

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, November 20, 2008

4:03 p.m.

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

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

INVOCATION

Major William Raihl, Salvation Army, gave the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Eldorado High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 5.02, and notice revised backup material for Items 5.12 through 5.15.

Motion: Janison Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Johnson was not present for the vote.

STUDENT REPORTS

Alexis Merz, student body president at Eldorado High School, Sheila Moulton, District G trustee; Ariel Hendrix, student body president at Green Valley High School, Mary Beth Scow, District A trustee; and Alejandro Sandoval, student representative at Mojave High School High School, Ruth Johnson, District B 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

Courtney Kinsel, vice chair of the Student Advisory Committee, reported on the recent meeting of the Student Council Advisory Committee. She gave a recap of discussions held at their meeting, including AP exams, pay-to-play, open enrollment, and school start times.

PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, NOVEMBER 16–22, KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE CAP

Presentation and recognition of the Clark County School District's commitment to education. Trustees Ruth Johnson and Sheila Moulton.

Mrs. Moulton gave a brief history of American Education Week and how the district celebrates the public school system. She stated this year's theme was Keep Your Eye on the CAP (climate, achievement, participation). A brief slideshow of graduation celebrations in CCSD was shown.

PRESENTATION OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION HALL OF FAME AWARDS

Presentation of the 2008 Excellence in Education Hall of Fame recipients. Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, Clark County School District.

Mrs. Haldeman gave a brief history of the Excellence in Education Hall of Fame. She presented the recipients of the 2008 Excellence in Education Hall of Fame awards. The award recipients were: the Advance Placement (AP) program at Ed W. Clark High School, Ronnie Smith; Cheyenne High School, Dr. Jeffrey Geihs; International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Valley High School, Dr. Roy Montoya and Tony Gebbia; Donna Minser, Teacher at Coronado High School; Parents as Academic Leaders (PALS) program, Robert Alfaro; Lisa Primas, Principal at Paul E. Culley Empowerment School; Trustee Mary Beth Scow; and Karyn Wright, Director of the Teacher Induction and Mentoring Department, Human Resources Division.

Mrs. Moulton introduced Sam Kiki, a student at Green Valley High School, who gave a speech encompassing his experience in the Clark County School District and embodying the CAP.

RECESS: 5:03 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:36 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED

Trustee Edwards acknowledged the musical presentation given during the recess by the Desert Oasis High School Choir. Board members thanked the students; Emil Wozniak, Principal; Brad Pierson, Music Specialist; and Jolene Wallace, Region Superintendent.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Mrs. Haldeman presented the Nevada Association of School Board (NASB) award for School Administrator of the Year to Ms. Primas.

Mrs. Scow announced that Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman issued a proclamation to the CCSD in recognition of American Education Week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Warrants – Karen Gray

Mrs. Gray asked the Board for the backup material for the warrants. She stated she requested a copy of a memo distributed at the November 18, 2008, special Board meeting.

Mrs. Scow asked that Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, provide that information to Mrs. Gray.

Trustee Edwards stated all backup material should be provided to the public.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, except taking Item 5.10 separately.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Mason were not present for the vote.

AUTHORIZE NEVADA READING FIRST TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG)

Authorization to submit and implement the federally funded Reading First Targeted Assistance Grant, under the Nevada Department of Education in the amount of \$2,670,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, effective December 1, 2008, to September 30, 2009, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

APPROVE CREDIT TOWARD GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL FOR COURSES TAKEN THROUGH THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Approval of high school credit for courses taken concurrently through the Nevada System of Higher Education by high school students, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

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 5.04.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ unified personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulation 4355 and Articles 16-5 and 16-7 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association), as recommended in Reference 5.07.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$10,890,124.89, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.08.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #10-08-09 in the total amount of \$167,679,077.29, as recommended in Reference 5.09.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT, CIMARRON-MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a fire alarm replacement at Cimarron-Memorial High School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012003, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: MATTHEW B. WALLACE TRANSPORTATION CENTER, BUS WASH/WATER RECLAMATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center, Bus Wash/Water Reclamation System Improvements, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001548, 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 CONTRACT AWARD: REMODEL EXISTING BUILDING, 4220 MCLEOD DRIVE

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to remodel the facility located at 4220 McLeod Drive, to be paid from Fund 3300000000, Project C00011998, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.13.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: CENTRAL PLANT MODERNIZATION, ERNEST BECKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a central plant modernization at Ernest Becker Middle School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0011340, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.14.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: CENTRAL PLANT MODERNIZATION, GRANT SAWYER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a central plant modernization at Grant Sawyer Middle School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0011347, 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.

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 \$99,386.60 for the Career and Technical Academy Prototype (Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects), Mark L. Fine Elementary School (JMA Architects, Inc.), and Vegas PBS and Distance Education Center (Benchmark Roof and Pavement Consulting, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.16.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$196,844.30 to the construction contracts to Construct Jesse D. Scott Elementary School and Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo, Sr. Middle School (Pace Contracting Co.), Vocational Lab Conversion at the Southeast Career and Technical Academy (Ryan Mechanical, Inc.), and HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing Modernization at C. V. T. Gilbert Elementary School (C G & B Enterprises, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.17.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Approval to amend the Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws, as recommended in Reference 5.10.

