

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 11, 2008

4:07 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	
	Ruth Johnson, Member	
	Larry P. Mason, Member	
	Sheila R. Moulton, Member	

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

#### INVOCATION

Brigade Chaplain Mark Shelton, U.S. Army, performed the invocation.

#### FLAG SALUTE

Las Vegas High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ADOPT AGENDA

*Adopt agenda, except move Items 7.01, 7.02, 7.08, and 7.09 to follow Item 4.01 as 4.01a, 4.01b, 4.01c, and 4.01d respectively, hear Item 6.01 in conjunction with Item 7.05, and note revised backup material for Item 5.30.*

*Motion: Janison Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous  
Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.*

#### APPROVE MINUTES

*Special meetings – October 21, 2008; November 5, 2008; November 12, 2008*

*Regular meetings – October 23, 2008; November 6, 2008*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton*

Trustee Edwards noted there was one minor correction staff would make with regard to the minutes of October 23, 2008.

*Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.  
Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.*

#### STUDENT REPORTS

William Harrison, student body president at Del Sol High School, Sheila Moulton, District G trustee; and Jessica Heintz, student first vice president at Foothill 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**

Zhan Okuda-Lim, student body president chairperson, Valley High School, reported on the December 2, 2008, meeting of the Student Council Advisory Committee. He recognized Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Operations Division, for providing insight on the budget situation and Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, for providing insight on school district matters. Some topics of discussion he reported on included the current budget crisis, block scheduling, and common semester exams.

## **PRESENTATION OF KIDERACT STUDENT PROGRAM**

Presentation of the Walter Bracken Magnet Empowerment School's Kideract program and the role students play in giving back to the community. Kathleen Decker, Principal, Bracken Magnet Empowerment School.

The 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students of Walter Bracken Magnet Empowerment School gave an overview of the Kinderact program they participate in, and they spoke of ways The Las Vegas Rotary Club helps their school.

## **RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Kim Boyle, Director, Guidance and Counseling, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, introduced Captain Edward L. Hardeman, Senior ROTC Instructor, Centennial High School.

Captain Hardeman recognized Mr. Brian C. Myli, CCSD Guidance and Counseling Services, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation and plaque by the U.S. Naval Academy.

## **ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED**

Mrs. Scow acknowledged the musical presentation to be given during the recess by Bennett Elementary School Bell Choir. Board members thanked the students; Tim Frye, principal; Cynthia Lang, music specialist; and Andre Denson, region superintendent.

**RECESS:** 4:50 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** 5:28 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Scow recognized the presence of Trustee Elect Deanna Wright.

Mrs. Moulton paid tribute to Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Scow, and Mrs. Johnson, noting tonight was the last official Board meeting they would preside over, addressing each trustee's strengths, and recalling memories of each departing trustee.

Dr. Ruffes expressed his admiration and sincere thanks to the outgoing Board members.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

2008-09 Amended Final Budget and Budget Review – George Ann Ray

Dr. Ray stated she was opposed to cutting block scheduling from high schools because of its benefits, and she expressed concern that secondary leveling was shouldering the burden of the budget cuts and that cuts did not appear equal between elementary and secondary.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

Budget Review – Karen Egger, Marian McHugh, Sarah Mainor, Anthony Hodges, Oren Applequist, Jen Fenerstein, Karen Gray, Todd Faranda, Bo Yealy, Autum Tampa, Jim Haug, Caroline Sanchez-Rangen

Ms. Egger explained the benefits of the library for students and expressed hope that librarians would be retained during budget cuts.

Ms. McHugh addressed the benefits of the secondary librarians and stated there would be much to lose if the district did away with them.

Ms. Mainor requested that cuts should be made at the higher level, not from the schools or classrooms.

Mr. Hodges acknowledged the three trustees who were stepping down. He stated the problem the district was facing was the state and federal government's fault. He expressed support and love for our country and its teachers.

Mr. Applequist stated he performed research on ways the private sector saved money during hard times highlighting his findings as being forced retirement and retirement buyouts.

Ms. Fenerstein expressed support for block scheduling, extracurricular activities, and principal empowerment.

**BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES**

Mr. Mason arrived at the Board meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

Mrs. Gray acknowledged the outgoing trustees. She noted that there were several documents distributed to the Board during this meeting that were not made available to the public, and she requested a copy of all those documents that were related to the budget cuts.

Mr. Faranda spoke in support of block scheduling and felt that removing it from Chaparral High School would be detrimental.

