

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 10, 2009

4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Terri Janison, President
Carolyn Edwards, Vice President
Sheila R. Moulton, Clerk
Chris Garvey, Member
Larry P. Mason, Member
Deanna L. Wright, Member
Dr. Linda E. Young, Member

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Janison announced that Trustee Mason would be joining the Board meeting via teleconference call.

INVOCATION

Rabbi Moishe Rodman, Chabad of Southern Nevada, performed the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Andrew Topham, student body president, Palo Verde High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 7.02.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meeting – August 5, 2009

Regular meeting – July 9, 2009

Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

STUDENT REPORTS

Andrew Topham, student body president at Palo Verde High School, Terri Janison, District E trustee; Kailli Mitchum, student body president at Liberty High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F trustee; and Desirae Acosta, student body president at Silverado High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE INDUCTION

Presentation and induction of the 2009-2010 student representatives of the School Board Student Advisory Committee.

Trustee Wright explained the purpose of the Student Advisory Committee, and she explained the selection process by which the students become members of the committee. She led the committee members in their pledge.

The students introduced themselves to the Board.

Trustee Janison asked if a school was unrepresented at this point, could students still apply and join the committee.

Sandy Ginger, Coordinator of Student Activities, Curriculum and Professional Development Division stated the Student Advisory Committee bylaws dictate that a student could submit their application to their trustee or if a student needed to be replaced, their school could have them replaced on the committee through the same manner. She stated applications are available at the Student Activities Office and on the activity administrators' desktops.

Trustee Wright asked if there was a deadline to submit applications.

Ms. Ginger stated the bylaws do not indicate a deadline or outline a time schedule.

Board members expressed the importance of the input, participation, and feedback of the Student Advisory Committee members.

PRESENTATION OF NEVADA CENSUS 2010

Presentation and overview of the Nevada Census 2010. David Byerman, Chief Government Liaison, Nevada, U.S. Census Bureau.

Mr. Byerman's presentation included the following: the benefits of the census for Nevada, a comparison of Nevada's 1990 census and Nevada's 2000 census, the Census Bureau's approach for Nevada for the upcoming census, scenarios showing the impact on Nevada of a census undercount, and what the District and the Board could do to help.

PRESENTATION OF NEVADA CENSUS 2010 (continued)

Trustee Janison asked if Mr. Byerman would be able to attend parent advisory committee (PAC) meetings and speak to the parents about this issue.

Mr. Byerman stated he would like the opportunity to address the parents in that forum.

Trustee Moulton asked if the Board or District is legally prohibited in any way from supporting this effort.

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, stated staff intended to meet with Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Office, to explore the options for approaching this endeavor. She stated as information becomes available, she would forward it to the Board members.

Trustee Moulton noted spring break takes place in the first part of April and suggested addressing this issue before that time.

Trustee Janison suggested another forum to reach parents and community members could be at the Area Service Center meetings.

Trustee Young talked about the wealth of information that the Census Bureau offers. She asked what the Census Bureau is doing in terms of disabled citizens that may require assistance in filling out the form.

Mr. Byerman stated there are many reasons why individuals may require assistance, and employees would be made available to assist people in filling out the forms. He stated he would provide more comprehensive information to the Board in that regard.

RECESS: 4:55 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:19 p.m.

Trustee Janison recognized Assemblyman Richard McArthur present in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Janison read the public speaking guidance and informed the audience of the Public Hearing Pilot Program being held during the regular Board meetings of Thursday, May 14, 2009, through Thursday, September 24, 2009, whereby members of the public would be allowed to speak on each agenda item as it comes before the Board.

Response to Public Comment – Ken Small

Mr. Small stated he was responding to comments made by Jeffrey Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit, during the last Board meeting, and he submitted a letter to the Board concerning alleged illegal activities in the Facilities Division. He stated he had requested an investigation concerning theft of services.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Public Hearings – Teacher Quality Partnership Grant: Quality Urban Education for Students and Teachers (QUEST) – Elaine Clermont

Ms. Clermont stated the Board's and District's actions are not in line with the Board's vision.

TELECONFERENCE CALL

Teleconference call with Mr. Mason was connected at 5:27 p.m.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Purchasing Awards; Professional Services Agreement, Building Commissioning Services, Ruby Duncan Elementary School; Professional Services Agreement, Building Commissioning Services, Evelyn Stuckey Elementary School; Professional Services Agreement, Building Commissioning Services, Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School – Karen Gray
Regarding Item 5.10, page 4 of 4, Mrs. Gray asked if the named contract is for the System Application Program (SAP). She noted that the services listed appear to be what are already the responsibility of the project managers. She asked how long the District has used these particular consultants.