Mrs. Moulton stated she had a concern with section 6, on page 3 of 7, "After three unexcused absences within a 12-month period, the chair may present to the Board of School Trustees a recommendation to replace that committee appointment." She stated she would prefer that it read, "...the chair will present in writing to the Board of School Trustees..."

Motion that the language be amended as directed by Mrs. Moulton.

Motion: Moulton Second: Janison

Mrs. Janison asked whether Mrs. Moulton's motion would include, "...recommendation to replace the committee appointment."

Mrs. Scow suggested leaving the language as recommended in Reference 5.10 and adding a statement that says the Board will be notified quarterly or bimonthly of unexcused absences of committee members.

Mr. Gerner offered the language, "After three unexcused absences within a 12-month period, the chair will notify the Board of School Trustees in writing of the unexcused absences and may present to the Board of School Trustees a recommendation to replace the committee appointment."

Mrs. Moulton amended her motion to accept the language proposed by Mr. Gerner.

Mrs. Janison accepted the amendment. She asked for a notification of both excused and unexcused absences.

Mrs. Moulton agreed with Mrs. Janison's amendment.

Vote on Mrs. Moulton's motion was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Manson were not present for the vote.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 6130

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 6130, Assemblies and Public Programs, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 08, 2009, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Mrs. Janison stated Mrs. Johnson recommended the following language under Assemblies and Public Programs: "Printed programs and materials will include a statement that informs parents that the program or assembly is presented in accordance with district policy and regulation." She questioned naming the actual policy and regulation in that language.

Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, stated the actual district policy and regulation is Policy 6130 and Regulation 6130.

Mrs. Janison stated she would prefer to reference the actual policy and regulation.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Mr. Mason arrived at the Board meeting at 5:52 p.m.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 6130 (continued)

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated the policy and regulation number will be referenced specifically on the printed materials that go to parents regarding programs, assemblies, and events, such as the programs, advertisements, and parent newsletters that mention upcoming events.

Mrs. Janison asked if a new employee comes in who may be printing the program material, would he be able to identify the regulation.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated the policy and regulation number would be printed in the administrative guidelines.

Mrs. Moulton asked if this would include sporting events, and in that situation where no printed material was available, would this information still go out to parents regarding the specific policy and regulation.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated the information would only appear if there was printed material for the event, but there could be a directive in the administrative guidelines to include the information in the parent and student handbooks.

Motion to accept.

*Motion: Janison Second: Moulton Vote: Yeses – 4 (Scow, Janison, Edwards, Moulton);
Abstain – 1 (Mason)*

The motion passed.

Mrs. Johnson was not present for the vote.

PUBLIC HEARING, SITE NO. 172

Now is the time and this is the place to hear objections for the lease of site no. 172 located at 6665 West Gary Avenue, Las Vegas, as described in the Resolution of Intent to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement to Lease Real Property to Clark County as approved by the Board of School Trustees, Clark County School District, on October 23, 2008, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Trustee Edwards read the hearing. Mrs. Scow asked if anyone wished to speak on this item. There was no response.

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TO LEASE REAL PROPERTY TO CLARK COUNTY, SITE NO. 172

Approval to lease a 2.06 acre parcel of land located at 6665 West Gary Avenue, Las Vegas, to Clark County, and that a resolution of acceptance be drafted and executed evidencing the same, directing and authorizing Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the lease in compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 277.050, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous
Mrs. Johnson was not present for the vote.*

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.

Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Operations Division, stated staff was in the process of tallying and evaluating public input from the recent town hall meetings. He stated there are additional potential reductions from \$27 million to \$75 million for the current year. He explained that recommendations for those reductions could include, 1) ramping down of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project through reducing the number of consultants, 2) leaving certain nonschool-based open positions vacant, and 3) holding back funding of certain nonsalary accounts which have balances.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Mrs. Johnson arrived at the Board meeting at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVE UPDATE ON K-12 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (continued)

Mr. Weiler continued, stating staff is looking at areas where they may be able to meet those additional potential budget cuts. He announced he would be attending a meeting scheduled for December 3, 2008, in Carson City.

Mrs. Moulton stated she would be interested in seeing the amount of money it is costing the district to work through the state-imposed budget cuts.

APPROVE UPDATE ON K-12 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (continued)

Mrs. Janison stated a suggestion had been made to break attendees of town hall meetings into smaller groups to be able to give their input more efficiently and to be able to more clearly and more specifically identify how reductions or elimination of programs, for example, would impact schools.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Integrated Pest Management – Angel DeFazio

Ms. DeFazio thanked the CCSD Facilities Division for implementing the Integrated Pest Management program. She asked the Board for a mandate for assistance necessary for the success of the program. She suggested that the Facilities Division be provided with raw data for comparison.