Ms. Yealy expressed disappointment with the budget crisis. She requested that the legislators find a way to rectify the funding crisis in education.

Ms. Tampa noted that her job as a substitute teacher was on the list to be cut and requested that the Board carefully reconsider that cut because the savings would not be realized if the positions have to be refilled.

Mr. Haug suggested CCSD violated the Open Meeting Law (OML) by supplying information this week on the budget to Board members that he had requested since Monday but had not received.

Ms. Sanchez-Rangen stated there were millions of dollars in reserve accounts that are available for use during shortfalls and emergencies in the district.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

Mrs. Johnson recognized Dr. Ray from the Regional Advisory Board. She stated that six parents from Cheyenne High School had called her regarding block scheduling, and she extended concerns on their behalf as they were unable to attend this evening's meeting. She noted that the requests to take cuts during the first round at the administrative level have been honored by 12 percent. She also noted that the reserves referred to by Ms. Sanchez-Rangen were an emergency fund, not a rainy day fund, in order to make payroll and create stability for the district. She expressed appreciation of the passion behind the public's comments. She requested that Dr. Rulffes should review the allegations regarding breach of the OML.

**APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-1: GLOBAL MISSION – 2007-2008**

Approval of the monitoring report for Governance Policy: E-1: Global Mission – 2007-2008.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated she believed this item to be in compliance.

Mrs. Janison briefly explained what a monitoring report is for the public's benefit.

**APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – 2007-2008**

Approval of the monitoring report for Governance Policy E-2: Academic Achievement – 2007-2008.

Dr. Kohut-Rost presented a PowerPoint® presentation regarding the monitoring report for E-2: Academic Achievement – 2007-2008, including a Quality Assurance Framework Introduction, Educational Success Indicators, and Educational Success Indicators, Southwest Region MS Highlight.

Dr. Jolene Wallace, Southwest Region Superintendent, highlighted the benefits of modified scheduling, specifically at Faiss Middle School.

Sue Daellenbach, Academic Manager, Assessment and Accountability, Superintendent's Schools, noted educational success indicators, including a shift in Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and a decrease in percentage of elementary schools.

Ms. Boyle noted an increase in scholarship awards to students and an increase in the number of students eligible for the Millennium Scholarship Program.

Dr. Kohut-Rost spoke of the increases and decreases in percentages regarding reading and writing in the core area of language arts which, overall, indicated growth.

Richard Carranza, Northwest Region Superintendent, spoke of the highlights in language arts writing in the Northwest Region. He noted an overall decrease in writing scores for the district but an increase in writing scores in the Northwest Region.

Robert Alfaro, East Region Superintendent, spoke regarding language arts, specifically English Language Learners (ELL) in the East Region, noting that professional development and parental involvement were the keys to success.

**APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – 2007-2008 (continued)**

Jhone Ebert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, spoke of the continuing increase in mathematics achievement at the 4<sup>th</sup>- through 6<sup>th</sup>-grade levels, and she noted a slight decrease in the first-time pass rate.

Dr. Andre Denson, Southeast Region Superintendent, spoke of the gains from last year to this year in the achievement gap in mathematics within the Southeast Region and the support received to achieve these gains.

Ms. Ebert spoke of the growth in achievement levels in science and in fine and performing arts.

Ms. Boyle spoke of the programs offered in student recognition and character traits which increased citizenship marks of students at the secondary level.

Dr. Karlene McCormick-Lee, Associate Superintendent, Superintendent's Schools, spoke of the area of Climate – Treatment of Staff, Students, and Parents, noting a decrease in percentage of students, staff, and parents reporting overall satisfaction with the school as reported on districtwide surveys. She also noted a decrease in parents responding in the 2007-2008 surveys with most of the parents who did respond coming from the elementary school level.

Dr. Kohut-Rost continued the PowerPoint® presentation summarizing the indicators in the Quality Assurance Framework. She thanked teachers, support staff, and those involved in presenting information this evening. She noted that some information on page 3 of the monitoring report had been overlooked and reviewed and clarified the figures illustrated on that page. She stated that the E-2: Academic Achievement monitoring report was in compliance.

Mrs. Johnson thanked staff for their presentation. She questioned whether the citizenship grade actually identified the list of character traits in the policy or whether it was assigned by the teacher, and she also questioned how teachers were being trained to look for those traits when assigning the grade.

Ms. Boyle responded that grades were assigned by the teacher, and it depended on the programs at each school.

