

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 25, 2007

4:12 p.m.

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 of Schools

INVOCATION

Pastor Wallace E. Smith, House of Israel Christian.

FLAG SALUTE

Shadow Ridge High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Mrs. Barber asked that her comments be put into the record, word for word, regarding Item 6.07, Board Presentations at the Council of the Great City Schools Conference.

Mrs. Johnson asked that Mrs. Barber hold those comments regarding Item 6.07 until point of order later in the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Mrs. Scow arrived at the Board meeting at 4:17 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA (continued)

Mrs. Barber asked to delete Item 6.07, and she asked that the following be put into the minutes verbatim:

"I would like to make a few comments for the record (word for word) regarding agenda Item 6.07: Board Presentations at the Council of Great City Schools Conference and the National School Board Association Conference.

"I find the facts and processes surrounding submission of these proposals very troublesome."

ADOPT AGENDA (continued)

"The troublesome facts include the following:

- "1. Two proposals were submitted prior to 1 June 2007 without being posted on an agenda for Board discussion and possible action.
- "2. It was not until 18 July that it was discovered that the two proposals had been submitted and accepted.
- "3. Reportedly, one proposal was cancelled 26 July 2007. When and by whom is presently unknown as the item was not posted for discussion.
- "4. While individual Board members may express their individual views or opinions, they cannot represent themselves as speaking for the entire Board discussion, authority and approval.
- "5. To resolve this dilemma, it has been suggested that the presenters could announce to their audience that the presentation is being made by individual Board members and not on behalf of the Board of School Trustees. Clearly, this would seriously jeopardize the credibility of the entire presentation.
- "6. Finally, if the Board approved these presentations tonight, it would be condoning the violation of the [Open Meeting Law] OML and their own policies.

"In view of these facts, I would like to motion that agenda Item 6.07 be pulled and that the presentation be allowed to proceed as presently scheduled without any modifications or restrictions. Also, it must be made perfectly clear that while the presentations will be made as scheduled, all the underlying issues surrounding the process of the two proposals must and will be addressed in the near future."

Motion to approve the agenda, except move Item 6.05 to follow 6.04 as 6.04a.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Janison and Mr. Mason were not present for the vote.

Mrs. Barber motioned that agenda Item 6.07 be deleted and the presentation be allowed to proceed as presently scheduled without any modifications or restrictions.

The motion died for lack of a second.

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meeting - January 8, 2007

Regular meeting - September 6, 2007

Motion: Scow Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

Mrs. Janison and Mr. Mason were not present for the vote.

ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED

Mrs. Johnson acknowledged the musical presentation given during the recess by Mike O'Callaghan Middle School, Strings.

STUDENT REPORTS

Ashly Gaytan, student body president at Desert Pines High School High School, Larry Mason, District D trustee; Jessica Swapp, student body president at Foothill High School, Mary Beth Scow, District A trustee; Marissa Skouson, student body president at Shadow Ridge High School, Ruth Johnson, District B trustee; and Joshua Prince, Chairman representing Student Advisory Committee to the School Board of Trustees, Area Technical Trade Center, Shirley Barber, District C, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

Kristal Ojeda, an 8th-grade student at Mike O'Callaghan Middle School, Sheila Moulton, District G Trustee, spoke about the school spirit, pride, and achievement of the students at her school.

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LAS VEGAS EDUCATION GRANTS AWARDS

Stephanie Vogel, President, Junior League of Las Vegas, recognized 55 teachers from 38 schools who have enriched the lives of their students in the Clark County School District who received grant awards totaling \$49,720.00.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Scow presented a certificate of achievement from SH Architecture to Dr. Rulffes on behalf of the CCSD for building Energy Star facilities.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Mrs. Johnson recognized the following awards: The Frederick Douglass Educational Fund who presented the Individual Community Service Award to Dr. Andre Denson, Southeast Region Superintendent; Prestigious Founders Award presented to Mrs. Marsha Irvin, Northeast Region Superintendent; at the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) Carolyn Edwards was nominated as new Board member of the year on the CCSD Board of School Trustees; Dr. Rulffes was nominated as Superintendent of the year; Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost was nominated as administrator of the year; Marsha Irvin, Northeast Region Superintendent, was nominated as administrator of the year; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, was nominated as administrator of the year; and Trustee Moulton was nominated as officer of the year. She also recognized representatives of the Student Advisory Committee who were present at tonight's meeting.

ADOPT AGENDA (continued)

Trustee Edwards motioned to move Items 7.01 and 7.02 to follow Item 4.01 and the music presentation.

Mrs. Johnson stated Items 7.01 and 7.02 would follow Public Hearings, and the Board would hold those items before the music break or do them at 5:30 p.m.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous
Mr. Mason and Mrs. Janison were not present for the vote.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Student Expulsions, Instructional-Related Out-of-District Consultant – Dr. Ann Levett; Instructional-Related Out-of-District Consultant – MJ Educational Consulting, LLC, Instructional-Related Out-of-District Consultant – Simply Achieve – Dell Ray Rhodes

Ms. Rhodes thanked the CCSD for sending her to the National Conference on Educating Black Children. Regarding Out-of-District consultants, she stated the cost was over \$2 million per month and asked whether there were competent staff from CCSD who could train to be consultants for the District. She questioned staff development days because she feels they are taking away from the students' higher education. She asked how many Black students are graduating with an advanced diploma. She also stated the District needs to stop using the term "minority" because it is insulting.

2007B School Bond Resolution, 2007C Building Bond Resolution – Wendy White

Ms. White stated she did research that indicated in a previous bond issue there was money set aside and construction done to have parent work kitchens in the '96-'98 bond, but she could not find the paperwork supporting that, and now she has received a letter stating the parent room at Howard Wasden Elementary School had to be vacated by December 1, 2007.

Mrs. Johnson stated she did not think this was an agenda item, and the Board could not discuss it, but she would try to resolve the issue.

2007B School Bond Resolution, 2007C Building Bond Resolution – Karen Flanagan

Ms. Flanagan also spoke in reference to the request of removal of all Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and parent kitchen items and stated that CCSD needs to adhere to the promises of the old bond issues before voting for the new bond issues.

Mrs. Johnson suggested Ms. Flanagan address this issue with the principal and/or the region superintendent.

RECESS: 5:22 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Mr. Mason arrived at the Board meeting at 5:23 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:37 p.m.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02

Approval of Items 7.01 and 7.02, as follows:

Motion : Scow Second : Moulton

Mrs. Moulton stated she had a concern regarding what percentage of our schools have 4 by 4 blocks.

Jhone Ebert, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, responded that 19 schools have comprehensive 4 by 4 blocks. She asked Dr. Edward Goldman, Associate Superintendent, Education Services Division, how the school day could be extended for electives.

Dr. Goldman explained how students could make up credits by taking certain classes at specific times.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02 (continued)

Mrs. Moulton asked if any high schools were on 7 periods in a day.

Dr. Goldman stated that only West High School for 9th and 10th grades offer extended days.

Mrs. Moulton asked if the District received compensation for fifth-year seniors.

Dr. Goldman responded if they are part of the regular enrollment they did, but it was minimal.

Mrs. Scow stated she agreed with Mrs. Moulton to extend the school day to improve student achievement.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Mrs. Janison was connected at 5:46 p.m.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02 (continued)

Mrs. Johnson stated she was in support of the motion and for extending the school day to meet the new standard of success. She asked how the policy can ensure the success of the graduating students to allow them to take the kind of curriculum to meet that rigorous standard.

Ms. Ebert explained what CCSO had done with the alignment of the curriculum over the years regarding what the students need to be successful, and she discussed the steps that were taken to move forward with initiatives.

Trustee Edwards stated that the legislature needs to give CCSO an extra period in the school day. She had concerns with the way pages 7 and 8 of 15 were written and stated the additional Item C needed to come first and then standard diploma should come after, and should read, "To receive the standard high school diploma you must opt out of the 21st Century." She stated this current language was ambiguous and needed to be reordered and the verbiage to be as follows: "Once you opt out, you may..." She stated she was in support of the rest of the policy language.

Mr. Mason asked for clarification regarding the statement that not all 2,900 students would be able to partake in all classes.

Dr. Goldman responded if all 2,900 wanted to take all the classes at one time, it could not be accommodated.

Mr. Mason questioned the numbers for African-American and Spanish Advanced Placement (AP) students.

Ms. Ebert responded that she would get the information for Mr. Mason that he requested regarding the numbers for the AP students.

Mr. Mason asked if any of the 2,900 students would be losing out on anything if they could not be accommodated.

Dr. Goldman stated it has worked out that there are seats available so far.

Mrs. Barber asked Dr. Goldman how many schools were in this program.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02 (continued)

Dr. Goldman stated there was only one comprehensive West High School, with 130 9th graders, so 250 students in that school and Desert Pines.

Mrs. Barber suggested having tutoring for elementary school students and middle school students for a better background to succeed when they reach high school and asked if tutoring was being provided.

Ms. Ebert stated there are tutoring programs in each of the regions.

Mrs. Barber requested information from Ms. Ebert which supports her statements regarding tutoring programs.

Mrs. Janison asked that the motion be restated.

Mrs. Johnson responded it was a motion to accept 7.01 and 7.02 with Trustee Edwards' amendment.

Mrs. Janison stated there needs to be clear information regarding the opting out clause of the 21st Century. She expressed safety concerns regarding how to address 16- and 17-year-olds in a middle school campus, and cited safety standpoint.

Dr. Goldman responded that the District does not have capacity or funding to do more than putting them in accelerated reading or math to advance to high school and getting them off the campus. He stated there was one at West Prep, which is a special program. He stated this was an option and they are placed on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Dr. Rulfes stated recent legislation enabled students from 8th grade to enter high school on a provisional basis.

Mrs. Moulton asked for the number of students who fall under the category Mrs. Janison spoke of, and she asked if the plan was to expand block programming.

Dr. Rulfes stated there is still an ongoing exchange of information on block scheduling.

Mrs. Moulton asked if the academic plan could drop down to the 8th-grade year rather than dealing with them as 9th graders. She also suggested that the District counselors try and meet with every parent and child before the child enters high school.

Ms. Ebert responded that they have used the Transitional Planning Guide for 8th graders. She also stated counselors do not meet personally with every parent and child before they go to 9th grade.

Trustee Edwards reiterated that the verbiage in number 3 under C would get moved up to be number 1, and number 2 should say, "Should a student choose to opt out of the 21st Century, these are the requirements..."

APPROVE ITEMS 7.01 AND 7.02 (continued)

Mrs. Johnson stated that regarding 7.02, page 6, first full paragraph, the ending statement about the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team suggests it is addressing a special needs student and not a mainstream student. She expressed concern with Trustee Edwards' change in verbiage and stated that it needs to be spelled out clearly. She suggested that the Board come back with more specific language for the policy and suggested that Mrs. Scow consider an amendment to the motion to accept with an opportunity to reorder and matching the regulation and policies on the issues and to have additional language considered at the next meeting. She also suggested adding a special paragraph that deals with IEP students and how IEP governs that change in coursework.

Mr. Mason agreed with Trustee Edwards and Mrs. Johnson on the clarity of the policy and suggested that it be available in different languages as well. He also questioned how much of a waiting list there was regarding students who are kept at the five schools and at West Prep.

Dr. Goldman stated there is a waiting list, and it works on a first-come-first-serve basis. He also stated he would get the exact numbers and email the information to the Board. He indicated that the region superintendents are working on passing through the students and that there were options to minimize 16-year-olds at middle school.

Ms. Ebert stated the principals were looking at how the pass-through is working, and she stated that there was a need to have a good transition for the students. She also stated that she expects information to be forthcoming district wide.

Mr. Mason asked for a copy of the tutoring program or programs.

Trustee Edwards stated that at the NASB conference in Reno, she learned that at other schools when students sign up for AP courses, they are required to take the AP exam and that provisions were made for students who could not afford to take the exam. She questioned whether the Board would want to discuss that at a later point.

Mrs. Barber asked for a copy of the AP exams, which she has asked for in the past but has never received.

Ms. Ebert stated that the AP exams are college board exams, not CCSD exams. She invited Mrs. Barber to view it when the college board presents district results in the near future.

Mrs. Johnson stated concern with the funds that would be needed for students to take the AP exams.

Mrs. Scow commented that the AP exam was a decision that needed to be made by the Superintendent.

Mrs. Johnson restated the motion as accepting Items 7.01 and 7.02, and at the next notice, policy process language would clarify issues, especially in section C, how to opt out, IEP considerations, and would match the policy to the regulation where needed for continuity.

Vote on Mrs. Scow's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 5127

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 5127, High School Graduation Requirements, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on November 15, 2007, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5127

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 5127, High School graduation Requirements, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on November 15, 2007, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

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

District Recycling – Kathryn Fergus and David Butler

Ms. Fergus spoke regarding recycling and offered support and services from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to help CCSD meet or exceed recycling objectives and goals.

Mr. Butler spoke regarding the need for recycling in our school district. He encouraged strong leadership on this issue to make recycling a priority.

Employment of Out-of-District Consultant – Dr. Ron Leaf and Autism Partnership; Instructional-Related Out-of-District Consultant – Dr. Ann Levett; Instructional-Related Out-of-District Consultant – MJ Educational Consulting, LLC; Instructional-Related Out-of-District Consultant – Simply Achieve; Instructional-Related Out-of-District Consultant – Harcourt Achieve Publishers – Caroline Rangen

Ms. Rangen spoke regarding a Consent for Release of Information and Medicaid Reimbursement form that she found in her child's records. She asked if the District was double-billing the public or Medicaid. She asked the Board look into the Consent for Release of Information document she handed out because teachers and parents are being involved, and she asked why it was ending up in children's files.

Mrs. Moulton responded that she and Mrs. Haldeman would be looking into Wendy White and Karen Flanagan's queries. She also stated she hoped Ms. Fergus was working with the District on curriculum for recycling.

Trustee Edwards stated she has the curriculum and work sheets geared for 5th grade, and they are working with the District. She thanked Ms. Fergus and Mr. Butler for their comments on recycling.

Mrs. Barber requested information regarding the kitchen discussion at Wadsen Elementary School and other schools, and she stated it needed to be looked into. She also requested information because of her concern regarding Ms. Rangen's comments on Medicaid.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

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 5.01.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – DR. RON LEAF AND AUTISM PARTNERSHIP

Authorization to employ Dr. Ron Leaf and staff of Autism Partnership as out-of-district consultants, from October 26, 2007, through July 31, 2008, for the estimated amount of \$419,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, Internal Order G6639050208, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – DR. ANN LEVETT

Authorization to contract with Dr. Ann Levett to provide on-site and follow-up training on block scheduling for mathematics teachers and building administrators at the rate of \$2,000.00 per day for 30 days, for an approximate total cost of \$60,000.00, effective October 29, 2007, through May 9, 2008, to be paid from Fund 0280, and Internal Order G6633021708, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – MJ EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING, LLC

Authorization to contract with MJ Educational Consulting, LLC to provide on-site and follow-up training as a writing consultant at Myrtle Tate, J. E. Manch, and H. P. Fitzgerald Elementary Schools, at the rate of \$1,000.00 per day for 20 days each, for a total of 60 days, for an approximate total cost of \$60,000.00, effective October 29, 2007, through May 14, 2008, to be paid from Fund 0280, and Internal Order G6633021708, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – SIMPLY ACHIEVE

Authorization to contract with Simply Achieve to provide training for approximately 1,200 elementary and secondary teachers and administrators in the Northwest Region for an approximate total cost of \$39,150.00, effective November 14, 2007, through January 29, 2008, to be paid from Fund 0280, Internal Order Number G6633021708, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – COLLEAGUES ON CALL

Authorization to contract with Colleagues on Call to provide training on refinement of the Universal Practice initiative to 400 participants that include elementary and secondary administrators and teacher leaders in the 38 Superintendent's Schools region, effective October 29, 2007, through June 30, 2008, for an approximate total cost of \$70,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, Internal Order G6633021708, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – HARCOURT ACHIEVE PUBLISHERS

Authorization to contract with Harcourt Achieve Publishers to provide on-site, job-embedded, customized professional development at Ed Von Tobel, Brian Cram, and Marvin Sedway Middle Schools for 18 days at the approximate rate of \$2,777.78 per day, and an approximate total cost of \$50,000.00, effective October 31, 2007, through March 27, 2008, to be paid from Fund 0280, and Internal Order G6633021708, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.07.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES

Authorization to contract independent consultants to provide support with the implementation of Assistive Technology Services for the 2007-2008 school year, at an approximate total cost of \$184,000.00, effective August 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, to be paid from Medicaid funds, Cost Center 1028501125, Fund 0285, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.08.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT, DELPHI RESEARCH OF NEVADA, INC.

Authorization to contract with Delphi Research of Nevada, Inc. to provide comprehensive evaluation services for the Elementary Teaching American History grant program during its three years of implementation at an approximate cost of \$180,000.00, effective October 30, 2007, through June 30, 2010, with the first year cost of \$90,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, Internal Order G5562000108, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.09.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE – PREMIER ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Approval of the purchase of the Premier Accessibility Suite of software products at the rate of \$1.15 per user for 35,000 users, for an approximate total cost of \$40,250.00, effective during the 2007-2008 school year, to be paid from Medicaid funds, Cost Center 1028501125, Fund 0285, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.10.

AUTHORIZE TITLE I PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Authorization to contract with Santa Fe Hotel for room rental for five days, seven and one half hours per day, for the interactive best practices in math and literacy workshops, at an approximate total cost of \$43,000.00, effective November 14, 2007, through January 29, 2008, to be paid from Fund 0280 and Internal Order G6633021708, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

AUTHORIZE AB 151 SUPPORT FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Authorization to submit applications and implement the state funded Career and Technical Education programs, from October 26, 2007, to June 30, 2008, through Unit 0137, FY 08, Fund 0279, in the approximate amount of \$1,513,345.34, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.12.

AUTHORIZE AB 151 COMPETITIVE FUNDS TO SUPPORT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Authorization to submit competitive applications and implement the state funded Career and Technical Education programs, from October 26, 2007, to June 30, 2008, through Unit 0137, FY 08, Fund 0279, in the approximate amount of \$828,532.48, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.13.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT, THOMAS J. O'ROARKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional/technical services agreement with Benchmark Roof and Pavement Consulting, Inc. for consulting services in support of the roofing systems for the Thomas J. O'Roarke Elementary School in the amount of \$44,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001550; 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.

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AND IMPLEMENT AN ADULT HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP GRANT AT DESERT ROSE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL AND CAREER CENTER

Authorization to submit and implement an Adult High School Leadership Grant at Desert Rose Adult High School and Career Center from October 26, 2007, through June 30, 2008, to be paid through Cost Center 1000000137, FY 08, Fund 0280, in the amount of \$52,015.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ unified personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.16.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.17.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to unified personnel (Regulation 4355), as recommended in Reference 5.18.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION

Approval to grant a leave of absence extension to a unified employee (NRS 386.595), as recommended in Reference 5.19.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulation 4351), as recommended in Reference 5.20.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$148,815,397.70, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.21.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$7,743,000.00 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.22.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #08-07-08 in the total amount of \$171,936,390.85, as recommended in Reference 5.23.

APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT, FARM PROGRAM, MOAPA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a lease agreement with the farm manager, a district employee as tenant, for a four bedroom, 2,200-square-foot, manufactured home, located at 1625 North Moapa Valley Boulevard, for a three-year term, at a monthly rental rate of \$800.00 per month, beginning December 1, 2007, and expiring November 30, 2010, and for Jeff Weiler, chief financial officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the lease agreement, as recommended in Reference 5.24.

APPROVE STREET DEDICATION, CLARK COUNTY, CHARLES SILVESTRI MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant Clark County half-street dedications and turning spandrels for Silverado Ranch Boulevard, Jack Leavitt Street, Riverdance Avenue, and Pyramid Cove Street, located on all boundaries surrounding the Charles Silvestri Middle School site, and for Jeff Weiler, chief financial officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference 5.25.

ADOPT 2007B SCHOOL BOND RESOLUTION

Adoption of the 2007B School Bond Resolution, authorizing the sale and issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) School Bonds (additionally secured by pledged revenues), Series 2007B, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, subject to terms specified by the superintendent or chief financial officer, and approval of any associated documents, as recommended in Reference 5.26.

ADOPT 2007C BUILDING BOND RESOLUTION

Adoption of the 2007C Building Bond Resolution, authorizing the sale and issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) Building Bonds, Series 2007C, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000,000, with principal and interest to be paid within the existing tax rate, subject to terms specified by the superintendent or chief financial officer, and approval of any associated documents, as recommended in Reference 5.27.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT, TOM WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

Approval to enter into a professional/technical services agreement with Benchmark Roof and Pavement Consulting, Inc. for consulting services in support of the roofing systems for the Tom Williams Elementary School Replacement in the amount of \$44,000.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000891; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.28.

APPROVE GRANT OF EASEMENT, NEVADA POWER COMPANY, LOIS CRAIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to grant Nevada Power Company two easements to allow for the installation of underground cable on the west boundary of the Lois Craig Elementary School site, and for Jeff Weiler, chief financial officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference 5.29.

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 four easements located on the north boundary of the East Career and Technical Academy site for the installation of a double check detector assembly and three fire hydrants, and for Jeff Weiler, chief financial officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference 5.30.

APPROVE EASEMENT AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, WING AND LILY FONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District an easement located on the east boundary of the Wing and Lily Fong Elementary School site for the installation of a double check detector assembly, and for Jeff Weiler, chief financial officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting document, as recommended in Reference 5.31.

RATIFY CHANGE IN SERVICES, ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Ratification of total change in services to the architectural/engineering services agreements for a net increase of \$262,057.44 for Central Career and Technical Academy (Welles Pugsley Architects, LLP) and J. E. Manch Elementary School Replacement (SSA Architecture, Small Studio Associates, LLC), as recommended in Reference 5.32.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$450,093.13 plus additional days to the construction contracts to Construct Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center Driver Training Area (Las Vegas Paving Corporation), Construct Lyal Burkholder Middle School Replacement (McCarthy Construction), Construct D. L. "Dusty" Dickens Elementary School (Martin Harris Construction), HVAC Modernization, Walter Bracken Elementary School (Pahor Mechanical Contractors, Inc.), and HVAC Repair/Replacement, Southeast Career and Technical Academy (Lloyd's Refrigeration, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.33.

APPROVE RENAMING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES, COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL

Approval to rename Community College High School the College of Southern Nevada High School, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Motion: Janison Second: Edwards

Mrs. Janison explained that because the Community College of Southern Nevada changed their name to College of Southern Nevada, the high school needed to change their name.

Vote on Mrs. Janison's motion was unanimous.

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES APPENDIX TRUSTEE SALARY

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of School Trustees Appendix Trustee Salary, prior to submission to the Board of Trustees for approval on November 15, 2007, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

Mrs. Moulton motioned that the statement in the appendix should read, "Each member of the Board of Trustees must receive a salary of \$750.00 per month."

Mr. Hoffman suggested that the statement could read, "As provided in NRS 386.320 each member of the Board of Trustees must receive a salary of \$750.00 per month." He stated he copied and rewrote the statute so the trustees could decide whether they want to accept the salary or not. He stated A and B do not add value to the policy.

Mrs. Moulton restated her motion to accept the verbiage, "As provided in NRS 386.320 each member of the Board of Trustees must receive a salary of \$750.00 per month."

Motion: Moulton Second: Scow

Mrs. Johnson asked if the language could be neutral or inclusive of both genders.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES APPENDIX TRUSTEE SALARY (continued)

Mrs. Moulton agreed that it would be gender neutral because A and B would be deleted.

Mrs. Barber asked if Board members could still claim mileage, telephone, et cetera.

Mr. Hoffman stated those benefits would remain the same.

Vote on Mrs. Moulton's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Approval of the appointment of a Board member to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, as recommended in Reference 6.03.

Trustee Edwards stated the letter that was received from the County dated October 17, 2007, indicates they have reorganized the Clark County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to include a membership position for CCSD, and they requested that the Board appoint a member and an alternate for this committee.

Mrs. Johnson asked Trustee Edwards if she would be willing to serve on that committee.

Trustee Edwards accepted to serve and asked the Superintendent to consider Linda Perri, Director II, Real Property Management, as an alternate.

*Motion to accept making appointment to this planning commission, that it be a presidential appointment, and that someone be appointed in the interim according to the president's desire.
Motion: Scow Second: Moulton*

Mrs. Johnson suggested reappointing Trustee Edwards and appointing Linda Perri to serve as the alternate and to be considered for redistribution of leadership and liaison positions until January 2008 when the positions would go into the regular distribution of appointment.

The maker of the motion and the second agreed to Mrs. Johnson's suggestion.

Trustee Edwards discussed issues that may come under this committee, how they would be addressed, how they would affect the policies, and how the group would make recommendations for changes to the planning commission.

Dr. Rulfes suggested the latitude to indicate a staff alternate instead of appointing Linda Perri.

Vote on Mrs. Scow's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE PROPOSED AUDIT COMMITTEE

Approval to develop an audit committee of the Board and to establish a timeline for the organization of the committee, as recommended in Reference 6.05.

APPROVE PROPOSED AUDIT COMMITTEE (continued)

Mrs. Scow cited the recommendations referenced in the backup material regarding the bylaws for the audit committee. She suggested the following changes: Under "Independence," to cross everything out, except the third sentence down, and add the verbiage, "...someone currently or previously employed or someone currently or previously providing goods during the past two years."

Trustee Edwards stated problems could arise regarding renting space from casinos because it would be contractual and suggested it could be constricting to keep that verbiage under "Independence."

Mrs. Scow asked if there was legal language that could help avoid the problem.

Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, stated that was why the Nevada Ethics law was utilized. She also stated that the companies would not be precluded from serving under this language unless there was an individual who was a sole proprietor.

Mrs. Johnson expressed concern with the language on the issue of sole proprietorship.

Ms. Miller stated that for consistency it should state, "Committee members shall not be currently or previously employed by the District during the past two years."

Mrs. Scow stated under Financial Expertise, the verbiage should have included in the underlined portion: "... from one or more of the following areas..." She also stated confidentiality was discussed at the work session, and it had been suggested that verbiage should be added to remain confidential regarding some issues or whether it should be assumed from a good faith section.

Mrs. Johnson stated there was an Executive Limitation (EL) which addressed that laws were met, which may be sufficient because it would apply in this case.

Trustee Edwards stated she thought the whole sentence had been removed the last time it was discussed.

Mrs. Scow stated that Trustee Edwards was correct, and that sentence was not included. She also stated that in the final paragraph on page 3 of 7, the first three sentences should be deleted.

Mrs. Johnson stated she would like to see the final language adjustments on the bylaws and review an application to make a final proposal on November 15, 2007, at the regular Board meeting.

Mrs. Scow stated if anyone had further ideas for the audit committee calendar, they could call it in to Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, and that it could be finalized at the November 15, 2007, meeting.

Mrs. Johnson stated the Board should review the final language draft, calendar responsibilities, and an application before the November 15, 2007, meeting.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES GP-15: BOARD AFFILIATED COMMITTEES

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of School Trustees Governance Policy GP-15: Board Affiliated Committees, prior to submission to the Board of Trustees for approval on November 15, 2007, as recommended in Reference 6.04.

Motion to accept with the added language under number 1, "President shall make the following appointments as voting members or nonvoting liaisons."

Motion: Scow Second: Moulton

Trustee Edwards corrected the language to include, "...Plan Steering Committee..."

Mrs. Scow and Mrs. Moulton accepted the amendment offered by Trustee Edwards.

Vote on Mrs. Scow's motion: Yeses – 6 (Johnson, Janison, Scow, Mason, Moulton, Edwards);

Abstain – 1(Barber)

The motion passed.

APPROVE DISTRICT RECYCLING

Approval regarding various ways the school district can become involved in recycling, as recommended in Reference 6.06.

Bramby Tollen, Director, Purchasing and Warehousing, stated that her department has been recycling for some time and indicated that some of the funds the District receives for recyclables are used for furnishing portables.

Steve Staggs, Assistant Director, Purchasing and Warehousing, spoke about what his department does with regards to recycling, and some of the highlights he mentioned included: Implementation of a used furniture program; tin, metal, and paper recycling; computer recycling program with Dell; and a donation program set up to donate obsolete, surplus televisions and printers to Blind Center of Nevada.

Michael McGrath, Purchasing Supervisor, Purchasing and Warehousing, spoke about recycling initiatives with schools, participation in Earth Day celebrations, having a logo contest to market recycling, recycling products and services, and performing waste audits with schools.

Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division, spoke about his department's successful recycling and conservation efforts.

Trustee Edwards informed the Board how much one high school could save by recycling plastic and stated that she would be pleased if the policy could be strengthened and then brought forward.

Mrs. Johnson expressed concern with how operating a recycling program might affect the Board in its governing of the school district.

Mrs. Scow acknowledged appreciation for the efforts being made by Trustee Edwards regarding conservation and indicated her support for recycling but also expressed concern with the operational end of the recycling program.

APPROVE DISTRICT RECYCLING (continued)

Mrs. Janison stated recycling would make a strong statement for the Board to support and encourage recycling in the District and should do more to educate the children.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Mason

The motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Edwards explained that cost savings was implied in recycling and encouraged the Superintendent to strengthen the program as a general resolution.

Mrs. Janison stated she was in support of Trustee Edwards' statement.

Mrs. Johnson stated that buying recycled paper saves the District money, but was not sure that recycling paper saves the District money and stated concern with the impact on staff to take on another project. She suggested encouraging the Superintendent to look for ways to save money and promote good citizenship by recycling and to ask the legislature to be proactive in the community to teach recycling.

Trustee Edwards suggested recycling at the school level should be on a voluntary basis.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Mrs. Janison was disconnected at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVE DISTRICT RECYCLING (continued)

Mrs. Scow expressed her discomfort with having the Superintendent involved, but suggested instead that it be written into the Executive Limitations (EL).

Mrs. Moulton suggested bringing recycling to a Community Linkage event.

Mrs. Johnson suggested the Superintendent could engage students in recycling and report it on academic achievement.

Mrs. Barber stated that recycling is a good idea and that it should be on a volunteer basis.

Trustee Edwards asked Dr. Rulffes to come back with information on the issues raised regarding recycling.

Dr. Rulffes agreed that it would be a good idea to return to the Board with a report on recycling activities that are built into the curriculum currently and then to get the word out to the community.

APPROVE BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Approval regarding Board members conducting presentations at the Council of the Great City Schools Annual Conference held on October 31, 2007, through November 3, 2007, and at the National School Board Association Annual Conference held on March 29, 2008, through April 1, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.07.

Motion to approve the two presentations based on the application.

Motion: Edwards Second: Scow

APPROVE BOARD PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Mrs. Barber expressed her concern and disagreement regarding posting of agenda items. She stated guidance was needed by the attorney. She stated one of the proposals was full of lies, and she requested that the Superintendent discuss this with the Board members through an agenda item. She requested a private meeting between Dr. Rulffes and the Board members.

Mrs. Johnson stated that would be a violation of the Open Meeting Law (OML).

Mr. Mason asked Trustee Edwards why he did not see anything with reference to the NSBA presentation.

Mrs. Johnson responded that the document could be adjusted because the NSBA presentation isn't until next spring but felt this would be the most expedient way to clarify the document.

Mrs. Moulton asked if Mrs. Barber ever presented to the Council of the Great City Schools.

Mrs. Barber stated that she was only a facilitator but never presented.

Mrs. Johnson stated some of the remarks to members of our staff and attorney were not in the best interest of children and should be delivered in a private setting, not at a public meeting.

Mr. Mason requested that the Board stick to the agenda.

Mrs. Johnson stated that regarding Board Presentations in the minutes of September 6, 2007, on page 11 of 11, it indicates that she advised the Board that proposals had been approved and that information needed to be given to the office regarding presenters, and she indicated it had been discussed, approved, and no concern was expressed at that time. She indicated that no process had been circumvented. She also stated there were two letters from the Council of the Great City Schools which do not say the whole Board was participating. She stated the Board would be given copies of a draft of the one-page handout and a rough draft PowerPoint would be made available for review.

CALL FOR THE QUESTION

Trustee Edwards called for the question.

Vote: Yeses – 5 (Johnson, Scow, Mason, Moulton, Edwards); Abstain – 1 (Barber)

The motion passed.

Mrs. Janison was not present for the vote.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion: Yeses – 5 (Johnson, Scow, Mason, Moulton, Edwards);

Abstain – 1 (Barber)

The motion passed.

Mrs. Janison was not present for the vote.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS

None.

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

Mrs. Moore objected that she was not being recognized.

Mrs. Barber recognized Ms. Moore.

Mrs. Johnson called for a recess.

RECESS: 8:19 p.m.

RECONVENE: 8:24 p.m.

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

Mrs. Johnson stated that Ms. Moore had been recognized and she would be heard for two minutes.

Ms. Moore asked for time to gain her composure.

Mrs. Johnson asked CCSD police officers to help Ms. Moore out into the lobby for her comfort and to call her an ambulance, if she requested.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Johnson stated B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance regarding adjusting the monitoring schedule would be brought back at the November 15, 2007, Board meeting.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Mrs. Johnson stated the following dates for special meetings: November 7, 2007, for an Officers' Meeting; November 19, 2007, for a Budget Work Session; November 26, 2007, for a Facilities Work Session; November 7, 2007, School Matters; and December 17, 2007, for a Board Work Session.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards stated that the NASB Conference went well. She also stated that the Year-Round Study Group was moving forward.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Mrs. Barber stated she was leaving the Board meeting but would leave a debriefing document for the Board members.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Mrs. Barber left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

RECESS: 8:28 p.m.

RECONVENE: 8:29 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Educational Disabilities – Rose Moore

Ms. Moore advised the Board she was filing due process against the Board, CCSD, Mrs. Krohn, Ms. Miller, Mr. Hoffman, and the Superintendent, and referenced a letter she stated supported her regarding the issue of home-bound services from Frankie McCabe, Office of Special Education, Elementary and Secondary Education.

ADJOURN: 8:32 p.m.

Motion: Mason Second: Scow Vote: Unanimous
Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Janison were not present for the vote.