Mrs. Scow asked Dr. Rulfes to have staff speak with Ms. DeFazio.

Dr. Rulfes agreed to have a staff member from the Facilities Division follow up with Ms. DeFazio.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS (continued)

Mrs. Haldeman presented awards to the Board members and Dr. Rulfes from the NASB and mentioned a special recognition award received by Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Moulton shared certificates presented to Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Scow from the NASB and from Senator Harry Reid and Senator John Ensign.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Johnson suggested compiling a list of legislation that has been enacted but not funded and requesting a suspension of those programs in light of the state-imposed budget cuts.

Mrs. Moulton recalled a presentation conducted by Mrs. Haldeman to the legislators that showed unfunded mandates in the classroom.

Trustee Edwards noted the discussion of the Washoe bill draft would be held at the December 11, 2008, Board meeting; the Vegas PBS policy would come back for a final amendment; and discussion on the early retirement incentive would come back before the Board on December 11, 2008.

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Johnson reported on the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) meeting that she attended today. She stated the schedule of meetings for next year was approved; the SNRPC is beginning work on census data gathering; she requested that CCSD be allowed to present at the SNRPC meeting in January on budget cuts; and that there was a presentation on Earth Hour which is scheduled to be held March 28, 2009, at 8:30 p.m. She asked if the district would like to participate in Earth Hour and show its support.

Trustee Edwards commented positively on the NASB conference. She stated she attended the National Merit semi-finalist awards. She said she attended the Afterschool All Stars Luncheon and expressed appreciation for those involved in that program.

Mrs. Moulton also commented on the NASB conference and thanked Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Department, and Dr. Karlene McCormick-Lee, Associate Superintendent, Superintendent's Schools, for their presentations. She reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting she attended, stating Parks and Recreation would be increasing their fees and opening their venues to businesses. She announced that she and Mr. Mason would be attending the National Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) meeting in December. She spoke about safety and fitness programs headed by Bill Story and Maggie Sanders.

Mrs. Scow reported on a dropout prevention seminar she attended recently sponsored by the Nevada Public Education Foundation.

Mrs. Janison spoke about the recent Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) meeting she attended. She stated AZAC requested that she mention to the Board the positive programs and activities coming out of the Transportation Department. She reported on the Democratic Black Caucus she and Mrs. Moulton attended. She talked about today's Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) meeting. She stated BOC did not give any approval to move forward and asked for additional information with regard to Revision 13.

Mr. Mason stated he was invited to speak at the National Hispanic Legislative Caucus regarding the CCSD, including growth and the current budget crisis.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Rulfes announced that staff would be providing the Board with the report on E-2: Academic Achievement to be presented at the December 11, 2008, Board meeting.

Mrs. Moulton stated she shared the Quality Assurance Framework at the NASB conference and at the Democratic Black Caucus. She asked if that information within the subgroups would be broken down further to be shared with the different communities if requested.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Mrs. Janison left the Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION (continued)

Mrs. Johnson commended and thanked Dr. Rulfes and Dr. Kohut-Rost.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Mrs. Scow suggested adding another meeting in December in order to accommodate a budget discussion and similar items.

Trustee Edwards inquired about the Prime 6 Schools information requested by the Board.

Dr. Rulfes stated he was unsure of the depth the Board is expecting in the Prime 6 Schools report requested by Mrs. Johnson to come forward by the end of December. He stated in outlining the report, staff found that there are legal issues surrounding the Prime 6 Schools and that the schools interact with magnet schools.

Dr. Kohut-Rost added other areas involved would be looking at the M2M Approved Zone Option and Regulation 5112.

Dr. Rulfes stated he envisioned the report would encompass identification of the issues that needed to be dealt with.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there needed to be some discussion on the legalities associated with Prime 6 Schools.

Mr. Hoffman explained that discussion of Prime 6 would actually be a review of the desegregation plan for the district, which came about as a result of lawsuits. He stated he would prefer to spend some time providing legal information regarding Prime 6 to provide the Board with a thorough understanding of the legal issues.

Mrs. Scow recommended that the Board receive a legal briefing of these issues on December 3, 2008.

Dr. Rulfes explained that staff is not prepared to come forward with any solid recommendations at this point because of the complexity of the legal issues surrounding Prime 6.

It was agreed that the Board would receive a legal briefing on December 3, 2008.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Mr. Mason conducted the Board's monthly debriefing, stating the meeting was well attended, those present were well prepared, and the agenda was adjusted to focus on the Ends. He said he felt the Board was focused on the Ends, participation was balanced, and Board members conveyed viewpoints in a clear and concise manner. He stated he felt the Board deserved a 3.5 in the category, "The decision-making process was understood and implemented appropriately."

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING (continued)

Mr. Mason agreed that work was accomplished, and there was an atmosphere of trust, openness, respect, and courtesy. He contemplated the benefit of adding a separate meeting for presentations to the already full meeting schedule or continuing with the current meeting schedule and layout.

ADJOURN: 7:09 p.m.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Janison was not present for the vote.