Professional Services Agreement, Building Commissioning Services, Ruby Duncan Elementary School; Professional Services Agreement, Building Commissioning Services, Evelyn Stuckey Elementary School; Professional Services Agreement, Building Commissioning Services, Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School – Ken Small

Mr. Small commented on the services provided by the consultants and on the amount of money being spent on this project. He encouraged the Board to include a 15 percent discount as a stipulation of their approval and then use the \$50,000 savings to benefit the students.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton

Trustee Edwards asked, in relation to comments made by Mr. Small, if the commissioning fees listed are in line with the current market.

Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division, answered yes. He stated he had not conducted an exhaustive survey to look at other sources but added the systems that are tested and analyzed are very complex systems, and the commissioning agents who conduct that testing are performing a very involved task. He stated he believed the commissioning fees are a very wise expenditure for the District.

Trustee Edwards asked if the District conducted price comparisons to other comparable projects. She stated in today's economy, the District should be seeing some benefit.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Mr. Gerner stated the pricing is about the same as in the past as it is a professional service, but that more firms are offering these services to the District, which facilitates some pricing competition.

Trustee Edwards asked if this project could be bid.

Mr. Gerner stated this is a professional service and would fall under the realm of services that cannot be bid.

Trustee Edwards inquired about how the District would determine whether or not this is a good price.

Mr. Gerner offered to investigate the pricing and other firms and bring the information back to the Board.

Trustee Moulton asked Mr. Gerner to explain the requirement of these services to the audience.

Mr. Gerner explained that under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) structure for buildings on a national scale, third party, independent, building commissioning is a prerequisite to gaining a LEED certification.

Trustee Moulton stated there had been instances where the District chose not to pursue a LEED certification because of the expense, and she asked Mr. Gerner to explain the difference.

Mr. Gerner stated he views LEED certification as an indicator of building quality, but the District uses discretion in deciding whether to apply LEED to all projects because LEED includes factors that are not necessarily appropriate for a school.

Trustee Moulton asked if there were cost savings involved.

Mr. Gerner stated he had not quantified that information but could provide reports developed by others in the industry.

Dr. Rulfes asked if there would be a timeline concern if this item was pulled to provide information to the Board to assure them that the pricing is reflective of the quality of the service being provided.

Mr. Gerner expressed a concern with putting this item on hold but could do so if that was the direction of the Board.

Trustee Janison asked Mr. Gerner if the District was getting the best services for the price.

Mr. Gerner stated he does not believe the District was paying an unfair price for the service provided.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Trustee Edwards clarified that the District was not seeking LEED certification on these particular buildings. She suggested that it was the District's and the Board's duty to solicit the best price possible.

Mr. Gerner stated he believed the District was receiving a discounted price for this service as a long-term customer.

Trustee Young asked if the architect selection process would apply in this case.

Mr. Gerner answered in this instance the search is for the highest qualified individuals.

Trustee Janison asked if staff had used these individuals in the past and whether or not the District had been satisfied with their services in the past.

Mr. Gerner stated the suppliers are of long standing with the District, and he had been satisfied with their performances in the past.

Trustee Janison asked about oversight by the Facilities Division.

Mr. Gerner stated the quality control process is ongoing and rather stringent.

Trustee Garvey asked for a building scenario comparable to the District whereby many complex systems are being utilized.

Mr. Gerner stated a hospital would probably be most closely comparable.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE – SCHOLASTIC, INC.

Authorization to contract with Scholastic, Inc. for the purchase of the System 44 software intervention program, materials, and installation, for 103 elementary and secondary schools at an approximate cost of \$1,390,500.00, as well as 70 days of related professional development training and 10 days of technical support training, at an approximate cost of \$95,000.00, for an approximate total cost of \$1,485,500.00, effective September 11, 2009, through June 30, 2010, through ARRA funds, to be paid from Fund 0280 and Internal Order G6978000310, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED, OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE

Authorization to employ Opportunity Village as an out-of-district consultant to implement the Job Discovery Program to provide job training for students with disabilities through a partnership with the Clark County School District, effective September 11, 2009, through July 31, 2010, in the approximate total amount of \$520,000.00, to be paid from Federal Funds, Unit 0137, FY 10, SAP Internal Order G6639009210, SAP Function Area FO2002213, Sponsor Class 5340000000, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

AUTHORIZE TEACHER QUALITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT: QUALITY URBAN EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS (QUEST)

Authorization to submit and implement the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant: Quality Urban Education for Students and Teachers (QUEST), through the U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement, in the approximate amount of \$6,425,601.66, to be paid from Unit 0137, Fund 0280, for the estimated project period of October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2014, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

AUTHORIZE VEGAS PBS – NEXT GENERATION PLEDGE GRANT

Authorization to submit and implement, if awarded, two Next Generation Pledge Grant projects, for development of new programs to generate Vegas PBS memberships and revenue during the 2009-2011 school years, for a total approximate amount of \$177,910.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

