

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, January 10, 2008

4:07 p.m.

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

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

INVOCATION

Pastor Michael Matijevich, Paradise Church, gave the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Palo Verde High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 7.01, and move Item 7.04 to follow Item 4.02 as 4.02A.

Motion: Janison Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meeting – December 17, 2007

Regular meetings – October 25, 2007; November 15, 2007; and November 29, 2007

Motion: Janison Second: Edwards

Trustee Edwards asked that it be noted that she made a correction on the October 25, 2007, minutes for the misspelling of a name.

Mrs. Johnson asked that it be noted that she did not have Internet access and was unable to review these minutes.

Vote on Mrs. Janison's motion was unanimous.

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meeting – November 15, 2006

Motion: Janison Second: Johnson

APPROVE MINUTES (continued)

Trustee Edwards asked that the record reflect that she would abstain from this vote because she was not present for this meeting.

Vote on Mrs. Janison's motion: Yeses – 4 (Scow, Janison, Johnson, Moulton);

Abstain – 1 (Edwards)

The motion passed.

Mr. Mason was not present for the vote.

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Alivia Halverson, student body president at Bonanza High School, Terri Janison, District E trustee; Brock Leavitt, student body president at Virgin Valley High School, Ruth Johnson, District B trustee; Alex Vaughn, student body president at Palo Verde High School, Terri Janison, District E trustee; and Melissa Peterson, student body president at Eldorado High School, Sheila Moulton, District G trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

STUDENT SPEAKERS FOR ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kara Bowden, student council president at Mervin Iverson Elementary School, Sheila Moulton, District G trustee, spoke about the school spirit and pride of the students at her school and the school's dance class.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Mr. Mason arrived at the Board meeting at 4:42 p.m.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

RECESS: 4:47 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:29 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED

Mrs. Moulton acknowledged the musical presentation given during the recess by the Mervin Iverson Elementary School Dance Team. Board members thanked the students; Jerry Boles, Principal; Alyson Holm, music specialist; and Robert Alfaro, Region Superintendent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Employee Labor Relations – Ruben Murillo

Mr. Murillo spoke about the recruitment and retention of teachers. He stated in the Northwest region, an effort is being made to ensure that teachers are receiving the support that they need in order to be successful; however, more needs to be done across the district. He recommended the use of the Teaching and Learning Conditions (TLC) team to work with low scoring schools to help improve working conditions and morale. He added the TLC team should not be seen as something negative but as a way to address and solve issues where needed.

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

With relation to the Governor's proposed budget cuts, he encouraged the district demand the use of rainy day funds to avoid harmful cuts to district programs, and he implored the Board to be mindful, as they address those budget cuts, of recruitment and retention of teachers.

Trustee Edwards commended the TLC team and agreed with Mr. Murillo that any negative stigma associated with that program needed to be abolished.

GREEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL RANDOM DRUG TESTING OF STUDENT ATHLETES

Presentation of proposed random drug testing procedures for Green Valley High School student athletes, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

Dr. Andre Denson, Region Superintendent, Southeast Region, introduced Jeff Horn, Principal, Green Valley High School.

Mr. Warren introduced the committee members Karen Davis, chemical dependency (CD) counselor, Monte Vista Hospital; Tom Cook, community liaison, Monte Vista Hospital; Ben Barholdt, teacher, Green Valley High School; Mark Greenburg, assistant principal over Athletics, Green Valley High School; and Erin Hill, athletic director, Green Valley High School. He spoke about the tragedies that led to the development of the committee, and he described the efforts and goals of the committee to help student athletes. He conducted a PowerPoint® presentation that further outlined the need and purpose of this program and the benefits it could provide to student athletes.

Mrs. Scow expressed appreciation for Mr. Warren and his staff's work and dedication and the partnership with Monte Vista Hospital.

Dr. Rulffes stated he wanted this issue to come before the Board in a public setting because he believed interest in having this program would expand throughout the community.