Mrs. Johnson requested more information on how the character trait program was implemented.

*Motion to accept Items 7.01 and 7.02 in compliance.*

*Motion: Johnson                      Second: Edwards*

Trustee Edwards asked what the figure 39.6 represented on page 14 of 28.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated there was a change in the criteria by which ELL students exit and that an explanation should have been inserted.

Dr. Norberta Anderson, Director I, English Language Learner (ELL) Program, Student Support Services Division, explained exiting was no longer tracked for the state and that only progress and students who were moving into level 4 and 5 were being monitored currently.

**APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – 2007-2008 (continued)**

Trustee Edwards questioned when tracking the Gifted and Talented Education program (GATE), should the criteria for who should be tested be evaluated.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated there was a GATE initiative, and she believed it would be included as part of a grant application during tonight's meeting.

Trustee Edwards requested that the criteria be looked into, especially with regard to proportional ethnicity.

Mrs. Moulton asked Mr. Carranza whether writing was scored for the Criterion Reference Tests (CRTs) and requested clarification whether Mock was scored across the district for consistency.

Mr. Carranza responded that the intention was to develop consistency in the scoring across the region.

Mrs. Moulton asked whether the quality assurance information was broken down by region and whether it would be accessible.

Dr. Kohut-Rost noted the monitoring report for the whole district had been presented and was posted on the website.

Mrs. Moulton expressed support of the motion.

Mrs. Scow expressed appreciation of the monitoring reports presented. She questioned whether cutting the Norm-Referenced Tests (NRT) would be detrimental.

Dr. Kohut-Rost responded there would be no concerns related to cutting the NRT.

Mrs. Janison expressed appreciation with the way the information was presented. She expressed concern with the percentage of people filling out the surveys and hoped to see those numbers to rise.

Trustee Edwards suggested that, in the future, the summary should include a comparison of other years.

Mr. Mason thanked staff for their presentations. He asked Mr. Alfaro what the average length of time was for students to go from level 1 to 5 in the ELL program and the percentage of those students.

Mr. Alfaro responded when a student gets to level 4 or 5, it becomes more difficult, and that by level 5 a child should be functional in a classroom and should have enough education to progress.

Mr. Mason questioned whether there was a policy that dictated that a child be out of the ELL program by a specified level.

Dr. Anderson responded there was no specific policy that dictates when a child must exit the ELL program, but basic research shows that generally it was within five to seven years.

Mr. Mason requested that information by region.

Dr. Anderson agreed to supply the requested information.

**APPROVE MONITORING REPORT – E-2: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT – 2007-2008 (continued)**

Mrs. Scow recognized and thanked Marsha Irvin, Northeast Region Superintendent, for her service with CCSD and noted she would be leaving her position as Northeast Region Superintendent.

*Vote on Mrs. Johnson's motion was unanimous.*

**ADOPT 2008-09 AMENDED FINAL BUDGET**

Adoption of the 2008-09 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 7.08.

Jim McIntosh, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Accounting Department, Finance and Operations Division, noted no additional cuts to CCSD were made at the special session. He stated not much had changed since the last work session and requested the Board take action on this item.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Janison Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous*

Dr. Rulfes noted the Amended Final Budget was the final confirmation of the current school year.

**APPROVE BUDGET REVIEW**

Approval of assumptions and conditions for the development of the 2009-10 Tentative Budget, to include a proposed list of potential budget reductions, as recommended in Reference 7.09.

Mr. McIntosh stated that very little had changed since the November work session regarding the major budget assumptions for 2010, except he noted the following: The district would maintain classroom instructional service expenditures at two-thirds of its operational budget; would comply with the governor's request to reduce the district's budget by 14 percent; would suspend Regulation 3110 to hold reserves at 2 percent; and there would be no allowance for cost of living increases.

Mrs. Johnson asked whether the cost of living increase of 4 percent previously agreed to would continue for the next two years, as negotiated.

Mr. McIntosh responded in the affirmative.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Johnson Second: Moulton*

Mrs. Moulton asked what would be the total amount of reserves that would be put towards the cuts and whether there would be any money left in the reserve.

Mr. McIntosh responded in the affirmative.

Mrs. Moulton asked if this was a one-shot decrease.

Mr. McIntosh responded in the affirmative.

Mrs. Moulton asked what the decrease in fuel cost was doing for the district's budget.