AUTHORIZE VEGAS PBS – AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT

Authorization to submit and implement, if awarded, the PBS Broadband Technology Opportunities Grant, for expansion of existing services throughout Clark County and the state, with a special emphasis on southern rural counties, for the period October 1, 2009, through March 1, 2011, in the amount of \$679,000.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

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 5.06.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.07.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulation 4355 and Articles 16-5, 16-7, and 16-9 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association), as recommended in Reference 5.08.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$1,766,733.51, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.09.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$2,370,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.10.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #28-08-09 in the total amount of \$108,955,483.30, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CLARK COUNTY – VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTING

Approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Clark County and the Clark County School District, in which Clark County will provide a maximum of \$50,000.00 towards the installation of energy saving light fixtures on the Virgin Valley High School softball field to allow nighttime use for practice, games, and hosting evening contests; with any excess costs to be paid for by Virgin Valley High School from School Generated Funds (SGF), with no impact to the general fund; and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the Interlocal Agreement, as recommended in Reference 5.12.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES, RUBY DUNCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with International Commissioning Engineers, LLC to provide building commissioning services in support of the Ruby Duncan Elementary School in the amount of \$89,330.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001560, 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 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES, EVELYN STUCKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Las Vegas Building Commissioning, LLC to provide building commissioning services in support of the Evelyn Stuckey Elementary School in the amount of \$82,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001559, 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 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES, SHIRLEY AND BILL WALLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Las Vegas Building Commissioning, LLC to provide building commissioning services in support of the Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School in the amount of \$85,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001558, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES, VINCENT L. TRIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Dynamic Commissioning Solutions, Inc. to provide building commissioning services in support of the Vincent L. Triggs Elementary School in the amount of \$82,900.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001554, 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 ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES,
VINCENT L. TRIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to enter into an engineering services agreement with AMTI Sunbelt, LLP for geotechnical services in support of the Vincent L. Triggs Elementary School in the amount of \$300,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001554, 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 AGREEMENT

Ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreement for a net increase of \$98,461.00 for the Desert Oasis High School (Dynamic Commissioning Solutions, Inc.), Sunrise Mountain High School (Las Vegas Building Commissioning, LLC), Charlotte and Jerry Keller Elementary School (JMA Architects, Inc.), and Elaine Wynn Elementary School (Sigma Mechanical Engineering Consultant), as recommended in Reference 5.18.

APPROVE PROCLAMATION ON THE CENSUS IN THE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Approve a proclamation in support of the "Census in the Schools" initiative, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Moulton Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

AUTHORIZE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLANS – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Authorization to submit and implement a grant project through the U.S. Department of Education to modify the current Prime 6 Plan for students in grades 1 through 5, to improve student diversity, provide more opportunities, and decrease racial isolation, effective October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, in the approximate total amount of \$250,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

Dr. Rulffes asked that the Board approve this item and confirm the District's application for the grant.

Public Hearings – Deborah Jackson, Helen Toland, Anthony Snowden, Lester Lewis, Anyika Kamal, Marzette Lewis

Ms. Jackson talked about how grant monies are needed in many areas of the District. She stated the District does not need to enlist the services of outside consultants, and that grant money could be more effectively used in other areas.

Ms. Toland stated that what happens with the Prime 6 schools program would impact what happens at West Prep and throughout the District in terms of equality and the persons involved. She asked that the community members be consulted, as they are the individuals most affected.

AUTHORIZE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLANS – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (continued)

Mr. Snowden talked about diversity and inclusion. He stated the Board should be speaking to the community members and allowing them to participate. He implored the Board to consider the fact that the community had not been involved before approving this item.

Trustee Janison acknowledged Assemblyman Harvey Munford's presence at the meeting.

Mr. Lewis expressed his disappointment with the proposed plans for the Prime 6 schools, and he stated these plans had been developed in the past, and nothing is changing.

Mr. Kamal stated he believed the District is wasting money in bringing in outside consultants, and he stated there are community members that are capable of consulting with the District.

Ms. Lewis stated the District needs to approach the problems in the Prime 6 schools differently in order to reach a different result. She asked who the consultant was that the District would be hiring.

Trustee Edwards asked if Board approval of this item obligates the District to accept the grant funds it has applied for or could the District withdraw at any time. She asked if there had been a person identified to be the consultant.

Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, stated that the District could refuse the grant once it was awarded, and that to her knowledge, the consultant had not been identified.

Trustee Edwards suggested approval of this agenda item, recognizing that Item 7.02 would be coming back before the Board, and there would be community dialogue before any implementation.

Dr. Kohut-Rost agreed.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton

Trustee Young asked if there was a timeline for the grant in which it must be submitted.

Dr. Rulfes stated yes, there was a timeline, and it has been submitted. He stated the grant, to some extent, is based on the plan which the Board was to receive at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Young clarified that the District is under no obligation to accept the grant. She asked if there had been any determination made concerning any individuals involved in the grant monies.

AUTHORIZE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLANS – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (continued)

Dr. Rulfes stated no, there has been no determination, and that would come back before the Board for approval.

Trustee Mason asked if anyone in the District or in the community had ever been approached to see if there were any individuals able to develop a plan for the Prime 6 Program as opposed to hiring outside consultants. He expressed concern that the urgency associated with this project needs to be met with a concise plan.

Dr. Rulfes responded that he presented a theory of action, as was the Board's desire, to develop a plan that would involve the community, and he believed the goal and direction of the District was what the community was asking for, and the grant would be helping to support the costs and efforts.

Trustee Edwards expressed appreciation to the public speakers. She stated she would like to see the community be involved in the entire process, and she explained that the Board needs to move forward and approve this grant because of the timeline only, not to move forward without the members of the community.

BOARD PRESIDENT RELIQUISHES THE CHAIR

Trustee Janison relinquished the chair at 6:19 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Janison left the Board meeting at 6:19 p.m.

AUTHORIZE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLANS – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (continued)

Trustee Moulton talked about both the successes and challenges of the District. She spoke about the need to involve the community members and expressed her support of the motion.

Trustee Young explained that Item 7.02 was pulled from the agenda to ensure that all community members, parents, community organizations, and students were being included in this process.

Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

Trustee Janison was not present for the vote.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Young Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Janison was not present for the vote.

RECESS: 6:24 p.m.

RECONVENE: 6:49 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE CALL RECONNECTED

Teleconference call with Mr. Mason was reconnected at 6:49 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

Ratification of the 2009-2010 Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Moulton Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Janison was not present for the vote.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Moulton requested an agenda item so that she may report to the Board on the Audit Committee's upcoming meeting.

Trustee Young asked for information related to dropout rates, graduation rates, and intervention programs.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated that information was scheduled to be presented at the October Board work session.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Trustee Wright asked for a clarification of community linkage meeting schedules in September.

Trustee Edwards clarified that some meetings were conflicted with other scheduled events, and those meetings would be rescheduled.

Trustee Wright expressed a concern that there is an urgency to move forward on these issues.

Trustee Edwards assured Trustee Wright that the community linkage meetings that were scheduled for September are not necessarily tied to the issues discussed at tonight's meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Moulton announced the National Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) would be meeting in Las Vegas next Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at Del Sol High School, and she welcomed any input from Board members.

Trustee Edwards reported on an event she attended where she learned of a Ken Burns' special on the national parks system airing on November 27, 2009. She reminded Board members that the National Association of School Boards (NASB) awards are due on September 15, 2009. She stated she attended an event today where Jeremy Aguero, principal analyst, Applied Analysis, shared predictions for the economy in Las Vegas.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Wright reported that the Clark County Parks and Recreation has revamped how they appoint individuals so all areas are better represented.

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

Trustee Edwards read the public speaking guidance.

Ken Small

Mr. Small alerted the Board of a Website he had created whereby the public can review and contribute to information regarding the school district.

Parent Concern – Emily Thornton

Ms. Brown expressed her concern with a pamphlet distributed at her son's school.

West Prep – Deborah Jackson, Beatrice Turner, Anthony Snowden, Anyika Kamal, Marzette Lewis
Ms. Jackson expressed appreciation for earlier comments made by Trustee Edwards. She stated she wanted assurance that the discussion on West Prep would be forthcoming. She expressed concern that there are small children utilizing the Citizens Area Transit (CAT) bus to get to school.

Ms. Turner expressed appreciation for comments made advocating for the community members to be involved in the process of addressing West Prep and the Prime 6 schools.

Mr. Snowden stated the District has what it would need to begin construction to build a new facility for West Prep, and he stated a date needs to be set to move forward. He asked the Board to address the issue of the number of children being sent to the penitentiary system.

Mr. Kamal agreed with previous comments made by public speakers. He asked the Board to consider giving the public speakers five minutes to speak with the understanding that they would not be recognized for any more time, which would allow them an appropriate amount of time to express their thoughts and concerns.

Ms. Lewis stated she is aware that all the major components needed to have proper facilities for West Prep are already present. She spoke about a woman whose children are students at a school that requires her to take them on the CAT bus to and from school, but there are two other schools closer to the woman's house.

Trustee Edwards requested that Ms. Lewis provide what information she had so that staff may review the situation.

ADJOURN: 7:21 p.m.

*Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous
Trustees Janison and Mason were not present for the vote.*

Teleconference call with Mr. Mason was disconnected at an undetermined time.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.