Trustee Edwards stated it was her understanding that this program would be a pilot program and asked if so, what the plans were for that expansion of this program to other schools. She stated if that were to happen, she felt it would need to come before the Board as a policy. She inquired about costs.

Mr. Warren stated that currently there is enough private funding for the current year, and in the future, there would be a \$10.00 addition to the athletic packet to cover the funding for the tests, only if adequate funds were not raised in other ways. He added they were also looking at the possibility of a \$150,000.00 grant with the Grants Development and Administration Department.

Trustee Edwards asked how the school is going to ensure that the right student's urine sample is being tested.

Mr. Warren explained Sport Safe's procedure for testing the students.

Mrs. Janison asked for clarification of how the students would be selected.

GREEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL RANDOM DRUG TESTING OF STUDENT ATHLETES

(continued)

Mr. Warren stated a database of all the student athletes is compiled, and names are drawn by Sport Safe and faxed to the school to have those students pulled for testing.

Mrs. Janison asked why students that have tested positive are tested five additional times.

Mr. Warren explained that students are encouraged not to use drugs and with one positive test, perhaps the students would strive to test negative knowing they would be tested again several times.

Mrs. Moulton stated she had a concern with the costs as this program expands to other schools. She asked if there was a liability issue when a child tests positive for drugs and then is allowed to leave the school and possibly is involved in a traffic accident.

Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Department, stated the positive test results only show that a student had used drugs at some point but not that the student is under the influence of any controlled substance at that particular moment. He did agree, however, that if that student is found to be under the influence, the appropriate steps should be taken.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, as submitted, as recommended.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, except taking Items 5.05 and 5.16 separately.

Motion: Edwards Second: Janison

Regarding Item 5.06, Mrs. Johnson asked David Miller, coordinator III, Science and Health, K-12, Curriculum and Professional Development, if it would be possible to get information on how the committee voted on each item as part of the backup material that shows the review done by the committee so that Board members could be made aware of controversial issues.

Mr. Miller stated that could be provided to the Board.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was 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 5.01.

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 5.02.

AUTHORIZE GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION – STARLAB PROGRAM

Authorization to submit and implement the state funded GATE STARLAB Program, January 11, 2008, through June 30, 2008, to be paid from Fund 0280, in the amount of \$36,459.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

AUTHORIZE ADULT HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM – NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Authorization to submit and implement a grant program through the Nevada Department of Education to support the necessary student modules, cabling supplies, classroom demonstration kits, and staff training to deliver a career Rand technical program to adult students in the area of network cabling, from January 11, 2008, through June 30, 2008, in the approximate amount of \$48,633.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

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

Approval to accept the recommendation of the Sex Education Advisory Committee for items 1149, 1150, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1181, and 1182, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

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

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.08.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351 and 4355), as recommended in Reference 5.09.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$24,692,573.83, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.10.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$5,398,982.23 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum # 12-07-08 in the total amount of \$152,302,941.34, as recommended in Reference 5.12

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT, RUBEN P. DIAZ 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 Ruben P. Diaz Elementary School in the amount of \$67,280.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001553; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.13.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT, IRA J. EARL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Benchmark Roof and Pavement Consulting, Inc. for consulting services in support of the roof replacement at Ira J. Earl Elementary School in the amount of \$88,500.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0011099; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.14.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, ROOFING CONSULTANT, VAIL PITTMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Benchmark Roof and Pavement Consulting, Inc. for consulting services in support of the roof replacement at Vail Pittman Elementary School in the amount of \$90,500.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0011290; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

APPROVE STREET DEDICATION, CITY OF HENDERSON, ROBERT L. TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to grant the City of Henderson driveway dedications and radius spandrels on the north and west boundaries of the Robert L. Taylor Elementary School site, and for Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee to sign the granting documents, as recommended in Reference 5.17.