**APPROVE BUDGET REVIEW** (continued)

Mr. McIntosh responded it has helped the district in the current year with the cost for the district dropping from \$1.8 million a month at the height of the fuel prices to \$1.2 million in October, and it was continuing to decrease. He stated an offer had been made for a fixed rate contract for fuel, which was being reviewed.

Trustee Edwards requested clarification on the ending fund balance and how it would affect the district's bond rating for the current bond.

Mr. McIntosh explained the ending fund balance and how it related to the current bond rating, noting that CCSD's fund balance was below what most government organizations are required to keep.

Trustee Edwards requested that the district's goal should be, before floating the next bond, to restore the ending fund balance. She questioned whether it was necessary to suspend Policy 3110 and requested that language reflect a one-time waiver rather than a suspension, which could be revisited if necessary. She also requested that the allegation that the district was paying excessive costs for supplies than was necessary should be looked into by the Superintendent.

Mr. Weiler responded that allegations he had received were taken seriously and were investigated.

Trustee Edwards suggested employees come together to take a cut in pay in order not to lose jobs to get past this crisis.

Mr. Mason stated he could not support the 14 percent cut, as indicated in the assumptions. He stated the community, the legislators, and the state needs to support education.

Mrs. Johnson expressed appreciation for Mr. Mason's comments but noted that the Board had the responsibility to make hard decisions, even though it may include such things as programs being taken from students and jobs taken from employees. She congratulated the Board for having the foresight of obtaining and maintaining the ending fund balance and the moral courage to know that it was time to use it.

Dr. Rulfes reminded the Board of its legal responsibility to have a balanced budget, and while he agreed with Mr. Mason and felt the cuts were repugnant, he urged that the Board approve the assumptions. He clarified that he was not asking the Board to approve in this document the list of cuts that have been provided, but that what he gave the Board were the guidelines to move forward with the budget, which the Board has the option to take direction on. He stated the status of the step increases for employees were unknown at this time. He reiterated the guidelines needed to be in place in order to implement the process in January and February.

Mrs. Janison agreed with Mr. Mason that it was time for the Board to stand strong with the legislature moving into the next session and felt strongly that education needs to be funded properly.

Mrs. Moulton agreed with Mrs. Janison's comments and stated she felt step increases for employees were important. She asked whether negotiations were up in June 2009.

Dr. Rulfes responded in the affirmative.

**APPROVE BUDGET REVIEW** (continued)

Mrs. Moulton expressed hope that the legislators would step up and find additional resources. She also expressed support for the motion. She expressed disagreement with Trustee Edwards' comments and stated salary schedules should be retained.

Mrs. Johnson asked when the discussion on specific cuts would take place.

Mr. Weiler stated he was about to make a presentation and follow up with discussion.

Mrs. Scow asked what would be the percentage of the reserve.

Mr. Weiler responded next year's reserve would be reduced by half to one percent equaling \$22 million.

Mrs. Scow expressed support of the motion because of the difficult times.

Mr. Mason questioned why the Board was having to make a decision on assumptions when, under Policy Governance, the Superintendent could make the decision without Board approval.

Trustee Edwards clarified her comments regarding step increases related to nonschool administrators only. She stated the state does not fund education as a priority. She expressed support for the motion.

*Vote on Mrs. Johnson's motion: Yeses – 5 (Johnson, Moulton, Edwards, Scow, Janison); No – 1 (Mason)  
The motion passed.*

Mr. Weiler gave a PowerPoint® presentation on the recommended budget reductions, including, but not limited to, next year's forecast; the original plan; input and suggestions on cuts received from various sources; the original recommendations on reductions; and an outline of the timeline for the reductions and/or cuts.

Mrs. Janison expressed appreciation of the efforts of staff. She stated she was against eliminating block scheduling. She expressed appreciation for the efforts to retain the Advancement Via Individualized Determination Program (AVID) on campuses. She stated she did not see a clear distinction between reducing staffing of schools and allowing schools to make decisions and block scheduling.

Dr. Ruffes noted that reduction in school staffing allocations would be determined by principals according to what would best serve their school. He stated there was contemplation to eliminate funding for literary specialists, which schools could then allocate the funds gained from the elimination of those specialists at their discretion.

Mrs. Janison asked why a high school could not make the decision to keep block scheduling if they could work it out with the funds allocated to them.

Dr. Ruffes responded that within their allocation they could do that, although it would be difficult without the additional 10 percent funding.

