

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, March 08, 2007

5:30 p.m.

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

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Jerry Blankenship, Sunrise Hospital Chapel.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Centennial High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

*Adopt agenda except move Item 7.01 to follow Item 4.02 as 4.02a.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Barber*

*Trustee Edwards requested that Item 7.02 be heard when the architects arrive at the meeting.*

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Regular meeting – November 30, 2006

*Motion: Scow Second: Moulton Vote: Yeses – 4 (Moulton, Scow, Barber, Janison);*

*Abstain – 1 (Edwards)*

*The motion passed.*

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

**ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED**

Mrs. Janison acknowledged the musical presentation given prior to the board meeting by James Bilbray Elementary School. Board members thanked the students; Aalya Page, Principal; Sandy Taggart, Music Specialist; and Billie Rayford, Assistant Region Superintendent.

## **STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

McCall Norton, student body president at Bonanza High School, Terri Janison, District E trustee; DeSean Flake, student body president at Cheyenne High School, Shirley Barber, District C trustee; and Sarah Saenz, student body president at Las Vegas Academy, Shirley Barber, District C trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

## **PRESENTATION OF MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL AWARD**

Charlene Green, Deputy Superintendent, Student Support Services Division; Regina Adams, Principal, Roy W. Martin Middle School; and Susan Wright, Director of Title 1 Services, Student Support Services Division, recognized Martin Middle School for being the recipient of the Title 1 distinguished school award for closing the achievement gap at the National Title 1 Conference.

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

Public Hearings on Agenda Items, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2A, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-3, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-3A, Legislation, and Public Hearings on Non-Agenda Items – Dell Ray Rhodes

Ms. Rhodes stated that she appreciated meeting with CCSD staff regarding incorporating Black history into the curriculum. She spoke about the importance of the acceptance of all students and about the attitudes of educators towards Black students during the immigration program in 1969.

Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2A, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-3, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-3A, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-4, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-4A, Clark County School District Regulation 6150, and Climate in Schools - Constance Kosuda

Ms. Kosuda spoke about the possibility of success through perception and manifestation. She also spoke about a study which shows how stereotypes can undermine test scores and academic performance.

Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2A, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-3, Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-3A, and Amendment of Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-4 – Rose Moore

Ms. Moore stated that Item 6.06 concerning the Center for Applied Linguistics project would be discriminatory to other students, especially those children with disabilities. She stated that with reference to Item 6.08, Dr. George Ann Rice had not had a "cooling off" period of one year, and that the district had not retained three bids, and that the district should also retain three bids for Item 6.15. She informed the board that she was acting as a special needs advocate on behalf of a Clark County School District student, and she provided the trustees with this student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) information, a Homebound program referral, and a copy of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 392.050. She asked the board to approve the Homebound application for this child.

Mrs. Janison asked Dr. Rulfes to have a staff member meet with Ms. Moore.

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

Climate in Schools – Mildred Walker, Sherry Green, and Esteleen Westby

Ms. Walker spoke about an incident involving her daughter at Coronado High School. She asked that the board investigate this matter, and she asked the board to hold the administrators involved responsible.

Ms. Green spoke about the needs of her son regarding his education and difficulty getting the assistance that her son needs.

Ms. Westby stated that as the parent of a special education student, she has to communicate with her child's teacher through a facilitator, and how that sometimes can be an obstacle.

**APPROVE ITEMS 5.01 THROUGH 5.06**

*Approval of Items 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 5.04, 5.05, and 5.06 as follows:*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton*

Mrs. Barber spoke in opposition of combining E-2: Academic Achievement, E-3: Essential Skills, and E-4: Responsible Citizenship, into one policy.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Mrs. Johnson was connected at 6:54 p.m.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Mr. Mason was connected at 6:54 p.m.

**APPROVE ITEMS 5.01 THROUGH 5.06 (continued)**

Mrs. Moulton spoke in favor of combining the Ends, stating that the integrity of the Ends would be increased by integrating them.

Mrs. Barber stated that she would prefer to speak with John Carver, CEO, Policy Governance® regarding this issue.

*Vote on Trustee Edwards motion: Yeses – 6 (Johnson, Moulton, Scow, Mason, Janison, Edwards);*

*Abstain – 1 (Barber)*

*The motion passed.*

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY E-2**

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2: Academic Achievement, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY E-2A**

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-2A: Academic Achievement-Defined, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GOVERNANCE POLICY E-3**

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-3: Essential Skills, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GOVERNANCE POLICY E-3A**

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-3A: Essential Skills-Defined, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GOVERNANCE POLICY E-4**

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-4: Responsible Citizens, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GOVERNANCE POLICY E-4A**

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy E-4A: Responsible Citizens-Defined, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

**APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN—REVISION 12**

Approval of the 1998 Capital Improvement Plan—Revision 12, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities, gave an overview of Revision 12.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Scow*

Dr. Rulfes explained that the school district had participated in the past with other municipalities whereby together they would develop community projects, such as swimming pools, and the district would contribute capital dollars to community projects, and in turn the district would have exclusive use of those facilities for the high school swim teams. He asked the board to consider amending their motion to include the funding for two additional projects, primarily swimming pools, not to exceed \$1 million each, and to have the final allocation of dollars come back for board approval.

Trustee Edwards amended her motion as requested by Dr. Rulfes.

Mrs. Scow accepted that amendment to the motion.

Mrs. Moulton noted that the intent of the bond was to have year-round schools, which is a part of the bond that the district cannot alter. She expressed her concern with the amount of money associated with Tom Williams Elementary School.

Mr. Gerner explained that the cost included the demolition of the old school as well as the building of the new school.

**APPROVE 1998 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN—REVISION 12 (continued)**

Mrs. Moulton questioned the amount of money being put into Eldorado High School for rehabilitation instead of replacing the entire facility. She stated that she was concerned with the significant amount of money that was going to be put into this school project and that there were no additions to Chaparral High School, which is an older campus and has needs.

Mrs. Scow asked about concerns of the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) regarding Tom Williams Elementary School.

Mr. Gerner responded that he believed that the committee was concerned with costs.

Mrs. Scow commented that while she understands the committee's concerns, she believes that the success of schools such as Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center make it worth the investment.

Debbie Earl, Chairperson, Bond Oversight Committee, explained that the BOC forwarded Revision 12 to the board without a recommendation because they concluded that this was a policy decision based on education, philosophy, and curriculum.

*Vote on Trustee Edwards motion was unanimous.*

**APPROVE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 6150**

Approval of policies adopted by various school districts regarding utilization of movies in the classroom and possible action on potential dialogues between the Board of School Trustees and their parent groups regarding Clark County School District Regulation 6150, Instructional Materials and Services, as recommended in Reference 5.07.

Trustee Edwards provided a handout that outlined suggested discussion issues concerning showing PG-13 movies at the high school level to present to the Parent Advisory Committees (PAC). She suggested that the board members could take these topics of discussion to their PAC meetings and bring the input gathered at those meetings back to the full board for discussion.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she would like to discuss the process that would be followed when the board receives a recommendation for something that is operational in nature. She stated that the advantage of taking this issue to the parents for their input is that they could provide the parents with staff recommendations concerning how movies are currently being used in the classroom, how movies should be used in the classroom, and recommendations for updating the policy based on how movies or movie clips enhance the students' learning experience, coupled with the information that was brought forth by Trustee Edwards.

Mrs. Janison stated that she would be interested in having a discussion with the PAC's concerning the procedural aspect of showing movies in class.

Mrs. Moulton agreed with comments made by Mrs. Johnson. She stated that the recent discussion held by the Student Advisory Committee was about having after-school activities and not reaching into the curriculum.

Mrs. Barber asked for clarification of how movies are currently shown in the classrooms.

### **APPROVE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 6150 (continued)**

Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, explained that currently if a teacher wishes to show a movie or clip, it should be part of the lesson plan, and that there is oversight by supervising administrators.

Mrs. Janison clarified that after receiving the aforementioned information from staff, board members would take the information to their PAC meetings for discussion and parent input and then bring this topic to a future board meeting.

### **APPROVE CLIMATE IN SCHOOLS**

Approval of a presentation from District staff on the procedure for maintaining a positive learning climate in the schools, including a discussion on how parent and student complaints are addressed, as recommended in Reference 5.08.

Trustee Edwards explained that this item was provided in order to allow for a discussion regarding EL-3: Treatment of Students and Their Families, the complaint process, the steps for resolution, and the timeline associated with those avenues of resolution. She stated that perhaps, EL-3: Treatment of Students and Their Families does not address this issue fully. She stated that she had concerns with the amount of time it takes to resolve issues.

Mrs. Barber spoke about the importance of climate in schools for the success of the children. She requested that the comments made by superintendent candidates during the superintendent search regarding school climate be put together and provided to her. She stated that climate starts at the top with the board members.

Mrs. Scow agreed that the board should look at EL-3: Treatment of Students and Their Families. She stated that she agreed with Mrs. Barber that climate starts at the top, and she said that the board members' actions in their meetings have a lot to do with climate. She mentioned the Lighthouse study in Iowa concerning boards and climate and said she would like the board to get more information on that study.

Dr. Rulfes informed board members that the school district has a professionally trained climate team that works with schools to improve their climate, and that this team along with region superintendents could give a presentation to the board.

Trustee Edwards stated that she had a concern with climate issues as well, and she volunteered to work with someone on staff concerning EL-3: Treatment of Students and Their Families and bring that back before the board.

Dr. Kohut-Rost suggested that Regulation 1213.1, which outlines the public concern process, should be reviewed in terms of the timelines associated with that process.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she would like the presentation to include how teachers are working to create the right climate in their schools.

### **APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, excluding Items 6.07, 6.08, 6.13, 6.15, 6.24, 6.25, and 6.26*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Scow Vote: Unanimous*

### **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 6.01.

### **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 6.02.

### **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 6.03.

### **AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR – NURSING SERVICES**

Authorization to allow Student Support Services Division personnel to contract with independent nursing contractors to provide registered nurse and licensed practical nurse services to students from March 9, 2007, through June 30, 2007, for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, to be paid from the Third Party Billing Unit 0125, FY 07, Account 36389, Object 0339, Fund 0285, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 6.04.

### **APPROVE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA NATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERPRETATION**

Approval of the request to contract with the University of Arizona National Center for Interpretation for the following services: Advanced Educational Interpreter Training Program, from June 18-22, 2007, at an approximate cost of \$31,912.00, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 07, Account 32986, Object 0339, Local Plan Grant 000639-07, Fund 0280, Project 006393-01, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 6.05.

### **AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – CENTER FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS**

Authorization to employ the Center for Applied Linguistics for consulting and training for the staff of Advanced Technologies Academy, ATTC, Canyon Springs High School, Ed W. Clark High School, Del Sol High School, Las Vegas Academy, Rancho High School, SNVTC and Valley High School, which includes 140 participants in the Superintendent's Schools effective from March 19-23, 2007, April 16-20, 2007, continuing with additional observations from April 23, 2007, through May 11, 2007, for a total cost of approximately \$90,000.00 to be paid from federal funds, Unit 0137, FY 07, Account 76977, Object 0321, Project 002217, Helping Disadvantaged Students Grant 000633, Fund 0280, and Unit 0137, FY 07, Account 93898, Object 0321, Project 006581, Title III, English Language Acquisition, Limited English Proficiency Grant 000658/07, Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 6.06.

### **APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT**

Approval to employ unified personnel, as recommended in Reference 6.09.

### **APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT**

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 6.10.

**APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351 and 4355), as recommended in Reference 6.11.

**RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS**

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$15,872,499.54, as listed, as recommended in Reference 6.12.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Mr. Mason was disconnected at 8:37 p.m.

**RATIFY WARRANTS**

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #16-06-07 in the total amount of \$94,322,392.99, as recommended in Reference 6.14.

**APPROVE GRANT OF EASEMENT, NEVADA POWER COMPANY, RUBY S. THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to grant Nevada Power Company two easements to allow for the installation of underground cable and a transformer located on the west boundary of the Ruby S. Thomas Elementary 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 6.16.

**APPROVE GRANT OF PUBLIC DRAINAGE EASEMENT, CLARK COUNTY, SISTER ROBERT JOSEPH BAILEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to grant Clark County a public drainage easement on the north boundary of the Sister Robert Joseph Bailey Elementary 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 6.17.

**APPROVE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, NORTHWEST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District an easement located on the south boundary of the Northwest Career and Technical Academy site for the installation of a double check detector assembly, 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 6.18.

**APPROVE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, EAST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

Approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District two easements located on the west boundary of the East Career and Technical Academy site for the installation of a double check detector assembly 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 6.19.

**APPROVE UTILITY EASEMENT, CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, D. L. "DUSTY" DICKENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to grant the City of North Las Vegas three easements on the north and south boundaries of the D. L. "Dusty" Dickens Elementary School site for installation of two double check detector assemblies, a reduced pressure principle assembly, and a water meter, 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 6.20.

**APPROVE ROADWAY EASEMENT, CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, D. L. "DUSTY" DICKENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to grant the City of North Las Vegas four pedestrian access easements along the north, east, and west boundaries of the D. L. "Dusty" Dickens Elementary 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 6.21.

**APPROVE STREET DEDICATION, CLARK COUNTY, LOIS AND JERRY TARKANIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Approval to grant Clark County two half-street dedications on 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 6.22.

**APPROVE TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, RICHARD C. WHITE TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

Approval to enter into a Technical Services Agreement with Converse Consultants for environmental engineering services in support of the final closure of the Richard C. White Transportation Center remediation project in the amount of \$48,918.60, to be paid from the Environmental Compliance Program, Unit 0029, FY 07, Account 06044, Object 0349, Project 000001, Phase 01, Fund 0100; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 6.23.

**RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS**

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$659,231.14 plus additional days to the construction contracts to Construct Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle School (Pipe Maintenance Service, Inc.), Construct Lois and Jerry Tarkanian and Carroll M. Johnston Middle Schools (Pace Contracting Company), Construct Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center (Sletten Construction of Nevada, Inc.), Construct Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary School (Martin Harris Construction), and Civil and Landscape Upgrades at Variety School (Capriati Construction Corp., Inc.), as recommended in Reference 6.27.

**AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – IMPACT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

Authorization to amend the agreement with Impact Communications, LLC, to include additional services to provide assistance with Capitol Issues 2007, and production and hosting of a call-in interview program called Direct Access for a rate of \$150.00 to \$650.00 per week, at an approximate additional cost of \$24,000.00, for an amended total amount not to exceed \$48,000.00, for the period of December 8, 2006, through June 30, 2007, to be paid from non-district funds secured by Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television through Unit 0140, FY 07, Account 26801, Object 0339, Project 010705, Fund 0220, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 6.07.

**AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – IMPACT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC (continued)**

Mrs. Johnson asked for clarification regarding a contract that was previously approved for Impact Communications.

Lee Solonche, Director of Distance Learning, Vegas PBS, explained that this was an expansion of the original contract for additional services.

Mrs. Johnson asked if the district was doubling a contract for Mitch Fox, who is a former CCSD employee and is currently in the "cooling off" period.

Mr. Solonche answered yes.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she would need to take this item separately.

**APPROVE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION, EMPLOYEE "COOLING OFF" PERIOD**

Approval to contract with Rice Consulting Service LLC, of which former Clark County School District administrator, George Ann Rice, is a principal, to serve as a resource for the Chief Human Resources Officer, the coordinator, in the Housing Initiative, and in the District's efforts to create partnerships with the Nevada System of Higher Education for the period of March 9, 2007, through June 30, 2007, in the approximate amount of \$24,000.00, to be paid from Unit 0031, FY 07, Account 00450, Object 0339, Project 000001, Fund 0100, as recommended in Reference 6.08.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she had a concern with the number of "cooling off" periods the board is approving for individuals who are retiring and particularly with the district's ongoing interest in the housing initiative by hiring someone to pursue that on behalf of the district.

Mrs. Moulton stated that money used in this project would eventually be returned to the district.

Jeffrey Weiler, Deputy Superintendent/CFO, Finance and Operations Division, clarified that the services under this item include more than the housing initiative so all monies involved would not be returned to the district.

Mrs. Moulton asked whether or not there is a per-hour pay associated with the money appropriated for a project up to a certain amount.

Mr. Weiler stated that in this particular case, the amount would be not to exceed \$24,000.00.

Dr. Rulfes stated that the pay is typically built on the person's current salary or most recent salary.

Mrs. Barber asked for an explanation of the "cooling off" period.

Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Department, explained that the "cooling off" period is a regulation that allows the board to review contracts primarily with recently retired employees to make sure that a person is not using his prior position in the district to obtain a contract after leaving the district.

**AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – IMPACT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC (continued)**

Mrs. Johnson stated that she could not vote for Items 6.07 or 6.08 because she is concerned that it appears that employees are leaving the district and then being set up for a consultant contract, and that she is concerned with the doubling of the contract in Item 6.07.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Scow Second: Edwards*

Mr. Solonche added that the funding for Item 6.07 would not be coming out of regular school district funds.

Mrs. Moulton asked if Mr. Fox's prior position had been filled.

Mr. Solonche stated that the original contract was for the work done for the Nevada Week In Review program, and the additional funds are to assist with the legislative coverage.

Trustee Edwards asked if there would be a replacement for the Nevada Week In Review or is there a plan to have someone in place at the end of the contract.

Dr. Ruffes stated that the intent is to replace Mr. Fox.

Trustee Edwards stated that she does not believe the district wants to be in the business of retiring employees and hiring them back as consultants.

Mr. Solonche explained that this is only a percentage of Mr. Fox's prior capacity as a CCSD employee.

Trustee Edwards stated that as the second to the motion, she would support this with the understanding that it would not be repeated over and over again.

Mrs. Moulton recommended that this item be held to be able to gather more information, including a timeline for this contract.

Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, advised the board that a motion to hold supersedes the business motion before the board.

*Motion to hold this item until additional information could be gathered.*

*Motion: Moulton Second: Johnson*

Trustee Edwards asked if holding this item would disrupt anything.

Mr. Solonche stated that it would only postpone Mr. Fox's participation.

Mrs. Johnson stated the board probably needs better clarification of why there is a need for two contracts.

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

*Mrs. Barber was not present for the vote.*

Mrs. Janison clarified that this item would come back before the board at the March 22, 2007, board meeting.

**APPROVE HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION, EMPLOYEE "COOLING OFF" PERIOD (continued)**

*Motion: Moulton Second: Scow*

Mrs. Janison asked whether or not having three bids on this contract is relevant to this item.

Mr. Hoffman stated that it does not apply to professional services contracts.

*Vote on Mrs. Moulton's motion: Yeses – 3 (Moulton, Scow, Edwards); Noes – 4 (Johnson, Mason, Barber, Janison)*

*The motion failed.*

**APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS (continued)**

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$2,027,190.00 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 6.13.

Mrs. Johnson asked for additional information regarding the \$2 million for audio/visual distribution.

Mr. Weiler explained that the service included a new method for distributing television in the newer schools over the broadband network, which would actually be a savings in the building of schools going forward.

Mrs. Johnson asked what fund that is coming from and if this is a modernization.

Phil Brody, Assistant Superintendent/CTO, Technology and Information Systems Services, explained that his money is coming from the bond fund and is related to the wide area network (WAN) project.

Mrs. Johnson stated that her concern is that she would consider the backup material for this item to be incomplete, but that she would be in support of this item. She suggested that going forward, backup material should include something that indicates where money is coming from how it applies to student achievement.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Moulton Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous*

*Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.*

**APPROVE RENEWAL OF ENGAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07**

Approval to renew the engagement for the fourth year of the five-year contract with Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. as the independent auditing firm for the district for fiscal year 2007, to perform the district's financial audits and federal compliance audits, review the annual reports for Vegas PBS 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 \$137,045.00; and authorization for the chief financial officer 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 Jeff Weiler, chief financial officer, to sign the necessary documents, as recommended in Reference 6.15.

**APPROVE RENEWAL OF ENGAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07**  
(continued)

Mrs. Johnson stated that she had a concern with the information on page 1, paragraph 4. She stated that this paragraph appears to be outside the renewal of engaging Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. as an independent contractor for the upcoming year, and Paragraph 5 is above and beyond the intent of the board for having an independent contractor. She said she would be in support of the item as long as it does not include approval of the automatic \$50,000.00 per project audit as in Paragraph 5.

Mrs. Moulton stated that she would prefer to take out the "or other CPA firms at fees not to exceed \$50,000.00..."

Mrs. Barber stated that she would like to consider using other firms, and she requested to see a list of firms.

Mrs. Scow recommended approving this contract and then at the end of the 5-year period that other firms be considered.

Mrs. Johnson agreed with the suggestion made by Mrs. Scow and the comments made by Mrs. Moulton and Mrs. Barber.

*Motion to accept and to reduce "not to exceed \$50,000" to "not to exceed \$25,000"; that the board would receive a list of qualified auditors; and at the end of the current contract, the bid process would be reviewed in detail.*

*Motion: Moulton    Second: Scow*

Trustee Edwards asked whether or not Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. would still be responsible and accountable for the results if they used a different CPA firm. She also questioned whether or not "not to exceed \$50,000" means a total of \$50,000, not per request.

Mr. Weiler answered that, yes, Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. is the auditor of record and is responsible for the results; and yes, the amount is a total of \$50,000.00. He added that the intent was to re-bid this contract every five years.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she interpreted the item to mean not to exceed \$50,000.00 per contract, not per year. She asked how much the district historically spends on auditors that handle the smaller projects in addition to Kafoury, Armstrong & Co.

Mr. Weiler stated that he would provide that information to the board.

Mrs. Johnson mentioned that if Mr. Weiler wanted the board to reconsider this item the way it was written, he could certainly do that and bring forth additional information for the board to review.

Trustee Edwards offered a friendly amendment to the motion that the item would read "no one item would exceed \$25,000.00 and not to exceed an annual total amount of \$50,000.00."

Mrs. Moulton stated that she was comfortable with the current motion on the floor.

*Vote on Mrs. Moulton's motion: Yeses – 5 (Johnson, Moulton, Scow, Jainson, Edwards);  
Noes – 2 (Barber, Mason)*

**APPROVE ACQUISITION OF NON-SCHOOL FACILITY, 3311 EAST FLAMINGO ROAD**

Approval to enter into escrow to purchase the property located at 3311 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, for current proposed use by the English Language Learner Department, for an amount not to exceed \$2,350,000.00 plus closing costs, to be paid from Unit 0020, FY 07, Account 43801, Object 0711, Project 000907, Phase 01, Fund 0430, 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 6.24.

Mrs. Moulton asked about the cost of any rehab or changes.

Addressing both Items 6.24 and 6.25, Mr. Gerner explained that staff looked at the appraised value of both properties and assessed what the rehab costs would be, and the difference between the appraised value and what the district would pay for the properties is the cost that would be used for the rehab.

Mrs. Moulton asked if the district would be losing any of their leases by purchasing these properties.

Mr. Gerner stated, no, they would not, but by purchasing these properties, they are solving the overcrowding at Seigel and creating a location for English Language Learner (ELL).

*Motion: Scow Second: Edwards Vote: Yeses – 6 (Johnson, Moulton, Scow, Mason, Janison, Edwards); No – 1 (Barber)*

*The motion passed.*

**APPROVE ACQUISITION OF NON-SCHOOL FACILITY, 4040 PECOS McLEOD INTERCONNECT**

Approval to enter into escrow to purchase the property located at 4040 Pecos McLeod Interconnect, Las Vegas, for current proposed use by Seigle Diagnostic, for an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000.00 plus closing costs, to be paid from Unit 0020, FY 07, Account 43789, Object 0711, Project 000905, Phase 01, Fund 0430, 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 6.25.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous*

**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 \$140,927.50 for Carolyn S. Reedom Elementary School (Dynamic Commissioning Solutions, Inc.), Carolyn S. Reedom Elementary School (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation), Unnamed High School located at Levi Avenue and Torrey Pines Drive (Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, Ltd.), and Robert L. Taylor Elementary School Replacement (JMA Architects, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 6.26.

