MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EDWARD A. GREENER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

Thursday, April 10, 2008 4:03 p.m.

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

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mrs. Scow noted that Mrs. Johnson would arrive late because of her attendance at Moapa Valley High School, and she noted that Trustee Mason would arrive late as well.

FLAG SALUTE
Centennial High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION
Reverend Jerome Blankinship, Chaplain, Sunrise Hospital, gave the invocation.

ADOPT AGENDA
Adopt agenda, except delete Item 5.03, noting revised backup material for Item 5.16.
Motion: Moulton Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous
Mrs. Barber, Mr. Mason, and Mrs. Johnson were not present for the vote.

APPROVE MINUTES
Special meeting – March 10, 2008
Regular meetings – January 10, 2008; February 14, 2008; and February 28, 2008
Motion: Moulton Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous
Mrs. Barber, Mr. Mason, and Mrs. Johnson were not present for the vote.

STUDENT REPORTS
Kayde Auger, student body 2nd vice president at Centennial High School, Terri Janison, District E trustee; Raquel Avila, student body president at Mojave High School, Ruth Johnson, District B trustee; and Belen Figueroa-Cazes, student body president at Northwest Career and Technical Academy, Ruth Johnson, District B trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.
BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES AT THE MEETING
Mrs. Johnson arrived at the Board meeting at 4:18 p.m.

STUDENT REPORTS (continued)
Logan Houck and Haley Houck, Giving Grizzlies Club, Linda Rankin Givens Elementary School, Terri Janison, District E trustee, gave brief overviews of their volunteer projects, which included helping children in foster care, the elderly, the homeless, and helping animals in the Lied Animal Shelters.

PRESENTATION OF CREATE A FOUND INSTRUMENT
Bridget Phillips, Director, Clark County School District School-Community Partnership Program, stated the Blue Man Group created a motivated, creative contest that captured the spirit of the Blue Man Group. She announced that Morgan Jarvis of Boulder City High School, was the student winner of this creative instrument contest.

Ann Nelson, Principal, Boulder City High School, spoke about the Blue Man Group’s time and thought in creating a contest to engage students.

Adam Shultheis, Orchestra Specialist, Boulder City High School, spoke about the history of his contact with Blue Man Group and Morgan Jarvis’s creation of the aquaphone instrument.

John Alecca, Director of Marketing, Blue Man Group, thanked everyone involved for allowing Blue Man Group to be part of CCSD’s educational system.

PRESENTATION OF SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM
Dr. Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Executive Director, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, gave a PowerPoint® presentation regarding the Small Learning Communities (SLC) grant history, priorities, and school implementation in order to increase student achievement.

Karen Stanley, Principal, Cimarron-Memorial High School, spoke about the importance, need, and implementation of the SLC program and what it has meant for Cimarron-Memorial.

Mrs. Janison questioned what it meant if a school started in the program and then was not included in the grant.

Dr. Larsen-Mitchell responded that because a school was not included in the upcoming grant did not mean that they would not be implementing the small learning communities. At the March 3, 2008, seminar, schools that attended viewed their gap analysis regarding where they were and their plan of action, which was a requirement of all high schools. She indicated that she could not respond about a specific school but stated it was an expectation of all high schools.

Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, stated that Regulation 5116 indicated it was a requirement for all high schools where student enrollment of 1,200 or more would have a 9th-grade academy or freshman academy.

Mrs. Moulton asked if the increased cost annually for each high school could be broken down.
PRESENTATION OF SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (continued)
Catherine Tully, Grant Writer, East Region, Student Support Services Division, stated she did not have the specific answer to that question, but she explained that the 2004 grant was a three-year initiative and the federal government changed it to a five-year initiative, which increased the amount of funds that could be applied for.

STUDENT REPORTS (continued)
Trustee Edwards recognized Zhan Okuda-Lim from Valley High School for his contributions to the last Student Advisory Committee meeting regarding a resolution opposing budget cuts which encourages other high schools across the state to oppose the budget cuts.

RECESS: 5:11 p.m.
RECONVENE: 5:37 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES AT MEETING
Mr. Mason arrived at the Board meeting at 5:26 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED
Mrs. Johnson acknowledged the musical presentation given at the break by the students of Richard Priest Elementary School Violin Group. Board members thanked the students; Linda Griffith, Principal; Pardis Salehi and Robyn Covey, Music Specialists; and Marsha Irvin, Region Superintendent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT
Proposed Response to State-Mandated Budget Reductions – Elaine Clermont
Ms. Clermont stated it was important to get information regarding the budget cuts to the parents to help them understand how it relates to them.

Suspension of CCSD Regulation 4370 – Sam King, Lynn Gustafson, Ruben Murillo, and Stephen Augspurger
Mrs. King stated she represented the League of Women Voters of Nevada, who opposed suspension of Regulation 4370 for teachers and administrators which encourages them to retire, and she suggested phasing this option out instead of having a deadline. She stated the league would support the district to keep this option alive.

Ms. Gustafson indicated her opposition to suspend this regulation. She stated staff had planned on this regulation for years and that it felt punitive to suspend it. She suggested the Board retain or modify this regulation rather than suspend it.

Mr. Murillo presented a petition with 1,085 signatures in opposition to suspension of this regulation and asked for postponement of the suspension to allow for more thought and consideration by the Board for a solution.

Mr. Augspurger agreed with the previous speakers' comments. He suggested postponing the deadline, if it passed, to the end of the school year. He encouraged the Board to restructure Regulation 4370.
PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Employee Labor Relations – Mary Ella Holloway
Ms. Holloway spoke against any school schedule that eliminates the time before and after the student day because it would take away time from teachers in order to plan, it would affect tutoring time, and teachers would be harmed because of increased responsibility of having an additional class. She stated if it must be done, she would like it to be done correctly.

Contract Award: School Modernization and New Multipurpose Building, C.C. Ronnow Elementary School – Theodore Parker, III
Mr. Parker thanked the Board for awarding this contract to Cobblestone Construction Company.

Suspension of CCSD Regulation 4370 – Serafina Guarrella
Ms. Guarrella spoke against suspension of this regulation. She stated those sick days are employees’ days to use or save, but they should not be lost. She asked the Board to put themselves in the place of teachers and to give this matter careful and serious thought.

Mrs. Moulton stated, in response to Ms. Clermont, that she would look to newsletters and meetings regarding budget cuts. She expressed appreciation to the speakers regarding Regulation 4370.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA
Approval of consent agenda, except moving Item 7.03 to follow Item 7.08 as Item 7.08A.
Motion: Johnson Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous
Mrs. Barber was not present for the vote.

AUTHORIZE SMALLER LEARNING COMMUNITIES (SLC) PROGRAM - U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Authorization to submit and implement, through the U.S. Department of Education, the Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) Program, from the anticipated project period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2013, in the approximate amount of $9,500,000.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

AUTHORIZE INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM - TITLE VII
Authorization to submit and implement the federally funded Indian Education Project under Title VII, Part A, of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, effective from August 1, 2008, to July 31, 2009, in the estimated amount of $148,327.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, Grant 5635009, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

APPROVE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES, TEACHERLINE
Approval to accept grant funds from the Nevada Commission on Educational Technology, if awarded, in the amount of $225,000.00, in order to enter into an agreement with Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) TeacherLine to provide additional TeacherLine enrollments for district teachers, for the period of July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, 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 1157, 1175, 1179, 1183, 1185, 1186, 1189, 1191, 1192, 1193, and 1194, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT
Approval to employ unified personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE
Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351, 4353 and 4355), as recommended in Reference 5.07.

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 5.08.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS
Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of $14,917,212.68, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.09.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS
Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of $34,353,580.95 in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.10.

RATIFY WARRANTS
Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #17-07-08 in the total amount of $93,877,381.95, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, DESIGN REVIEW, SCHOOL MODERNIZATION, VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Approval of an award of contract to HMC Architects of Nevada to provide a constructability review of the plans, specifications, and other bidding documents for the school modernization of Valley High School in the amount of $65,975.00, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000558; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees’ designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.12.

ADOPT 2008A BUILDING BOND RESOLUTION
Adoption of the 2008A Building Bond Resolution, authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation (limited tax) building bonds, Series 2008A, in an amount not to exceed $675,000,000, 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 5.13.

ADOPT 2008B REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION
Adoption of the 2008B Refunding Bond Resolution, authorizing the issuance of general obligation (limited tax) refunding bonds, Series 2008B, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount necessary to effect the refunding project, and authorization for the Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer to specify the terms of the bonds, as recommended in Reference 5.14.
ADOPT 2008C REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION
Adoption of the 2008C Refunding Bond Resolution, authorizing the issuance of general obligation (limited tax) refunding bonds (additionally secured by pledged revenues), Series 2008C, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed the principal amount necessary to effect the refunding project, and authorization for the Superintendent or Chief Financial Officer to specify the terms of the bonds, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND NEW MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING, C. C. RONNOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for school modernization and new multipurpose building at C. C. Ronnow Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000466; 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.

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 $469,989.45 for Robert L. Forbuss Elementary School and Gordon McCaw Elementary School Replacement (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation), Vegas PBS (JMA Architects, Inc.), East Career and Technical Academy (SH Architecture and International Commissioning Engineers West, Inc.), and Jesse D. Scott Elementary School (Angle Engineering), as recommended in Reference 5.17.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS
Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of $420,024.81 to the construction contracts to Construct Vegas PBS (Martin Harris Construction), Construct Food Services Cold Storage Facility, Phase II (Burke and Associates, Inc.), and Construct Western High School Phased Replacement, Phases II and III (CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc.), as recommended in Reference 5.18.

APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 THROUGH 6.06
Mrs. Johnson proposed the following changes to the Governance Policies: regarding Item 6.01, page 2, on the NIAA Board of Control; regarding Item 6.02, Section GP-9: Meeting Planning, an editorial change to move a subsection; regarding Item 6.03, GP-13: Closed Sessions of the Board, an editorial change to combine the last paragraph with subsection 2C; regarding Item 6.04, GP-19: Vacancies on the Board, she suggested subsection 2A on page 1 be changed from 30 to 10 business days, and on page 2, subsection 5, would read, "Any candidate may withdraw their application for the vacancy at any time."; regarding Item 6.06, B/SL-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, the schedule by which the Board receives monitoring reports, on page 4 of 5, that EL-1: Global Executive Constraint will come in January as noted, but is to be received prior to the Superintendent's evaluation; regarding Item 6.06, EL-5: Financial Planning/Budgeting, EL-6: Financial Condition and Activities, EL-8: Asset Protection, and EL-9: Compensation and Benefits, it was noted they would be presented in the same meeting as the external independent audit; regarding E-1: Global Mission and E-2: Academic Achievement, split the global mission to be reported the second meeting in June, and academic achievement to be the first meeting in December; on the last page, subsection 7A, regarding a request to indicate when the Ends policies would have to be changed to be effective, it was suggested to leave it the way it is, but to add the verbiage, "...in accordance with GP-9, paragraph 2."
APPROVE ITEMS 6.01 THROUGH 6.06 (continued)

Motion to accept Items 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.04, 6.05, and 6.06 with proposed changes in the back-up material, as follows:

Motion: Johnson      Second: Edwards

Regarding Governance Policy GP-19: Vacancies on the Board, Mrs. Moulton asked what the rationale was for changing it from 30 to 10 business days, and she suggested 15 days instead.

Mrs. Johnson explained that it was the amount of time constituents go without a direct representative and to reduce the amount of time there might be a vacancy on the Board.

Trustee Edwards stated she had proposed the change. She explained the timeline, that it would be reduced to half, that the current 30 days were not working days, and also that it would be reduced to 10 working days. She indicated with the current 30 days it would take a minimum of two months to fill a vacancy.

Mr. Mason stated 15 working days was appropriate, but noted that 30 days had been working in the past.

Mrs. Johnson explained that the change was suggested to make the process workable.

Mrs. Janison stated she was comfortable with shortening the time to 10 working days and the proposed language.

Mrs. Moulton requested that Item 6.04 be taken separately.

Mrs. Johnson amended her motion to take Item 6.04 separately.

Vote on Mrs. Johnson’s motion was unanimous.

Mrs. Barber was not present for the vote.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPENDIX BOARD COMMITTEES

Approval of the amendment of the Clark County School District Board of Trustees Appendix Board Committees, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-9

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy GP-9: Meeting Planning, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 8, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.02.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-13

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees Governance Policy GP-13: Closed Sessions of the Board, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 8, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.03.
APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY EL-6
Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees
Governance Policy EL-6: Financial Condition and Activities, prior to submission to the Board of School
Trustees for approval on May 8, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.05.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY B/SL 5
Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees
Governance Policy B/SL 5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance, prior to submission to the Board of
School Trustees for approval on May 8, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.06.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES GOVERNANCE POLICY GP-19
Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Board of Trustees
Governance Policy GP-19: Vacancies on the Board, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees
for approval on May 8, 2008, as recommended in Reference 6.04
Motion: Johnson Second: Edwards
Vote on Item 6.04: Yeses – 4 (Scow, Janison, Johnson, Edwards); Noes – 2 (Mason, Moulton)
The motion passed.
Mrs. Barber was not present for the vote.

APPROVE PROPOSED RESPONSE TO STATE-MANDATED BUDGET REDUCTIONS
Approval regarding the district’s proposed response to state-mandate budget reductions, as recommended
in Reference 7.01.

Jeffrey Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Operations Division, stated there were no additional
cuts at present, but the district was still facing $26.8 million in cuts. He indicated that the state was
proposing to change the payment schedule for Distributive School Allocation (DSA) from quarterly to
monthly, which would result in a saving. He also stated the district should hold steady at 98 percent for
staffing.

Mrs. Johnson stated 98 percent staffing in rural areas was causing problems in the loss of teachers, and
she requested staff review whether the impact of that 98 percent would be a hardship for rural schools.

Dr. Rulffes explained if staffing was at 100 percent, no teacher would be taken away, but only if staffing
was over 100 percent would staff be reduced. He stated enrollment was something to take into
perspective regarding this issue. He also stated he did not know how to afford staffing beyond what the
budget was built upon and expressed his regrets.

Martha G. Tittle, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division, stated that the outlying rural
schools would not be evaluated or impacted in the same manner and encouraged them to telephone with
concerns.

APPROVE ITEMS 7.02, 7.04, 7.05, AND 7.07
Approval of Items 7.02, 7.04, 7.05, and 7.07 as follows:
Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton
Regarding Regulation 5123, Item 7.04, Mrs. Johnson asked Dr. Kohut-Rost to explain how existing counselors could handle discussions with parents regarding formulating an education plan pertaining to middle schools.

Dr. Kohut-Rost explained it was not expected that a counselor would be able to sit with each 6th-grade student individually, but to do it in a classroom setting. Parents were not required to attend, but they could review it electronically also. She also stated this would not impact counselors’ time negatively.

Kaweeda Adams, Director, Instruction and Facility Administration, Instruction Unit, explained that the consultation can be done in different forms, and that even though this was an annual review, it was not a one-time review, which broadens the consultation view.

Mrs. Johnson stated she did not feel the policy would make a difference if put on ParentLink. Regarding sections B and C she asked if a D was a passing grade.

Dr. Kohut-Rost responded that a D was passing, equal to a 60 to 69.

Regarding section K, Mrs. Johnson suggested including the following in the new language: “…including, but not limited to…” She stated it was a waste of money to mail progress reports because grades are not indicated, only general comments by the teachers.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated teachers were doing a phenomenal job with communicating with parents and that ParentLink was a useful tool available for parents 24/7.

Mrs. Johnson stated she felt communication was not happening between parents and teachers through telephone calls based on personal experience.

Mrs. Janison suggested, as a way to strengthen communication, that parents send an email back to the counselor or teacher to indicate they have viewed the ParentLink. Regarding Item 7.07, Regulation 4390, she asked how the district could guarantee that rights are being protected if they want to come forward with a complaint.

Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Department, responded that retaliation is not something he sees often, although he could not guarantee that there would never be retaliation, but that employees are educated that retaliation is wrong, and the district reacts to it if it does occur.

Regarding Item 7.04, Mrs. Moulton stated that one of the concerns she had was added pressure on staff. She asked for clarification regarding if a 7th period were added to the middle school, would it raise a teacher’s student level from 150 to 180 students.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated it was a small number of schools that would add a 7th period. She stated she did not anticipate the majority of schools moving to a 7-period day.

Regarding Item 7.04, Mr. Mason stated that if it was used on the ParentLink website it would be a waste of time because many in the community do not have access to computers.
APPROVE ITEMS 7.02, 7.04, 7.05, AND ITEM 7.07 (continued)

Dr. Kohut-Rost explained that ParentLink was not only on the computer, but it could also be accessed through a phone.

Regarding Items 7.05 and 7.06, Mrs. Johnson requested that staff “tighten” the language so it could be considered for the Amendment.

Trustee Edwards stated she appreciated discussion on Item 7.04 and shared Mr. Mason’s concern regarding parents who do not have access to computers. On the other hand, she stated this policy asks for more and is stronger than what the district currently has. She stated it is not the district’s duty to contact every parent every time a student’s grades are slipping.

Vote on Trustee Edwards’ motion was unanimous.
Mrs. Barber was not present for the vote.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4291.1
Approval of the amendment of County School District Regulation 4291.1, Responsibility Pay: Unified Employees, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 5123
Approval of the amendment of Clark County School District Regulation 5123, Promotion, Retention, and Demotion of Students, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3537
Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 3537, District-Owned Vehicles, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 8, 2008, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 4390
Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Policy 4390, Disclosure of Improper District Action, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 8, 2008, as recommended in Reference 7.07.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3621
Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 3621, Records Retention Schedule, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on May 8, 2008, as recommended in Reference 7.06.

Trustee Edwards stated that on page 23 of 24, in terms of public records and what constitutes a public record, she suggested general language, excluding duplicates, for all the items listed in the bullets.

Mr. Hoffman responded that number 3, which discusses duplicate records, implies what Trustee Edwards was suggesting, and he proposed striking number 4, the parenthetical “...excluding duplicates...”

Trustee Edwards requested that the Board be trained on records retention.

Mr. Hoffman agreed that training was needed.
APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3621
(continued)
Motion to accept, deleting the language, “…excluding duplicates…” following, “…correspondence of memoranda related to official business” on page 23 of 24.
Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton

Mrs. Moulton asked if the majority of the language was driven by statute.

Mr. Hoffman responded that this regulation is periodically reviewed, and the district had borrowed language from the state’s plan.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES DAIS
Mr. Mason left the dais at 7:12 p.m.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 3621
(continued)
Mrs. Moulton asked, regarding page 21 of 24, whether elected officials are encompassed in the verbiage, “every public employee.”

Mr. Hoffman stated rules apply to public officials and encompass elected Board members.

Mrs. Moulton requested clarification regarding whether this policy would apply only from the date of its approval and whether or not it would include retroactive activities.

Mr. Hoffman responded the regulation was not retroactive, but the principles described therein were already in the law. He stated whether this passes would not have an impact on pending litigation.

Mrs. Johnson made a friendly amendment to the motion to include, on page 24, the language, “Records appraised as permanent must be converted to paper, microfilm, or another acceptable medium for permanent record retention which meets legal requirements and encourage the fewest resources.”

The maker of the motion and the second agreed with Mrs. Johnson’s amendment.

Vote on Trustee Edwards’ motion was unanimous.
Mr. Mason and Mrs. Barber were not present for the vote.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNS TO DAIS
Mr. Mason returned to the dais at 7:16 p.m.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION
Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.
Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous
Mrs. Barber was not present for the vote.

RECESS: 7:17 p.m.
RECONVENE: 8:10 p.m.
**TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Mrs. Barber was connected at 8:11 p.m.

**APPROVE SUSPENSION OF CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4370**

Approval of the suspension of Clark County School District Regulation 4370, Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program: All Employees, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

Mrs. Scow clarified that the topics of the closed session were peripheral to Item 7.03 but not Item 7.03.

*Motion to hold Item 7.03 until negotiations with Clark County Education Association (CCEA) are concluded, at which point it will be brought back for discussion.*

*Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous*

Mrs. Barber requested the backup material before the meeting.

Mrs. Johnson asked if the Superintendent could place this item on the agenda at the appropriate time.

Dr. Rulffes accepted that responsibility.

**TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED**

Teleconference call with Mrs. Barber was disconnected at 8:15 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

School Climate – Elaine Clermont, Michelle Campbell

Ms. Clermont stated citizens need help regarding child abuse and a retaliation climate in schools. She stated there has been retaliation because she spoke out. She cautioned the Board to take steps to rectify the climate.

Ms. Campbell shared what had been going on with the climate in her son's class.

Trustee Edwards asked if there would be an investigation into these allegations. She stated that retaliation against a child for comments a parent makes should never happen.

Dr. Rulffes agreed with Trustee Edwards and stated it was policy that these matters were followed up. He stated that teachers' rights would be protected as well as parents and children, which was why a third party was brought in.

**AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Mrs. Scow asked for an item regarding possibility of cutting trustee travel budget by 4.5 percent and an item regarding the innovator award.

Mrs. Moulton asked that discussion or presentation regarding standardized attire be revisited, and she also asked for a discussion item to review goals and work being done at the regions and their continued plans.

Trustee Edwards asked if the training and education of autism discussion was still on the table.
AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Johnson stated the Board needs to be educated in the trends and analysis in diagnosis of autism to accommodate their understanding in expectations for the district. Regarding the regions, she requested information about the expectations of regions in terms of their strategies for education, including are they market-based strategies, how much are they intended to be alike in their ability to deliver education, and how much are they intended to be creatively different from one another. She also requested information on leadership insight on how the district deals with the transition between regions.

Dr. Rulffes responded that that discussion was targeted to be on the agenda of a work session in June.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Johnson gave a brief report of her attendance at the following: a recent debt management commission meeting, Virgin Valley Community Education Advisory Board, and dedications for Escobedo Middle School and Perkins Elementary School. She stated she worked with staff in the northwest region on two parent groups regarding calendar conversion and communicating with the community regarding the transition.

Trustee Edwards briefly reported on her attendance at the Kiwanis 17th Educator of the Year Awards, and she briefly reported on the Student Advisory Council meeting and stated the Governor had been invited to attend their next meeting on May 6, 2008, and that she would report the results. She stated she attended an event the evening prior at PBS with Paula Kerger, President, Vegas PBS, and thanked Tom Axtell, General Manager, Vegas PBS, for arranging the event.

Mrs. Janison also stated that she attended the PBS event with Ms. Kerger and Mr. Axtell. She briefly reported on the National School Boards Association (NSBA) event she attended in Florida.

Mrs. Scow reported on the April 4, 2008, meeting and highlighted the following: the importance of quorums at Board meetings and the importance of notifying Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, when attendance at a meeting was not possible; that on May 12, 2008, there would be an upcoming work session with Mr. Erquiaga giving an update on strategic planning, and two GP policies and review of bylaws for Board affiliated committees.

Mrs. Moulton stated she would not be in attendance at the May 12, 2008, meeting.

Mrs. Scow stated there was a cancellation of the June 19, 2008, regular Board meeting and scheduled agenda items should be moved to the June 16, 2008, work session. She suggested moving the discussion regarding regions to the June 16, 2008, work session. She indicated there would be no July 10, 2008, meeting, and agenda items would be moved to the work session on July 14, 2008.

Trustee Edwards stated she would be out of town on July 14, 2008, at the Children Land Alliance Saving Schools Conference. She asked if it would be possible to change the meeting to Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

Mrs. Scow asked Mrs. Krohn to work on scheduling the July meetings. She suggested waiting until September to begin Wednesday work sessions.

Trustee Edwards expressed using caution about Wednesdays because of conflict of Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings.
**BOARD REPORTS** (continued)
Mrs. Scow stated the next community linkage was scheduled for April 30, 2008, and recommended Mrs. Moulton and Mrs. Janison as facilitators. She also stated that the next School Matters was scheduled for July 31, 2008, and Board representatives were needed for that as well, and she asked Mrs. Krohn to work on that as well.

Trustee Edwards stated she would be out of town on July 31, 2008.

Mrs. Moulton briefly reported on the Community Education Advisory Board (CEAB), Del Sol High School, and its feeder schools.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**
Dr. Rulffes stated there was discussion amongst the superintendents regarding revamping the format of iNVest, and one concept that was discussed was introduction of empowerment in school districts.

Mrs. Scow stated she attended a PAC meeting today and reported briefly regarding the following concerns: cell phone usage during classroom times and students using cell phones to take pictures of tests; and a concern with middle school students having less time allotted to take the semester exam and the grade following the students into high school. She asked if anything could be done to help with that score for 9th graders.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated there was meeting with principals regarding this concern and that teachers have been given the latitude to make adjustments to grades if there was not enough time to complete the semester exam. She explained the transportation driven time constraints, but that nothing was prohibiting the testing at the middle school level from going into three days to address this situation.

Trustee Edwards expressed concern that seven extra questions were added at one school with a lack of extra time given, and she felt there may be a lack of communication to teachers.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated that further discussion would occur in terms of the grading, and she explained that the additional items were based on individual school sites and was not mandatory.

Mrs. Moulton stated she was hearing a lot regarding SMART Boards and asked if it was part of the bond.

Dr. Rulffes stated part of the plan was there would be two one-shot allocations, and they are weighted as to the type of school and enrollment.

Dr. Kohut-Rost stated she could provide a breakdown as to the amount schools would receive with the one-shot allocation.

Mr. Weiler stated a memo would be sent out with information regarding this one-shot allocation.

**ADJOURN:** 8:56 p.m.
*Motion: Mason    Second: Edwards    Vote: Unanimous*
*Mrs. Barber was not present for the vote.*