Mrs. Janison stated she would like it made clear for the community that a school has the ability to retain block scheduling if they could find a way to keep it within their budget.

**APPROVE BUDGET REVIEW** (continued)

Dr. Kohut-Rost explained if the allocations of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for a school that currently supports block scheduling are cut, and a school can, within its allocation, keep a block schedule, no one would stand in their way.

Mrs. Janison stated she would encourage parents who were in support of that program to take that conversation to their principal. She asked for an example of staffing regarding Formula for Off Ratio Employees (FORE).

Dr. Kohut-Rost explained that years ago the Board made a decision to set aside \$2 million for FORE, which was for support staff positions or hours at the elementary level only based on certain criteria which are allocated yearly.

Mrs. Janison asked, referring to the line item of additional central and region administration cuts at \$3.5 million, if there was a possibility of reorganizing regions.

Dr. Rulfes stated that was under consideration, noting he planned to take advantage of the attrition taking place.

Mrs. Johnson stated she had not seen anything regarding alternative education and asked for research on what other districts or states do with alternative education and whether it could be done at a lesser cost or in an alternative way before deciding to cut jobs or eliminate block scheduling. She requested reconsideration regarding the elimination of block scheduling because of all its benefits for students.

Dr. Rulfes responded that the \$3.5 million addressed the issue of alternative education, and he cautioned that the district needs to brace itself for more cuts. He stated he did not know how to salvage \$11.5 million from block scheduling unless he was directed to do so by the Board.

Mrs. Johnson suggested, if the Superintendent felt block scheduling could not be salvaged, perhaps there could be a compromise in the program, such as going from an eight-period day to a seven-period day. She asked whether the Superintendent would be willing to cut the 21<sup>st</sup> Century requirements if block scheduling were cut.

Dr. Rulfes responded that staffing cuts would still need to be worked out if block scheduling were salvaged and suggested that other options were available.

Mrs. Johnson suggested other considerations, such as larger class size or modified block, but expressed appreciation that schools may be able to work it out.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated she would work with teachers and principals regarding block scheduling to see what could be done and the impacts. She stated the unintended consequences need to be thoroughly analyzed before making decisions.

Mrs. Scow expressed support for cutting block scheduling according to information she received from her district.

## **APPROVE BUDGET REVIEW (continued)**

Mrs. Moulton stated the following: She suggested charging a minor activity fee of perhaps \$20 per student, thereby resulting in a \$3 million gain; she encouraged looking into increasing class sizes in grades 1, 2, and 3; schools choosing to maintain block scheduling should agree to increased class size; and there was a need to encourage and support principals in their school empowerment.

Dr. Rulfes stated he would like to assemble some principals on a committee to come up with a recommendation to implement an activity fee amount, particularly for high schools.

Trustee Edwards stated block schedules were located in the wrong schools and should be where there was a credit deficiency or high dropout rate, and asked the Superintendent to look into an evaluation to determine which schools meet the criteria. She felt this whole discussion was appalling and the legislature needs to hear that these cuts will hurt children.

Mr. Mason stated that any tradeoffs in education would be difficult.

Mrs. Johnson gave a comparison between schools in District A making AYP, noting they were not on block scheduling, as opposed to her district where only one high school was making AYP, noting they were on block scheduling. She stated the Board had previously requested a report of legislative mandates to give an idea where requirements could be suspended or waived in order to relieve some of the burden or at least redistribute resources to the greatest needs, and she recommended, if the Board agreed, to have that list come back by the end of the month.

Mrs. Janison concurred with Mrs. Johnson's request. She felt some assumptions made regarding block scheduling were unfair with relation to AYP. She clarified she was not just fighting for block scheduling for credit retrieval only.

Mrs. Scow stated she felt strongly that if programs were cut, they need to be restored at a later time. She stated block scheduling decisions should be made according to research. She recommended the trustees' travel fund should be reviewed again for further cuts. She stated it would be incumbent upon families to take on more responsibility to empower students to achieve in education.

With regard to Mrs. Johnson's comments regarding bringing a list back by the end of the month, Dr. Rulfes stated that would not help his timing issue because decisions needed to be made by January or February. He also stated if the Board wants to salvage block scheduling and spread cost across the district, he would respect it, although he did not support that idea. He requested that the Board bring back the other options for tradeoff if it wished to salvage block scheduling. He stated if the Board took no action, he would proceed based on the schedule that was presented. He requested official direction from the Board.

Mrs. Janison stated so long as it would be communicated to schools that they would be empowered to eliminate block or not, staffed at 97 percent, she would support moving forward, but not eliminating block totally.

Mrs. Moulton asked for a response regarding increasing class size in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

Dr. Rulfes responded if principals wished to increase class size by one, the district would submit a waiver, although he noted it may not be approved by the state.

RECESS: 9:07 p.m.

RECONVENE: 9:15 p.m.

**APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*Approval of consent agenda.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous*

**AUTHORIZE ENVISIONING MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS –  
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Authorization to submit and implement the Envisioning Mathematics Achievement for Elementary Students Project, through the Nevada Department of Education, under the Mathematics and Science Partnership Program, Title IIB, of the No Child Left Behind Act, in the amount of \$365,994.05, to be paid from Fund 0280, Unit 0137, from March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

**AUTHORIZE INNOVATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM STRATEGIES – NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND  
ACT (NCLB) OF 2001, TITLE V PUBLIC LAW 107-110**

Authorization to submit and implement the federally funded Innovative Education Strategies Program under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title V, for a period from December 12, 2008, through June 30, 2009, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 08, Grant 00670, Fund 0280, in the amount of \$964,497.91, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

**AUTHORIZE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM – NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Authorization to submit and implement a grant program through the Nevada Department of Education to enhance career and technical training opportunities for 17- to 24-year-olds attending Desert Rose High School, from December 12, 2008, through June 30, 2009, in the approximate amount of \$73,039.78, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

**APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED, OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – MAD SCIENCE**

Approval to contract with Mad Science to provide Discovery Labs for 70 prekindergarten teachers, students, and parents at 37 Title I sites for 37 days, at the rate of \$925.00 per day and two additional staff development days for 70 teachers to receive resource guides, activity sheets, and step-by-step instruction on teaching science in the classroom, at a rate of \$595.00 per day, at an approximate total cost of \$35,415.00, effective January 14, 2009, through June 19, 2009, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 09, Sponsored Program G6633021709, Sponsored Class 5320000000, Functional Area F10002213, Grant 6633009, Fund 28000000000, with no impact on the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

**APPROVE SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008**

Approval to submit the Southern Nevada Regional Professional Development Program Annual Report 2007-2008 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 5.05.

**APPROVE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE - SUM TOTAL SYSTEMS, INC.**

Approval to purchase yearly maintenance from Sum Total Systems, Inc., for the Pathlore Registration and Tracking System for districtwide use, at an approximate cost of \$56,455.00, effective November 1, 2008, to October 31, 2009, to be paid from Fund 0110, and Cost Center 1010010110, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

**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 5.07.

**APPROVE STUDENT WORK EXEMPTIONS**

Approval of student work exemptions according to NRS 392.110 (Board Policy and Regulation 5114), as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.08.

**APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT**

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

**APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Approval to grant a leave of absence to a unified employee (Regulation 4351), as recommended in Reference 5.10.

**APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351 and 4355 and Articles 16-5 and 16-6 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association), as recommended in Reference 5.11.

**RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS**

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$18,551,580.32, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.12.

**APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS**

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$2,098,200.00 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.13.

**RATIFY WARRANTS**

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #11-08-09 in the total amount of \$142,248,743.40, as recommended in Reference 5.14.

**AUTHORIZE CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE STATE-FUNDED SALARY PROGRAMS**

Authorization to submit and implement the Certified Employee State-Funded Salary Bonus Programs during the 2008-2009 school year to be paid from FY 08, Fund 0279, in the approximate amount of \$3,493,782.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

#### **APPROVE PURCHASING RECOMMENDATION - VEHICLE RENTAL AGREEMENT**

Approval to renew contracts with rental car agencies to allow various schools and departments to rent vehicles in support of approved travel for athletics, interscholastic contests, teacher recruitment, legislative activities, and other properly approved travel expenditures for a term of one year with the option to renew for three one-year extensions, with funding determined by requesting department or school, as recommended in Reference 5.16.

#### **APPROVE ADDITION TO ENGINEER SELECTION LIST**

Approval to add the engineering firms of Walker Engineering, LLC and Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. to the Board-approved Engineer Selection List, as recommended in Reference 5.17.

#### **APPROVE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, SCHOOL MODERNIZATION, CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval to select the architectural firm of Lee and Sakahara Architects, AIA, Inc. to provide architectural design services in order to solicit bids to support the school modernization at Chaparral High School in the amount of \$65,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0012020, 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 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES, WEST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Approval to appoint Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects to provide architectural design services for the construction of the West Career and Technical Academy in the amount of \$3,965,500.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001543, 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.

