

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, October 12, 2006

5:59 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Ruth L. Johnson, President
Sheila Moulton, Vice President
Susan C. Brager-Wellman, Clerk
Larry P. Mason, Member
Shirley Barber, Member
Mary Beth Scow, Member
Terri Janison, Member

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent

INVOCATION

Reverend Delaney Armstead, Christ Church Episcopal.

FLAG SALUTE

Valley High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Mrs. Johnson arrived at the board meeting at 6:02 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda except delete Item 13, Reference E, and Item 23, Reference SS; and move Items 16 through 20, References LL through PP, to follow Item 7 as 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, and 7E.

Motion: Janison Second: Brager-Wellman Vote: Unanimous

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

David Esqueda, student body president at Valley High School, Larry Mason, District D trustee; Christine Lemon, student body president at Spring Valley High School, Susan Brager-Wellman, District F trustee; and Junae Guerino, student body president at Indian Springs High School, Terri Janison, District E trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

PRESENTATION OF READY FOR LIFE – END-OF-THE YEAR REPORT

Hilarie Robison, Executive Director; and Shannon West, Chairperson.

PRESENTATION OF CCSD SCIENCE UPDATE

Martha G. Tittle, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Professional Development Division; and Jhone Ebert, Director, Magnet Schools and Distance Education.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

Dr. Ruffes recognized Mrs. Barber, Mr. Mason, Tom Rodriguez, Director I, Diversity & Affirmative Action Programs; and Dan Tafoya, Coordinator III, Management Process System (MPS) Office, for distinguished awards they received.

PRESIDENT RESUMED THE CHAIR

Mrs. Johnson resumed the chair at 6:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Governance Policy EL-3: Treatment of Students and Their Families, Racism – Constance Kosudo
Ms. Kosudo spoke about racism in the schools and the need for the implementation of policies to protect those students and ensure proper consequences for such behavior.

APPROVE ITEMS 15 THROUGH 20.

Approve Items 15 through 20, References KK through PP, respectively, as follows:

Motion: Barber Second: Scow

Vote on Mrs. Barber's motion: Yeses – 6 (Barber, Scow, Brager-Wellman, Johnson, Moulton, Mason);

Abstain – 1 (Janison)

The motion passed.

APPROVE NAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, THOMAS J. O'ROARKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to name a school the Thomas J. O'Roarke Elementary School, as recommended in Reference KK.

APPROVE NAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, CAROLYN REEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to name a school the Carolyn Reedom Elementary School, as recommended in Reference LL.

APPROVE NAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, RUBEN P. DIAZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to name a school the Ruben P. Diaz Elementary School, as recommended in Reference MM.

APPROVE NAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, JESSE D. SCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to name a school the Jesse D. Scott Elementary School, as recommended in Reference NN.

APPROVE NAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, BASIC HIGH SCHOOL, DR. JOEL AND CAROL BOWER SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER

Approval to name the school based health center at Basic High School the Dr. Joel and Carol Bower School-Based Health Center, as recommended in Reference OO.

APPROVE NAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, DENNIS G. CAREW SR. SCHOOL SAFETY SERVICES CENTER

Approval to name the School Safety Services Center located at 120 Corporate Park in Henderson, the Dennis G. Carew Sr. School Safety Services Center, as recommended in Reference PP.

APPROVE ITEMS 9 THROUGH 11; ITEMS 21, 22, 24, AND 25; AND CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Items 9 through 11, References A through C, respectively; Items 21, 22, 24, and 25, References QQ, RR, TT, and UU, respectively; and approve consent agenda, References F through JJ, as follows:

Motion: Brager-Wellman Second: Scow Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-19

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School Board of School Trustees Governance Policy GP-19: Vacancies on the Board, as recommended in Reference A.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-8

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School Board of School Trustees Governance Policy EL-8: Asset Protection, as recommended in Reference B.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-3

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend the Clark County School Board of Trustees Governance Policy EL-3: Treatment of Students and Their Families, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on November 2, 2006, as recommended in Reference C.

EMPLOY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS – OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Authorization to contract with independent contractors to provide occupational and physical therapy services from November 2, 2006, through July 31, 2007, for an amount not to exceed \$900,000.00, to be paid from a reallocation of licensed positions to contracted funding through Unit 0044, FY 07, Account 94527, Object 0339, Project 000001, Fund 0250, as recommended in Reference F.

APPROVE AMERICAN READING COMPANY – ELEMENTARY LIBRARIES BENCHMARK BASKETS

Approval to purchase the Elementary Libraries Individual Benchmark Baskets from the American Reading Company for Rose Warren Empowerment Elementary School, from June 15, 2006, through May 31, 2007, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 07, Account 50765, Object 0641, Grant 000658, Project 006582, Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference G.

AUTHORIZE TEACHER SIGNING BONUS PROGRAM

Authorization to submit and implement a state-funded Teacher Signing Bonus Program for newly hired teachers during the 2006-2007 school year, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 07, Fund 0279, in the approximate amount of \$7,000,000.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference H.

AUTHORIZE GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM – TITLE IV, P.L. 105-244

Authorization to submit and implement the federally funded GEAR UP program, from September 20, 2006, to June 30, 2007, through Unit 0137, FY 07, Fund 0280, in the approximate amount of \$665,000.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference I.

AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – IT MUST BE MAGIC

Authorization to contract with It Must Be Magic to provide sound recording services for the CCSD music festivals, honor ensemble performances, and special events at the Ham Hall (UNLV) and other CCSD-affiliated locations in Las Vegas on various dates, effective October 16, 2006, through May 31, 2011, at an approximate cost of \$100,000.00, to be paid from Unit 0116, FY 07, Account 57059, Object 0339, Project 000001, Fund 0100, as recommended in Reference J.

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 K.

APPROVE STUDENT EXEMPTIONS FOR HOME SCHOOL

Approval of student exemptions for home school according to NRS 392.070 (Board Policy and Regulation 5114), as listed, as recommended in Reference L.

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 M.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

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

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

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

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351, 4352, 4355 and Article 16-9 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association), as recommended in Reference P.

APPROVE ANNUAL ESCHOOL SOLUTIONS MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR THE SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SEMS)

Approval to continue the maintenance contract with eSchool Solutions to assist and maintain SEMS for a one-year period, beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, for a cost not to exceed \$34,540.00, to be paid from Unit 0031, FY 07, Account 04621, Object 0349, Project 000001, Phase 01, Fund 0100, as recommended in Reference Q.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$9,023,302.74, as listed, as recommended in Reference R.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #07-06-07 in the total amount of \$155,187,502.75, as recommended in Reference S.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$4,647,968.27, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference T.

APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for the use of eight (8) Clark County School District buses from December 29, 2006, through January 1, 2007, and authorization for Kathy Foster, business manager, to sign the document, as recommended in Reference U.

APPROVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Approval to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the YMCA of Southern Nevada to provide bus transportation to their various after-school program sites, for a fee of \$22.50 per hour, plus \$1.25 per mile, from the various district school sites to the various YMCA after-school program sites, and authorization for Kathy Foster, business manager, to sign the document, as recommended in Reference V.

APPROVE SITE ACQUISITION, ADDITIONAL ACREAGE, WILL BECKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into escrow to purchase an approximate 2.66+/-acre parcel of vacant land located adjacent to the Will Beckley Elementary School site, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 52048, Object 0711, Project 001450, Phase 01, Fund 0408, at a cost not to exceed \$2,082,000.00, plus closing costs, and for the president and clerk of the Board of School Trustees or their designee(s) to sign the escrow documents, as recommended in Reference W.

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE, DEMOCRACY DRIVE AND EIFFEL PARK TERRACE

Approval to accept a donation from Pulte Homes, Inc. (dba PNC II) for a 12.5+/-acre parcel located north of Democracy Drive and west of Eiffel Park Terrace, closing costs to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 52048, Object 0711, Project 001450, Phase 01, Fund 0408, and for the president and clerk of the Board of School Trustees or their designee(s) to sign the escrow documents, as recommended in Reference X.

APPROVE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, ROBERT L. FORBUSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District two easements located along the east boundary line of the Robert L. Forbuss Elementary School site for the installation of a water line and a fire hydrant, and for the president and clerk of the Board of School Trustees or their designee(s) to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference Y.

APPROVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS EASEMENT, CLARK COUNTY, LOIS AND JERRY TARKANIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant Clark County four pedestrian access easements along the north and south boundaries of the Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle School site, and for the president and clerk of the Board of School Trustees or their designee(s) to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference Z.

APPROVE STREET DEDICATION, CLARK COUNTY, WILBUR AND THERESA FAISS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant Clark County street dedications along the northeast and west boundaries of the Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School site, and for the president and clerk of the Board of School Trustees or their designee(s) to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference AA.

APPROVE SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION, PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ANNUAL BUDGET

Approval to pay the school district's proportionate share of \$16,868.43, of the 2006-07 Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition budget, as required in accordance with the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition dated January 27, 2000, and approved by the Board of School Trustees on March 9, 2000, to be paid from Unit 0020, FY 07, Account 00660, Object 0811, Project 000001, Phase 01, Fund 0100, as recommended in Reference BB.

**APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES,
DR. CLAUDE G. PERKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Dynamic Commissioning Solutions, Inc. to provide third-party commissioning in support of the Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary School in the amount of \$68,500.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 23243, Object 0349, Project 001496, Phase 01, Fund 0408; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference CC.

**APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, BUILDING COMMISSIONING SERVICES,
SISTER ROBERT JOSEPH BAILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Dynamic Commissioning Solutions, Inc. to provide third-party commissioning in support of the Sister Robert Joseph Bailey Elementary School in the amount of \$68,500.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 23309, Object 0349, Project 001498, Phase 01, Fund 0408; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference DD.

**APPROVE PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT,
LOIS CRAIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to enter into a Professional/Technical Services Agreement with Benchmark, Inc., for services in support of the roof replacement at Lois Craig Elementary School in the amount of \$57,500.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 54846, Object 0334, Project 000759, Phase 09, Fund 0408; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference EE.

**APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: OFF-SITE UNDERGROUND CONDUITS,
EDMUNDO "EDDIE" ESCOBEDO MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to provide Off-site Underground Conduits at Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo Middle School located at 9501 Bath Drive, Las Vegas, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 87728, Object 0499, Project 001512, Phase 01, Fund 0408; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference FF.

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 \$125,395.70, for Rancho High School Phase I Replacement (Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects), Transportation Facility South (Carpenter Sellers Associates), and the Edward A. Greer Education Center (Nevada By Design, LLC), as recommended in Reference GG.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$768,579.79, plus additional days to the construction contracts to Construct Legacy and Arbor View High Schools and Sandra Lee Thompson Elementary School (CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc.), Construct Twin Lakes and Mabel Hoggard Replacement Elementary Schools (Affordable Concepts, Inc.), Construct Carroll M. Johnston and Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle Schools (Pace Contracting Company), and New Athletic Courts with Asphalt and Concrete Drainage Improvements at Jim Bridger Middle School (Las Vegas Paving Corp.), as recommended in Reference HH.

APPROVE VEGAS PBS – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, BIODYNAMICS INC.

Approval to contract with Biodynamics Inc., to repurpose six existing Outdoor Nevada programs and to purchase two new Wonders Of The West programs produced by Biodynamics Inc., from October 16, 2006, through December 31, 2006, at an approximate cost of \$16,000.00, in addition to the \$24,000.00 already paid to the supplier in FY 07, for an approximate total cost of \$40,000.00, to be paid from non-district funds secured by Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television in Unit 0140, FY 07, Account 26801, Object 0339, Project 010705, Fund 0220, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference II.

APPROVE VEGAS PBS – PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE TEACHERLINE PROJECT

Approval to accept grant funds from the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), if awarded, in the amount of \$51,030.00, to hire and train a TeacherLine facilitator, distribute TeacherLine catalogs to teachers in need of Highly Qualified Teacher status, produce and distribute three TeacherLine public service announcements, provide face-to-face workshops for teachers, and offer a minimum of 15 PBS TeacherLine courses; for the period of October 16, 2006, through August 31, 2007, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference JJ.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

Approval of settlement of the matter of Guthrie v. CCSD et al., in the total amount of \$73,000.00, including costs and attorney's fees, as recommended in Reference QQ.

APPROVE SEX EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEX EDUCATION MATERIALS

Approval to accept the recommendation of the Sex Education Advisory Committee for items 1081, 1082, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1102S, 1103, 1103S, 1104, 1104S, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, and 1109, as recommended in Reference RR.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4231

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 4231, Alcohol and Controlled Substances (Drug) Testing, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on November 2, 2006, as recommended in Reference TT.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4250

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 4250, Outside Activities: All Employees, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on November 2, 2006, as recommended in Reference UU.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-12

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend the Clark County School Board of Trustees Governance Policy EL-12: Annual Report To The Public, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on November 2, 2006, as recommended in Reference D.

Motion: Barber Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Moulton Second: Brager-Wellman Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

RECESS: 7:22 p.m.

RECONVENE: 8:11 p.m.

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

Preparatory Institute School of Academic Excellence (West Prep) - Dorothy Wesley

Ms. Wesley spoke positively about the empowerment program and Mike Barton, Principal at West Prep.

Parent concern – Leglendell Donaldson

Mr. Donaldson spoke about an incident involving his son, a student at Lied Middle School, which led to a possible expulsion.

Mrs. Johnson requested that Edward Goldman, Associate Superintendent, Education Services Division, speak with Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. Mason requested that he be provided with information regarding this incident.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Johnson requested an agenda item on November 2, 2006, that would allow the board to receive a revised savings graph from MGT of America, Inc., in terms of resources at the district's disposal.

Dr. Ruffes recommended having a two-day work session for staff to speak to the issues associated with their departments regarding the recommendations presented in the audit.

Mrs. Barber requested that those meetings be held after mid-November.

BOARD COMMITTEE AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Mrs. Johnson requested a memo outlining the summit held on October 10, 2006, in Washington, for educators and law enforcement officials.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

ADJOURN: 8:20 p.m.

Motion: Mason Second: Brager-Wellman Vote: Unanimous