

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, February 09, 2006

5:36 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
Dr. Agustin Orci, Superintendent

INVOCATION

Reverend Jerome Blankinship, Director, Patoral Care – Sunrise Hospital.

FLAG SALUTE

Western High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division, requested that in Item 14-22, Reference AA, the words "and recordable survey" at the end of paragraph 3 be deleted.

Motion: Scow Second: Barber Vote: Unanimous

ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED

Mrs. Johnson acknowledged the musical presentation given prior to the board meeting by the James Bilbray Patriot Singers. Board members thanked the students; Bridget Bilbray-Phillips, principal; Diane Camilleri and Sandra Taggart, music specialists; and Carla Steinforth, Northwest region superintendent.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Keri Coon, student body president at Foothill High School, Mary Beth Scow, District A trustee; Jenny Sewell, student body president at Clark High School, Larry Mason, District D trustee; and Jill Kirk, student council president at Green Valley High School, Mary Beth Scow, District A trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

STUDENT SPEAKERS FOR MIDDLE/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Stephanie Pan, an 8th-grade student at Cadwallader Middle School; and the following students from Bilbray Elementary School, both represented by Mrs. Johnson, trustee, District B, spoke about the school spirit and pride of the students at their respective schools:

Jamie Howanitz, Student Government Commissioner General
Dylan Nemione, Student Government Commissioner of Boys' Athletics
Mason Hoopes, Student Government Commissioner of Secretarial Affairs
Sara Johnson, Student Government Commissioner
Jade Robards, Student Government Commissioner
Logan Malloy, Student Government Commissioner
Syrianna Friedman, Student Government Commissioner
Karley Call, Student Government Commissioner

Students Emily Camp, Assistant Commissioner General; and Madeline Fitzgerald, Government Commissioner of Girls' Athletics, presented gifts to the board members and superintendents.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Ruffes introduced Andy Artusa, President, Nevada State Bank Public Finance who presented plaques to each of the trustees in recognition of a recent bond rating upgrade.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Employment of Out-Of-District Consultant – Real Men Talking – Jani Jeppe

Ms. Jeppe spoke in favor of board approval of the employment of Real Men Talking as out-of-district consultants.

Mr. Mason asked for information on Real Men Talking.

Dr. Andre Denson, Assistant Region Superintendent, Northeast region, gave a brief history of the program and presentation of Real Men Talking.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, References F through KK, except Item 14-4, Reference I.

Motion: Brager-Wellman Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – CENTER FOR PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Authorization to employ the Center for Performance Assessment (CPA) as an out-of-district consultant to provide assistance by reviewing all school improvement plans and providing specific analysis focused on student achievement for 2005-06, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00, to be paid from Unit 0055, Fund 0100, FY 06, Account 31627, Object 0339, Project 000083, as recommended in Reference F.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – MMC CONSULTING CORPORATION

Authorization to employ MMC Consulting Corporation, out-of-district consultant Marjorie K. Meckes Conner, to provide data analysis assistance at K. O. Knudson Middle School, from February 13, 2006, to June 30, 2006, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, to be paid from federal funds, Unit 0137, FY 06, Object 0321, Project 009040, Grant 000904, Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference G.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – REAL MEN TALKING

Authorization to employ Real Men Talking as an out-of-district consultant to provide a multimedia stage production that promotes leadership principles to allow for effective successful choices, for selected students, as well as staff and parents in the Northeast Region, effective March 25, 2006, through March 29, 2006, at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00, to be paid from Unit 0100, FY 06, Project 000001/01, Account 39339, Object 0339, Fund 0100, as recommended in Reference H.

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS – VOYAGER PASSPORT

Authorization to purchase Voyager Passport reading intervention instructional materials for 15 East Region elementary schools to assist students in reading at grade level by third grade, for an approximate cost of \$95,000.00, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 06, Account 35580, Object 0661, Grant 00670/06, Project 067020/01 Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference J.

AUTHORIZE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – ESTES MCDONIEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARINE AND SCIENCE LAB

Authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement between the County of Clark and the Clark County School District to receive funds to support the Marine and Science Lab at Estes McDoniel Elementary School, in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in Fiscal Year 2005/2006, from County General Fund 203, and for the president and clerk of the Board of School Trustees to sign the agreement, as recommended in Reference K.

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 L.

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 M.

APPROVE RESCISSION OF STUDENT EXPULSION

Approval on rescission of a student expulsion previously approved by the Board of School Trustees, as recommended in Reference N.

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 O.

APPROVE PROPOSED 2006-2007 CALENDAR FOR UNIFIED, SUPPORT STAFF, AND SCHOOL POLICE

Approval to adopt the 2006-2007 calendar for unified, support staff, and school police, as recommended in Reference P.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

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

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

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

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351, 4355, and 4356), as recommended in Reference S.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$88,848,244.94, as listed, as recommended in Reference T.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #12-05-06 in the total amount of \$55,217,707.60, as recommended in Reference U.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$18,245,112.11 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference V.

ADOPT 2006A REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION

Adoption of the 2006A Refunding Bond Resolution in the principal amount not to exceed the principal amount necessary to affect the project and authorization for the superintendent/CFO to specify the term of the bonds, as recommended in Reference W.

APPROVE RENEWAL OF ENGAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

Approval to renew the engagement for the third year of the five-year contract with Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. as the independent auditing firm for the district for the fiscal year 2006, to perform the district's financial audits and the federal compliance audits, review the annual reports for KLVX Communications Group in order to meet certification requirements of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and review Board Governance Policies EL-5, EL-6, and EL-8, for a total fee of \$126,185.00 and authorization for the superintendent/CFO to award smaller accounting-related projects on an as-needed basis to either Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. or other CPA firms at fees not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year in total payable from bond proceeds, general, or other appropriate funds; and authorization for Walt Rulffes, superintendent/CFO, to sign the necessary documents, as recommended in Reference X.

APPROVE SITE ACQUISITION, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE, LA MADRE WAY AND HAROLD STREET

Approval to enter into escrow to purchase two parcels totaling 4.14 +/- acres located north of La Madre Way and east of Harold Street in North Las Vegas, 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 \$2,360,000.00 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 Y.

APPROVE SITE ACQUISITION, MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE, WILBUR AND THERESA FAISS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to enter into escrow to purchase a 19.07 +/- acre parcel for a middle school site, located on the southwest corner of Fort Apache Road and Maule Avenue, for the Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School, with the Howard Hughes Corporation for \$476,750.00 plus closing costs, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, 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 sale agreement and escrow documents, as recommended in Reference Z.

APPROVE SITE ACQUISITION, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE, ANN ROAD AND BRUCE STREET

Approval to enter into escrow to purchase a 17.85 +/- acre parcel located at the northeast corner of Ann Road and Bruce Street for \$10,110,000.00 plus closing costs, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, 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 AA.

APPROVE GRANT OF EASEMENT, NEVADA POWER COMPANY, CHARLIES I. WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant Nevada Power Company two easements to allow for underground cable on the north portion of the Charles I. West 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 BB.

APPROVE GRANT DEED - DEED OF DEDICATION, CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, VALLEY DRIVE AND EL CAMPO GRANDE AVENUE

Approval to grant the City of North Las Vegas three roadway easements located on the north and west boundaries of the vacant site located at Valley Drive and El Campo Grande Avenue, 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 CC.

APPROVE SMART PROJECT, LEASE AGREEMENT

Approval to enter into a lease agreement with Flamingo/Pecos Plaza for the SMART Project office space located at 3430 East Flamingo Road, Suites 101 and 105, for one year with a 60-day written notice early termination clause commencing on January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006, for two biannual payments of \$32,729.40 for a total amount of \$65,458.80, to be paid from the SMART Project, Unit 0058, FY 06, Account 73469, Object 0441, Project 000092, Phase 01, Fund 0100; and for the president and clerk of the Board of School Trustees or their designee(s) to sign the lease agreement, as recommended in Reference DD.

APPROVE ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES, GRAND CANYON DRIVE AND ROME BOULEVARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with Ninyo & Moore for geotechnical services in support of the Grand Canyon Drive and Rome Boulevard Middle School in the amount of \$200,656.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 70173, Object 0349, 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 EE.

APPROVE ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT, ROY W. MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

Approval to appoint Welles Pugsley Architects, LLP, as the architectural firm for the planning, designing, and construction administration services for the Roy W. Martin Middle School Replacement, at a cost of \$1,710,100.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Objects 0332 and 0334, Accounts 35678 and 35665, Project 000724, Phase 08, 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.

APPROVE INCREASE IN CONTRACT AMOUNT, COMMISSIONING SERVICES, CARROLL M. JOHNSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to increase the original contract amount with TestMark of Nevada, LLC, for additional commissioning services required at Carroll M. Johnston Middle School in the amount of \$6,325.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 22122, Object 0349, Project 001521, 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 GG.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: CONSTRUCT UNNAMED MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRAND CANYON DRIVE AND ROME BOULEVARD

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to Construct the Unnamed Middle School located at Grand Canyon Drive and Rome Boulevard, Las Vegas, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Unit 0020, FY 99, Account 35286, Object 0452, 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 HH.

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 \$185,826.05 for the Transportation Facility South (Carpenter Sellers Associates); Twin Lakes Elementary School and Mabel Hoggard Elementary School Addition and Renovation (Sandberg & Small Architecture, LLC); the Unnamed High School Located at Levi Avenue and Torrey Pines Drive, Arbor View High School, Rancho High School Replacement, and Western High School – Phase I Replacement (Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects); Kitty McDonough Ward Elementary School (JMA Architecture Studios, Inc.); Joseph E. Thiriot Elementary School (Friedmutter Group); East Region Administrative Office (HMC Architects of Nevada); Joseph E. Thiriot Elementary School (Stantec Consulting, Inc.); Del E. Webb Middle School (Western Technologies, Inc.); and the Elementary School Prototype (OM2), as recommended in Reference II.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$31,810.98 to the construction contracts to Construct a Theater Addition at Eldorado High School and Construct the Western High School Phased Replacement – Phase I (Rafael Construction, Inc.), and a Parking Lot Addition at Kirk Adams Elementary School (C G & B Enterprises, Inc.), as recommended in Reference JJ.

AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - STERLING SOFTWARE, INC.

Authorization to enter into a professional services agreement with Sterling Software, Inc. to provide Advanced Business Applications Program (ABAP) programming services for financial, purchasing, human resources, and payroll functions in support of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation, effective January 17, 2006, through June 30, 2007, for an approximate cost of \$2,500,000.00, to be paid from Unit 0048, FY 06, Account 71989, Object 0339, Project 062303, Fund 0100, as recommended in Reference KK.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE - STEVEN D. McCOY

Authorization to employ SDM Education Services owned and operated by Steven D. McCoy, as an out-of-district consultant, to provide mentoring services to new Northeast Region school administration, effective September 2005 through July 2006, for an estimated cost not to exceed \$4,000.00, to be paid from Unit 0100, FY 06, Project 000001/01, Account 39339, Object 0339, Fund 0100, as recommended in Reference I.

Mrs. Brager-Wellman questioned how long Mr. McCoy had been out of the district in connection with the 60-day period that must elapse before a former district employee could serve as a consultant for the district.

Dr. Denson stated that Mr. McCoy retired in July 2005.

Mr. Hoffman explained the "cooling off" period.

Mrs. Moulton asked staff for a recommendation.

Mr. Hoffman stated that board members had the option of voiding the contract under the regulation.

Mr. Mason asked that staff bring a recommendation back before the board with a clearer explanation.

Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, offered an explanation to the board regarding the procedure.

Mrs. Scow stated that she would like to have an explanation for the oversight of Steven McCoy's employment not coming before the board.

Motion to bring item back in two weeks with documentation.

Motion: Brager-Wellman Second: Mason Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE WEEKLY BOARD MEETINGS

Approval on holding weekly meetings of the board, to include, but not limited to, policy review; business meetings; presentations and awards; work sessions; and consent agenda items, as requested.

Mr. Mason suggested having separate meetings by topic, such as business or policy.

Mrs. Johnson suggested that staff survey the board for recommendations.

Mrs. Scow stated that her preference would be to have meetings on another night of the week other than Thursday.

Mrs. Moulton suggested having a quarterly meeting on finance and having policy meetings two to three meetings a year and looking into the summer months and balancing meetings between day and evening meetings.

Mrs. Johnson suggested more daytime meetings, with staff working with board officers on calendars and availability.

Mrs. Barber suggested looking at the length of the agendas and the length of time of board members' comments.

Motion that staff survey the board, gather historical data, look at comparable school districts, and come back to the board with recommendations within a timeframe that would allow any changes to be implemented after the zoning meeting.

Motion: Mason Second: Barber Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE 2004-05 ORGANIZATION/SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Approval of updated procedures and related materials to include, but not limited to, individual trustee worksheets, summary forms and all necessary procedures to conduct an open meeting evaluation of CCSD/Superintendent performance for the 2004-2005 year, as recommended in Reference A.

Board members reached a consensus that they would use the worksheets presented by Mrs. Barber as an aid in evaluating the superintendent.

Staff was instructed to bring forward a package at the February 16, 2006, board meeting which would include the monitoring reports, the action taken on each monitoring report, and the minutes that contain any conversation regarding the votes.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – JOHN CARVER

Authorization for professional services from John Carver as an out-of-district consultant to provide governance policy training to the Board of Trustees, Superintendent of Schools and Community at a cost not to exceed \$48,000.00, as recommended in Reference B.

EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – JOHN CARVER (continued)

Motion to accept proposal with the stipulation that the charges under no circumstances exceed the funds provided in the Broad Foundation grant.

Motion: Moulton Second: Scow Vote: Yeses – 6 (Johnson, Brager-Wellman, Scow, Moulton, Barber, Janison);
No – 1 (Mason)

Vote on Mrs. Moulton's motion passed.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT - ASPEN GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Authorization of proposal for services beginning January 1, 2006, through December 1, 2006, to the Board of School Trustees to assist the board, its current administration and the impending new superintendent in continuing the evolution into the effective practice of Policy Governance®, and the board's consistent commitment to the model, as well as intensive training for the new superintendent immediately upon, or prior to his or her assumption of duties; and for continuing support for this new leadership team for an additional six months following the new superintendent's beginning in July 2006, for a total cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, as recommended in Reference C.

No action was taken on this item.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

None.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Moulton Second: Barber Vote: Unanimous

RECESS: 7:40 p.m.

RECONVENE: 8:53 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Now is the time and this is the place to hear objections for the exchange of a 5.15-acre vacant parcel of land, and an approximate 4.0-acre parcel located on the north portion of the Roy W. Martin Middle School site for an 8.11-acre parcel owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas, as described in the Resolution of Intent to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement for the Exchange of Real Property and Escrow Instructions with the Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas as approved by the Board of School Trustees, Clark County School District, on January 26, 2006, as recommended in Reference D.

No action was taken on this item.

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS TO EXCHANGE PROPERTY

Approval to exchange a 5.15-acre parcel located at Duncan Street and Edward Avenue, and an approximate 4.0-acre parcel located on the north portion of the Roy W. Martin Middle School site for an 8.11-acre parcel owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas located at the intersection of 28th Street and Sunrise Avenue, that a resolution of acceptance be drafted and executed evidencing the same, directing and authorizing the president and clerk of the Board of School Trustees, or their designee(s), to execute a deed in compliance with NRS 277.050, as recommended in Reference E.

Motion: Brager-Wellman Second: Scow Vote: Unanimous

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

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Dr. Rulfes requested an agenda item to hear a presentation on the CTE program.

Mrs. Moulton requested an agenda item for a presentation on SB404 and a presentation on adequacy versus equity that could be given possibly by Randy Robison or Michael Alastuy.

The board reached a consensus that they would hear presentations from staff in the near future that would include the CTE program, SB404, adequacy versus equity, and the process of the \$19 million grant funds.

BOARD COMMITTEE AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Mrs. Brager-Wellman reported on the district's 50th Anniversary celebration meeting.

Mrs. Moulton spoke about the 4th-Grade Reader program. She reported that the National Association of School Board (NASB) conference was scheduled for November 16, 2006, in Carson City, Nevada. She also announced that there was a Bond Oversight Committee meeting scheduled for March 16, 2006.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Brager-Wellman asked for information on an event scheduled for February 28, 2006, at a park located on Buffalo and Washington sponsored by the National World Tennis Association. She stated that it would be free for students, and she would like to find a way to get the students there.

Dr. Rulfes stated that he would provide that information.

Mrs. Moulton mentioned that the plan to have lights flashing during testing days at Cannon Middle School had not been implemented. She requested that this be remedied.

Dr. Rulfes stated that he provided the board members with the proposal to change school start times. He recommended that the board should have this issue on the agenda at least twice to allow for public comments.

BOARD MEMBERS LEAVES

Mrs. Janison left the board meeting at 9:11 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

ADJOURN: 9:14 p.m.

Motion: Moulton Second: Scow Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Janison was not present for the vote.