#### **AUTHORIZE 2007-08 RECAP OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS**

Authorization to include the Recap of Budget Appropriation Transfers Between Governmental Functions in the official Board minutes for the period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, as recommended in Reference 5.20.

#### **APPROVE 2009A REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION**

Approval on repeal of the 2008C Refunding Bond Resolution, adopted on April 10, 2008; adoption of the 2009A Refunding Bond Resolution, authorizing the issuance of general obligation (limited tax) refunding bonds (additionally secured by pledged revenues), Series 2009A, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount necessary to effect the refunding project; and authorization for the Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer to specify the terms of the bonds, as recommended in Reference 5.21.

#### **APPROVE 2009B REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION**

Approval on repeal of the 2008B Refunding Bond Resolution, adopted on April 10, 2008; adoption of the 2009B Refunding Bond Resolution, authorizing the issuance of general obligation (limited tax) refunding bonds, Series 2009B, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount necessary to effect the refunding project; and authorization for the Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer to specify the terms of the bonds, as recommended in Reference 5.22.

**APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES, WEST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Las Vegas Building Commissioning, LLC to provide building commissioning services in support of the West Career and Technical Academy in the amount of \$180,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001543, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.23.

**APPROVE ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES, WEST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Approval to enter into an engineering services agreement with Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical & Environmental for geotechnical services in support of the West Career and Technical Academy in the amount of \$288,942.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001543, and for J.P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.24.

**APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, BETWEEN THE CITY OF MESQUITE AND THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARLES ARTHUR HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Approval to enter into an interlocal agreement to allow the City of Mesquite access to the land/area adjacent to the Charles Arthur Hughes Middle School property, 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 5.25.

**APPROVE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AT 4170 AND 4190 MCLEOD DRIVE**

Approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District two easements located on the west boundary of the facility located at 4170 and 4190 McLeod Drive, for the installation of two double-check detector assemblies, a reduced pressure principal assembly, and a fire hydrant, 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 5.26.

**APPROVE EASEMENT AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District two easements located on the west boundary of the Valley High School site for the installation of a double-check detector assembly on each easement, 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 5.27.

**APPROVE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AT THOMAS J. O'ROARKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District an easement located on the east boundary of the Thomas J. O'Roarke Elementary School site for the installation of a water meter and underground water lines, 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 5.28.

**APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: UNDERGROUND FIRE LOOP AND NEVADA POWER COMPANY UPGRADE, VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for underground fire loop and Nevada Power Company upgrade at Valley High School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000558, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.29.

**APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: CENTRAL PLANT MODERNIZATION, CHEYENNE HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for central plant modernization at Cheyenne High School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0011341, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.30.

**APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT, WEST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Approval of an award of contract to the best qualified construction manager at risk to construct the West Career and Technical Academy, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001543, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.31.

**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 \$105,191.50 plus 35 days for the Jesse D. Scott Elementary School (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation), Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School and Career and Technical Academy located at 2531 Vegas Drive (Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects), and Dorothy Seigle Diagnostic Center II located at 3626 and 3656 Pecos McLeod (Sweeney Architecture), as recommended in Reference 5.32.

**RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS**

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$1,371,398.66 plus 161 additional days to the construction contracts to Construct Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo, Sr. Middle School (Pace Contracting Co. and Capriati Construction Corporation), Construct Distance Education Center, Vegas PBS, and East Career and Technical Academy (Martin Harris Construction), Construct Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School (Pace Contracting Co.), Local Area Networking and Clock/Intercom Systems Upgrades at Jo Mackey Elementary School (Robco Electric, Inc.), Gym Floor Replacement at Elton M. Garrett Middle School (Hur Flooring Company), and Replace Interior/Exterior Door Hardware and Selected Doors and Frames at Eldorado High School (Northwest Contractors, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.33.

**APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 AND 7.05**

Approval of Items 6.01 and 7.05, as follows:

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Janison    Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-4**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy GP-4: Board Members' Principles of Operation – Conduct and Ethics, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 8, 2009, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

**APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4222**

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 4222, Public Board Service: All Employees, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on January 8, 2009, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

**APPROVE ITEMS 7.03, 7.04, 7.06, AND 7.10**

Approval of Items 7.03, 7.04, 7.06, and 7.10, as follows:

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Johnson    Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3613**

Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 3613, Use of District Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment By Non-School Groups, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

**APPROVE ADOPT CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3613.1**

Approval to adopt Clark County School District Regulation 3613.1, Vegas PBS Television Studio Fund-Raising Events, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

**APPROVE SUSPENSION OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4370**

Approval of the suspension of Clark County School District Regulation 4370, Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program: All Employees, as recommended in Reference 7.06.

**APPROVAL FOR OFFER OF JUDGMENT**

Approval for the Office of the General Counsel to make a confidential Offer of Judgment in the matter of Simplicity "Missy" Maureen Doe et al. v. CCSD et al., in the amount of \$105,000, as recommended in Reference 7.10.

**APPROVE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT**

Approval related to a bill draft requested by the Washoe County School District to amend NRS 387.206 to waive the Minimum Expenditure Required for textbook purchases in times of economic hardship.

Trustee Edwards noted a typographical error on page 1, number 6, the word "waved" should be changed to "waived."

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Moulton*

Mrs. Johnson asked for clarification on what the resolution was.

## **APPROVE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT (continued)**

Trustee Edwards responded it was a resolution to support Washoe County's bill draft request (BDR), which adds language as stated in number 6.

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, stated this item was brought forward at the request of Trustee Edwards and was a judgment call, although this was a departure from the Board's past method of operation.

Mrs. Johnson stated she had no problem supporting the idea but preferred not to do it because she liked the system the way it was.

Mrs. Scow recommended this could be added to the legislative list.

Mrs. Janison reminded the Board that it needed to stand strong with the legislature and that she would support the motion if Washoe County's BDR would benefit the district and the state as a whole.

Mrs. Haldeman stated she was very supportive of Washoe County in this endeavor.

Mrs. Moulton asked if there was something like a blanket statement that would cover the Board's support that is already in policy.

Mrs. Haldeman agreed to perform research before the legislative session begins to see whether the Board's support was covered, and if not, to come back with language that covers it.

Mrs. Moulton stated she preferred to wait to review the legislative platform or to add language as opposed to taking action this evening.

*Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion: Yes – 1 (Edwards); Noes – 5 (Johnson, Moulton, Scow, Janison, Mason)*

*The motion did not pass.*

*Motion to ensure that this item would be placed on the list to enable the Board to lend consensus to the issue on the debate as the lobbyists move forward.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous*

## **EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION**

None.

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

None.

## **AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Mrs. Johnson stated she recently met with the emergency crisis response team and relayed policy language that would be in support of various issues involving emergency crisis. She requested an agenda item to review with the Superintendent appropriate policy language for such issues.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Edwards briefly reported on her attendance at Sandy Valley Middle School for the Difference Makers recognition award they received last year.

Mrs. Janison complimented and expressed appreciation of staff for their efforts with the AVID program. She briefly reported on the recent safety committee meeting in the northwest. She also briefly reported on the progress of the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) encouraging communication with principals getting the word out. She briefly noted that the ParentLink® program had been beneficial this year.

Mrs. Moulton briefly reported on her recent attendance with Mr. Mason at the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) meetings highlighting concerns expressed regarding senior high school transfers this year.

Mrs. Johnson briefly reported that she requested to have a tour of Vegas PBS with Tom Axtell, General Manager, Vegas PBS, and that he extended an invitation to the Board for one last tour this year to be set up with the assistance of Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office.

Mrs. Janison requested clarification on the difference between NIAA rules and empowerment schools and NIAA rules and magnet schools regarding sports programs.

Mrs. Moulton responded there was a feeling that empowerment schools were different than magnet schools in that empowerment students can come in midyear and play sports immediately, which was not her understanding.

Dr. Kohut-Rost clarified that would only be allowed if a student was moving in from another district who was in a similar magnet program, which was rare.

Mr. Mason briefly reported on his attendance at the NIAA, which he described as a wonderful experience.

## **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Dr. Rulfes spoke briefly about the decrease in enrollment, fewer midyear students leaving, the rise in Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) enrollment, and the rise in ELL percentage. He expressed confidence that the district could maintain its employees, although there may be movement within the district.

## **DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Mrs. Scow reiterated requests made previously were for the legislative list and mandates.

The trustees expressed appreciation to the trustees stepping down from office.

**ADJOURN:** 9:56 p.m.

*Motion: Johnson    Second: Edwards    Vote: Unanimous*