With reference to Pages 3, 4, 5, and 6 of 7 in Reference 6.26, Mrs. Johnson asked whether or not this is a new prototype.

Mr. Gerner stated that it was a new prototype.

Mrs. Johnson questioned the absence of the ADA requirements figured into the prototype design on Page 6 of 7.

**RATIFY CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS**  
(continued)

Mr. Gerner explained that the ADA requirements were originally included, but that some concerns regarding the elevators are being addressed in this way.

*Motion to accept.*

*Motion: Moulton    Second: Scow    Vote: Unanimous*

**APPROVE HOUSING PLAN FOR 2007-08 NINTH GRADE STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO SIERRA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL**

Approval to house the incoming ninth grade Sierra Vista High School students beginning with the 2007-08 school year, residing in the area as described, in the reference material identified herein, at Liberty High School, with transportation; to allow an option for students in grades 10-12 assigned to Sierra Vista High School beginning with the 2007-08 school year, residing in the area as described, to attend Liberty High School along with a younger sibling, with transportation; and to allow an option for students that attend Liberty High School beginning with the 2007-08 school year, residing in the area as described, to remain at Liberty High School for the duration of their high school career, with the declaration to exercise this option completed by January 31, 2008, without transportation, beginning with the 2007-08 school year, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

*Motion: Edwards    Second: Mason*

Mrs. Barber asked for an explanation of this item.

Trustee Edwards explained that this is a proposed plan to solve the overcrowded situation at Sierra Vista High School and also to accommodate the continued growth in and around Sierra Vista.

*Vote on Trustee Edwards motion was unanimous.*

**APPROVE LEGISLATION**

Approval regarding state and federal legislation which may affect education, including, but not limited to, reports of current legislative issues and events; the development of the district's legislative goals, platform, and courses of action; the establishment of the district's position on proposed legislation; and guidance to district representatives in the legislative process.

Joyce Haldeman, Executive Director, Community and Government Relations, gave an update on the current legislative session issues that may affect education or which may be of interest to the school district.

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

Behavioral School, Emergency Licensure, and Public Disclosure Act – Rose Moore

Ms. Moore stated that the behavioral schools need to offer training for the children to return to their regular schools. She stated that the emergency licensure was supposed to go on for six months and asked whether or not it is still in effect. She requested the names of all the teachers that are not highly qualified and the schools they are teaching at.

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

Mrs. Barber stated that the board needed to look at the frequency and length of their meetings. She also spoke about the item at the February 22, 2007, board meeting concerning renaming the CCSD Occupational Scholarship Award. She requested related information from Ms. Miller and Mr. Hoffman. She requested Open Meeting Law (OML) training.

Trustee Edwards asked Ms. Miller if in her opinion there were any violations to the OML with regard to the Occupational Scholarship Award agenda item at the February 22, 2007, board meeting.

Ms. Miller stated that the agenda item was adequately noticed for the action that was taken.

Trustee Edwards requested an agenda item to discuss Regulation 6150 for April 12, 2007, and an agenda item to consider changing the start time of the regular board meetings.

Mrs. Moulton requested an agenda item to receive a presentation on SB404 and the programs that schools have used the funds for.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE AND CONFERENCE REPORTS**

Trustee Edwards reported on the recent School Board Advisory Committee meeting and the Nevada Association of School Boards' (NASB) new board member orientation.

Mrs. Moulton reported on the presentations given by Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Haldeman at the NASB meeting on the OML and legislation and parental involvement. She also spoke about the National Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) meeting.

Mrs. Scow talked about a recent meeting attended by herself and Mrs. Janison on school start times.

## **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

Dr. Rulfes announced that Martha Tittle would be serving as the Chief Human Resources Officer. He also reported that the STEP UP program has been awarded first place in a competition that recognizes programs that serve the community by The Educators Servicing the Community.

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

None.

**ADJOURN:** 10:00 p.m.

*Motion: Barber    Second: Scow    Vote: Unanimous*