APPROVE STREET DEDICATION, CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, BRIAN AND TERI CRAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant the City of North Las Vegas nine easements on boundaries of the Brian and Teri Cram Middle School site for half-street dedications, radius spandrels, and a bus turnout, 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 5.18.

APPROVE ROADWAY EASEMENTS, CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, BRIAN AND TERI CRAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant the City of North Las Vegas four easements on the north and south boundaries of the Brian and Teri Cram Middle School site for roadway easements, 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 5.19.

**APPROVE SIDEWALK EASEMENT AGREEMENT, CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS,
JESSE D. SCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to grant the City of North Las Vegas six easements on the west and south boundaries of the Jesse D. Scott Elementary School site for sidewalk easements, 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 5.20.

**APPROVE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT,
RUBEN P. DIAZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Approval to grant the Las Vegas Valley Water District three easements located on the south boundary of the Ruben P. Diaz Elementary School site for the installation of two reduced pressure principal assemblies and 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 5.21.

**APPROVE UTILITY EASEMENT, CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, J. E. MANCH ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Approval to grant the City of North Las Vegas an easement on the east boundary of the J. E. Manch Elementary School site for the installation of a fire hydrant, 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 5.22.

**APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: ROOF REPLACEMENT, RED ROCK ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a roof replacement at Red Rock Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000452; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.23.

**APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: EXTERIOR DOORS AND HARDWARE REPLACEMENT,
ROBERT O. GIBSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for exterior doors and hardware replacement at Robert O. Gibson Middle School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0010477; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.24.

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 \$328,695.50 for Distance Education Center, Vegas PBS, and Robert L. Taylor Elementary School Replacement (JMA Architects, Inc.); Jesse D. Scott, Carolyn S. Reedom, and Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary Schools (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation); Matthew B. Wallace Transportation Center (International Commissioning Engineers, LLC); Lyal Burkholder Middle School Replacement (SH Architecture); Bertha Ronzone Elementary School (Precision Design Group); and Human Resources Intake Center (Nevada By Design, LLC), as recommended in Reference 5.25.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$189,895.34 to the construction contracts to Construct Vegas PBS (Martin Harris Construction) and Construct Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary School (CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.26.

AUTHORIZE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY PROGRAM – CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL

Authorization to submit and implement a grant program through the Centers for Disease Control, to establish systematic procedures to educate staff, community, and parents regarding the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, its results, and its implications for health-related behaviors, education, and policy, March 1, 2008, through February 28, 2013, in the approximate amount of \$40,000.00 per year for a total award of approximately \$200,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

Mrs. Scow requested that the Board receive the additional questions that would be added to the middle school survey before the survey would be released.

Mrs. Johnson wanted to ensure that the district was being careful to protect instructional time while administering the survey.

Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost asked Mary Pike, director, Science, Health and Foreign Language, K-12, Curriculum and Professional Development, to respond to Mrs. Johnson's concern.

Ms. Pike stated this is administered every other year and would not be administered again until 2009, so the impact on instruction time would not be significant.

Mrs. Johnson asked if the parents were being made aware of the survey.

Ms. Pike stated a consent form would be sent home to every parent.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Moulton Second: Johnson Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE INCREASE IN APPROVED FUNDING AMOUNT, EAST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY

Approval to increase the approved funding in support of the East Career and Technical Academy, in the amount of \$9,000,000.00, for a total amount of \$88,813,942.58, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0001545; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.16.

Trustee Edwards stated this proposal was not provided for in policy. She said she wanted assurance that this would not set a precedent for it to happen in the future prior to developing a policy that would dictate a procedure for this situation and to ensure that checks and balances are in place to track funds appropriately.

APPROVE INCREASE IN APPROVED FUNDING AMOUNT, EAST CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMY (continued)

She stated she believed this should have gone before the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC). She objected to items being brought before the Board that have to be approved because of timeline constraints without allowing time for the Board to have an appropriate discussion. She asked that the district conduct an internal audit at the conclusion of the building of this school concerning the expenditure of funds to build this school.

Motion to accept with the following conditions: that this is not setting a precedent prior to having a policy in place; that a policy proposal be brought before the Board; that a checks and balances be done on this project; and that an internal audit be conducted at the conclusion of the building of this project on the funding of building this school.

Motion: Edwards Second: Mason

Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division, offered that it was his intention to request an assist audit as soon as internal audit alerted him that someone was available, and not wait until the conclusion of the project. He stated the intent of this was to eliminate the need for ratification by the Board.

Mrs. Johnson asked Jeffrey Weiler, CFO, Finance and Operations Division, if he had any concerns with regards to the process of how this project was being funded and having a policy in place for this procedure.

Mr. Weiler stated he was comfortable with this particular project but agreed that a policy needed to be put in place.

Trustee Edwards stated the expectation is that staff would make every effort to control costs and not overspend just because the funds are available.

Trustee Edwards amended her motion to include that an audit would begin at staff's discretion.

Mr. Mason agreed with the amendment to the motion.

Mrs. Johnson asked if staff could be requested to provide a date within the next 30 days by which the Board would receive an audit report.

Mrs. Scow asked Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, to make sure that is provided to the Board.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY

Authorization for Odyssey Charter School to purchase real property, including, but not limited to, approval, rejection, or further consideration, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Mrs. Moulton asked how the funding is raised for the purchase of land.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY
(continued)

Dr. Edward Goldman, Associate Superintendent, Education Services Division, stated the funding comes from taxpayer dollars.

Dr. Craig Butz, Executive Director, Odyssey Charter School, stated the charter school did save their money over the past nine years.

Mrs. Moulton asked where the land would go to if the charter school closed.

Dr. Goldman responded that the property would revert back to the State.

Mrs. Moulton asked what the size of the property was.

Dr. Butz answered he believed it was one acre.

Mrs. Johnson asked if her understanding was correct in that the charter school does not have any reversion of their funds, so from what is not used, the charter school can create a savings and purchase land with that money.

Dr. Butz explained that the charter receives their per pupil allotment each year, and they are responsible for paying all of their cost, with a substantial amount of their budget going towards rent or lease so they have chosen to purchase their own land; thereby, keeping the equity themselves, and ensuring that if the charter closed, the money would revert back to the State rather than a landlord. He added that instead of paying for this land outright, the charter was going to borrow the money at a much lower interest rate from a municipality in another state that would be placing the charter in their bond.

Dr. Goldman clarified that the parcel to be purchased by the charter school is .96 of an acre.

Dr. Rulfes asked if the sponsor would have any responsibility in the case of a default on the bond.

Dr. Butz stated if the charter were to default on the loan, the land would revert back to the State, and he believed the State would then sell the property, pay off the dept, and keep any equity.

Mrs. Johnson expressed an interest in having the detailed information for this purchase brought back to the Board for review.

Dr. Rulfes asked if the charter schools had been notified of the need to make budget cuts in connection with the State budget cuts.

Dr. Butz stated there was an upcoming meeting with Gary Horton, DSA (deputy superintendent of administrative and fiscal services) administrator, Nevada Department of Education, and the charter school administrators to discuss how the budget cuts would affect the individual charter schools. He expressed gratitude to the Board and CCSD for their support and assured the Board that there was no assumption of liability on the part of the Board in granting permission to purchase the land.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY

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Trustee Edwards inquired about the land appraisals.

Dr. Goldman stated one land appraisal was for \$790,000 for a four- to eight-month period.

Dr. Butz stated the other appraisals were for \$1.2 million and \$1.1 million.

Linda Perri, director II, Real Property Management, Facilities Division, explained some factors that go into appraising land.

Dr. Rulfes offered that the Board had the option of either approving the purchase with the contingency that the district would have no liability, in which case, it would have to come back before the Board for review or postponing this item to allow time to review the details.

Motion to approve with the caveat that additional information would be brought back to the Board to ensure that the Board and the district have no liability with respect to the bond.

Motion: Janison Second: Johnson

Mrs. Johnson offered an amendment that the motion would include that if there were any liability to district, the Board would have an opportunity to review.

Mrs. Janison agreed to that amendment.

Vote on Mrs. Janison's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.02 AND 6.04

Approval of Items 6.02 and 6.04, as follows:

Motion: Edwards Second: Janison

Mrs. Johnson stated with regard to Item 6.04, the list of schools that students could attend is restrictive, and she asked Dr. Kohut-Rost if there was a way to allow students to attend more programs.

Dr. Kohut-Rost suggested the broader phrase, "Nevada System of Higher Education," which would then encompass Nevada State College (NSC) and University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), but that would preclude other institutions, such as arts institutes.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there was language that would encourage participation in Southern Nevada programs.

Mr. Mason offered the language, "Nevada Higher Education System in Clark County."

The maker of the motion and the second agreed with that verbiage.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY BS/L-5

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School Board of Trustees Governance Policy BS/L-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

APPROVE SUSAN BRAGER OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Approval of the Board's annual Susan Brager Occupational Education Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00, G/L 5840000000, Internal Order 500504, FY 08, Fund 2700000000, Function Area F10002310, Fund Center 500504, as recommended in Reference 6.04.

DEVELOP AUDIT COMMITTEE

Development of a process to select committee members for the newly formed audit committee of the Board.

Mrs. Moulton suggested this selection process should be by invitation rather than application. She stated that in the past, trustees have nominated individuals to serve on committees as representatives on behalf of that particular trustee, and she recommended that Board members offer their invitations to individuals. She also suggested working through Dale Erquiaga, principal, Get Consensus®, or another facilitator for this process.

Mrs. Janison agreed with working with Mr. Erquiaga.

Mrs. Johnson asked, should the Board decide to work with Mr. Erquiaga, what information would he need in order to review those invitees. She asked if the Board would then get Mr. Erquiaga's recommendation and then make the final determinations.

Mrs. Moulton answered, yes, the Board would make the final determination of committee members.

Joyce Haldeman, associate superintendent, Community and Government Relations, stated Mr. Erquiaga would need to be provided with the Board's objective criteria, and he would develop an instrument for interested individuals to fill out.

Trustee Edwards suggested extending invitations, and those interested could submit their resume, and Mr. Erquiaga could review those resumes, but she suggested that key staff, as well as trustees, offer names of individuals.

Motion that Board members offer names and contact information to Mr. Erquiaga with the possibility of asking for resumes and enlist his help in forming an audit committee to be done within the next six weeks.

Motion: Moulton Second: Edwards

Mrs. Haldeman suggested that Mr. Erquiaga could benefit from designing a type of flyer to allow for people to come forward if they were interested instead of inviting individuals.

Mrs. Moulton agreed with the suggestion made by Mrs. Haldeman along with submitting names and contact information to Mrs. Haldeman.

DEVELOP AUDIT COMMITTEE (continued)

Trustee Edwards stated the Board should have a deadline to give the names to Mrs. Haldeman.

Mrs. Moulton suggested the information could be provided at the January 24, 2008, Board meeting.

Vote on Mrs. Moulton's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE 7.02, 7.03, 7.05, 7.06, AND 7.07

Approval of Items 7.02, 7.03, 7.05, 7.06, and 7.07, as follows:

Motion: Edwards Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 5116

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 5116, Student Assignment Within Schools, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 14, 2008, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5116

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 5116, Student Assignment Within Schools, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 14, 2008, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

RATIFICATION OF NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

Ratification of the amendments to the 2005-2009 Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Education Support Employees Association, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

Approval on settlement of the matter of Kaitlin C. Brooks v. CCSD, et al., in the total amount of \$50,000, as recommended in Reference 7.06.

APPROVE SPECIAL COUNSEL RATE OF COMPENSATION

Approval of the rate of compensation of outside or special counsel employed by the district, as required by NRS 41.0344, as recommended in Reference 7.07.

APPROVE UPDATE ON K-12 BUDGET REDUCTIONS PROPOSED BY GOVERNOR GIBBONS

Approval regarding an update on the K-12 budget reductions proposed by Governor Gibbons, including adoption of a resolution regarding the district's recommended course of action, as recommended in Reference 7.08.

Mr. Weiler said the State had amended the original calculation amount from \$96 million to \$92 million, which is an acknowledgment that they had taken the enrollment savings into account. He stated the resolution was valid, and he believed it reflected the Board's position. He highlighted the five recommendations brought forth by the Board members as follows: give the district credit for its component of the \$90 million enrollment savings; encourage use of the rainy day fund and any contingency funds; develop stabilization of funding; base future funding in the next biennium on the amounts of Distributive School Allocation (DSA) funding originally approved by the legislature in the current biennium; and create a DSA stabilization fund.

APPROVE UPDATE ON K-12 BUDGET REDUCTIONS PROPOSED BY GOVERNOR GIBBONS
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Trustee Edwards clarified that her suggestion regarding the DSA stabilization fund referred specifically to reversions of monies raised here in Clark County in taxes that would go back to the State. She stated that the Nevada Plan provides that when there is a shortfall of monies or when a county cannot provide or raise its funds to educate its students, the State would provide that funding, so the State does not appear to be following the Nevada Plan. She asked if there was the potential for a lawsuit as raised by the parents at a recent Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting.

Mr. Hoffman stated the Nevada Plan is found in statute, not in constitution, and addresses equity in funding. He said that it could possibly be in the realm of a lawsuit.

Trustee Edwards asked counsel if the Board could sue the State.

Mary-Anne Miller, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, agreed that the Board has the legal ability.

Mrs. Johnson referenced the October 25, 2007, minutes, stating five trustees are on record as recognizing that more resources would be needed for extended day programs to make the 21st Century curriculum possible. She questioned how programs would be implemented with insufficient funding while, at the same time, facing the Governor's budget cuts. She suggested that the district should state specific consequences to these budget cuts to education.

Dr. Rulfes stated what Mrs. Johnson was referring to may occur to other programs in other areas. He suggested developing a subsequent resolution in which concerns would be more specifically identified.

Mrs. Johnson recommended that a public statement should be made that the Board is aware that these budget cuts could adversely impact specific areas.

Dr. Rulfes stated the original intent of this resolution was to appeal to the Governor's office not to cut K-12 education and to apply the savings that have accrued in the DSA funds towards the district's savings.

Motion to approve.

Motion: Mason Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Johnson requested a work session to discuss the development of a policy regarding financial investments as recommended by Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. She also requested to set a date that the Board would receive a report on ParentLink. She reminded the Board that previously the Board had requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr. Eleanor Chow, former Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) member, for her service to the district.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS (continued)

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated there are more than 60 schools participating in ParentLink, and Dr. Phil Brody, assistant superintendent/CTO, Technology and Information Systems Services, sent a memo to those principals, which details what is occurring, and she would provide that information to the Board.

Mrs. Johnson requested that the information include budget information as well.

Mrs. Scow requested an agenda item for the Board approval of the perpetual calendar.

The Board scheduled the strategic planning meeting for January 29, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The trustees agreed to look at dates for the Board retreat towards the end of February.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Edwards reported that AZAC would be starting public input in the zoning phase. She spoke about the middle school students participating in the spelling bee.

Mrs. Moulton spoke about the Interim Legislative Committee on Education.

Mrs. Scow reminded the Board that the financial disclosures were due on January 19, 2008.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

ADJOURN: 7:57 p.m.

Motion: Moulton Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous