood education and crime prevention. He stated the press conference was held to emphasize the importance of early childhood education.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Edwards commented that she believed the Board was very focused at tonight's meeting, and she felt this was an exceptional meeting in terms of the discussion and the focus on the children. She stated she felt the Board was very proactive rather than reactive.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION (continued)

Dr. Rulfes announced that he had agreed to host a reception with the national Parent Teacher Association (PTA) president and chief financial officer (CFO) and invited the Board members to attend.

ADJOURN: 7:23 p.m.

Motion: Edwards Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous