

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 22, 2009

4:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Terri Janison, President
Carolyn Edwards, Vice President
Sheila R. Moulton, Clerk
Chris Garvey, Member
Larry P. Mason, Member
Deanna L. Wright, Member
Dr. Linda E. Young, Member

Dr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of Schools

INVOCATION

Pastor Diego Trujillo, Centro De Victoria, performed the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Western High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except move Items 7.03 and 7.04 to follow the Consent Agenda with Public Hearings on these two items to be heard just prior thereto, with Closed Session to immediately follow Items 7.03 and 7.04, and noting revised backup material for Item 7.05, disregarding previously distributed backup material.
Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meetings – November 18, 2008; December 3, 2008; and December 3, 2008
Regular meetings – November 20, 2008; December 11, 2008
Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

STUDENT REPORTS

Ben Schultz, student body president at Cimarron-Memorial High School, Terri Janison, District E trustee; Belen Figueroa-Cazares, student body president at Northwest Career and Technical Academy, Chris Garvey, District B trustee; and Kayla Williams, student body president at Western High School, Linda E. Young, District C trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

PRESENTATION OF SELECT SCHOOLS' INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

Presentation of the Clark County School District's International Baccalaureate programs. Kelly Bucherie, Academic Manager, Superintendent's Schools Division; Dr. Anne Grisham, Director, Superintendent's Schools Division; Ron Montoya, Principal, Valley High School; and Sandy Miller, education advocate and school namesake.

Ms. Bucherie gave a brief PowerPoint® presentation on the Select Schools' International Baccalaureate (IB) programs K-12.

Dr. Grisham spoke briefly regarding what the IB program encompasses.

Zane Nicholas, student at Roy W. Martin Middle School, spoke briefly regarding the Sandy Searles Miller Elementary IB program, which he attended and how it has impacted him.

Mr. Montoya spoke briefly regarding the IB program, including the following: Areas of interaction in the IB program, courses of study, IB enrollment from 2006 through 2008, graduation data, and IB student highlights. He introduced Valley High School student, Lea Woods.

Miss Woods spoke highly of the IB program and how it benefitted her education, first at Roy W. Martin Middle School and currently at Valley High School.

Ms. Miller spoke highly of the IB program, and she extended an invitation to the Board to visit Sandy Searles Miller Elementary School.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Mason was connected at 4:45 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITY PLANNERS INTERNATIONAL

Presentation and recognition of the Council of Educational Facility Planners International's James B. MacConnell Award to the Northwest Career and Technical Academy. Mark McGinty, Principal, SH Architecture.

Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division, introduced Mr. McGinty.

Mr. McGinty thanked Mr. Gerner and his staff and CCSD, and he presented the Council of Educational Facility Planners International's James B. MacConnell Award to the Northwest Career and Technical Academy (NCTA).

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Mason was disconnected at 5:00 p.m.

RECESS: 5:00 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:30 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE CALL RECONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Mason was reconnected at 5:31 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED

Trustee Janison acknowledged the musical presentation given during the break by the Lummis Elementary School Choir. Board members thanked the students; Rodney Saunders, Principal; Kimberly Dotts, Music Specialist; and Richard Carranza, Region Superintendent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Warrants, Public Records Request – Karen Gray

Mrs. Gray noted she had received the warrants, and stated Trustee Edwards' suggestion of having her receive them electronically was acceptable to her. Regarding public records requests, she noted that her several recent requests for documents were not forthcoming.

High School Attendance Zone Changes – Mary Saladino, Caitlin Saladino, Shauna Yergensen, Steve Saladino, Carleen Saladino, Laura Moxley, Monica Silvas

Trustee Janison clarified that the agenda item this evening was regarding phasing, not zoning changes.

Ms. Saladino spoke in favor of the option of phasing in rezoning of high school students, and she felt all high school students should be treated equally. She also spoke in favor of an option-to-remain waiver with strings attached that did not apply to younger siblings and did not provide transportation.

Caitlin Saladino, high school student, spoke in support of the option of phasing in rezoning, noting that she felt academic continuity was the most important aspect in high school.

Ms. Yergensen, a representative of the Roma Hills community, noted that the high school zoning issue was not given enough time at the recent public input meeting and was not specifically addressed with the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC). She stated proximity to the zoned high school, feeder schools, and safety was of concern to the community.

Mr. Saladino spoke in opposition to the way the district was handling rezoning to Coronado High School.

Carleen Saladino, student, spoke in favor of the option of phasing in rezoning so she can remain at Coronado High School.

Ms. Moxley stated she would forward her comments via email to the Board.

Ms. Silvas stated she would forward her comments via email to the Board.

Update on K-12 Budget Reductions – Sam King, Bruce Hoffman

Ms. King stated Governor Gibbons' State of the State Address regarding budget leaves education and citizens behind, and she urged that alternatives and revenue be found. She pledged support from the Nevada League of Women Voters.

Mr. Hoffman offered his company's proposal that would save the district up to \$2 million annually, that being the purchase of preowned textbooks.

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

Notice of Intent – Clark County School District Regulation 4293 – Phil Gervasi, Michael Thomas

Mr. Gervasi described, and spoke in favor of, the commercial overtime assignment and tracking system that the CCSD Police Department uses to track site-generated overtime. He suggested 12-month employee police officers as opposed to 11-month officers to save the district overtime during the summer.

Mr. Thomas spoke on the revisions to Regulation 4293, acknowledging the district's budget cuts. He proposed changing the language in Regulation 4293, page 5, from, "Authorization to assign overtime must be approved by the appropriate department head, division head, or the appropriate superintendent." to read, "... Chief of Police or his designee." He suggested the offering of compensatory time instead of overtime pay regarding sports pay.

High School Attendance Zone Changes – Erin Cranor

Ms. Cranor extended appreciation to the Board for considering the phasing option and listening to community input regarding this issue.

Purchasing Awards – Steven Beck

Mr. Beck stated his firm, on December 16, 2008, had been recommended to be awarded an insurance broker services contract but learned there is a protest in place currently, which process he considers fair. He stated his firm is committed to the district and was available to answer any questions.

Budget Cuts – Autumn Tampa

Ms. Tampa stated she has done personal research and has more readily available contact information which she will present in February regarding the Governor's budget and CCSD's budget.

High School Attendance Zone Changes – John Karachepone

Mr. Karachepone stated he specifically bought his home because it was zoned for Coronado High School and spoke in complete favor of phasing.

Council of Educational Facility Planners International; Change in Services – Architectural/Engineering Services Agreements; and Change Orders – Ken Small

Mr. Small recited his perceived inadequacies of the Facilities Division which he felt was causing a waste of taxpayers' money and harm to children by diverting resources. He urged the Board to investigate what the Facilities Division brings before them before approving it.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda.

Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE VEGAS PBS, PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES PROGRAM

Approval to submit and implement a grant from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP), in the amount of \$132,500.00, to purchase a backup transmitter and antenna, plus ancillary equipment necessary to integrate and install these items, to be matched by an equal sum from nondistrict funds secured primarily through viewer donations to Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television, with no impact to the General Fund, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

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 5.02.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ unified personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT

Approval to employ licensed personnel, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant a leave of absence to a unified employee (Regulation 4355), as recommended in Reference 5.05.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351, 4352, and 4355 and Articles 16-4 and 16-5 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association), as recommended in Reference 5.06.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$12,770,515.73, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.07.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$1,309,500.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.08.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #13-08-09 in the total amount of \$138,430,421.84, as recommended in Reference 5.09.

APPROVE GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR NEVADA POWER COMPANY AT MARVIN M. SEDWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Approval to grant Nevada Power Company, doing business as NV Energy, two easements located across the northern and eastern portions of the Marvin M. Sedway Middle School site, for the installation of underground cable, a transformer, and a switch gear box, 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 5.10.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: ROOF REPLACEMENT C. V. T. GILBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for roof replacement at C. V. T. Gilbert Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000243, and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

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 \$32,515.50 for Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy (Pugsley Simpson Coulter Architects), Sunrise Mountain High School (Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, Ltd.), East Career and Technical Academy (SH Architecture), Robert L. Forbuss Elementary School (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation), and Bertha Ronzone Elementary School (Precision Design Group), as recommended in Reference 5.12.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$858,108.89 plus 70 days to the construction contracts to Construct Gordon McCaw Elementary School (Pace Contracting Co.), Construct Sunrise Mountain High School (CORE Construction Services of Nevada, Inc.), and Construct Vegas PBS and Distance Education Center (Martin Harris Construction), as recommended in Reference 5.13.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE GOODSPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to close Goodsprings Elementary School at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended in Reference 7.03.

Trustee Edwards stated information that was previously deemed inaccurate has been corrected, and the Board was continuing to receive information. She also stated her intention was to make a motion to keep the schools identified in Items 7.03 and 7.04 open for another year pending further information and after hearing public discussion on these items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEM 7.03

Steve Fleming explained his emotions regarding the closure of Goodsprings Elementary School. He stated recommendation to close this school was based on an error of almost \$80,000 as reported, and he questioned how this discrepancy was bypassed by CCSD administration. He requested waiting a year to work on cost containment.

Ruth Rawlinson spoke of her attendance and her family's attendance at this school and expressed opposition to the closure of Goodsprings Elementary School.

Elizabeth Warren spoke in opposition to closure of Goodsprings Elementary School and asked that the Board reconsider and reevaluate all the aspects of closure.

TELECONFERENCE CALL DISCONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Mason was disconnected at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEM 7.03 (continued)

Julie Newberry spoke in opposition to closure of Goodsprings Elementary School and noted its historical and educational value. She presented a poster board with historical items as backup material to the Board.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE EARL B. LUNDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to close Earl B. Lundy Elementary School at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school term, as recommended in Reference 7.04.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEM 7.04

Margaret Masanz thanked the Board for its suggestion regarding withholding closure for one year.

Debra Harpster, Teacher, Lundy Elementary School, invited the trustees to visit her school and stated she understood the financial burden of the district. She suggested several cuts her school could make to help save money instead of opting for closure. She asked for reconsideration.

Taylor Tomashowski, former student of Lundy Elementary School, spoke of occurrences on the bus that would be unsuitable for young children. She spoke favorably of the education she received at Lundy Elementary School.

Rafe Cordell stated that savings would not be recognized through closure because of continued expenses to maintain the property after closure. He offered suggestions, including upgrading lighting and equipment, and he volunteered his services to help.

Charles Pesca stated closure of Lundy Elementary School was the worst news he ever heard and opposed closure.

Amy Brown praised the education the children receive at Lundy Elementary School. She stated the parents are committed and willing to volunteer in order to keep this school open. She requested that the Board work with the community to find a solution that will work for everyone and keep Lundy Elementary School open.

Nancy Zwijac spoke in opposition to closure of Lundy Elementary School and suggested expansion of the curriculum of K-8.

Erik Snyder agreed with Trustee Edwards' suggestion to keep the schools open for one more year.

Rose Getler expressed her opposition to the long bus ride that would be imposed on students if Lundy Elementary School was closed. She noted the dangerous road conditions imposed on the bus driver if the longer bus ride was to occur. She requested that the school remain open.

Tom Padden spoke of the importance of keeping Lundy Elementary School open and agreed with Trustee Edwards' suggestion to keep the school open for an additional year. He urged the Board to reconsider closure.

Doug Clinkscales spoke in opposition to closure of Lundy Elementary School. He stated there would be no gain by closure because school grounds would still need to be maintained and staff would be maintained. He noted the dangerous roadway the bus route would take if closure occurred.

Steve Hamilton suggested a group of stakeholders be formed to deal with the issues facing the community and recommended that the Board approve Trustee Edwards' suggestion for a motion.

Deanna Rabice spoke highly of the staff at Lundy Elementary School. She opposed the extensive, dangerous bus route that would be imposed upon closure of this school. She requested reconsideration by the Board to keep this school open.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE EARL B. LUNDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (continued)

Trustee Janison thanked the public for their professionalism in their dialogue with the Board this evening.

Motion to hold closure of Goodsprings Elementary School and Earl B. Lundy Elementary School for one year in order to further investigate the recommendation of closure, possibly bringing it back next year, and forming a stakeholders group for each school.

Motion: Edwards Second: Garvey

Trustee Edwards expressed willingness to attend stakeholders' meetings when requested.

Trustee Janison agreed with Mr. Hamilton's suggestion to get more information and agreed she would attend meetings if requested by the community. She noted concerns, specifically with the Lundy Elementary School facility, that needed to be addressed.

Trustee Wright expressed her pleasure with the community support and dialogue this evening.

Trustee Young expressed support of the district's budget although she expressed distress because of the lack of support for education.

Trustee Moulton commended the demeanor and professionalism of the public this evening. She commented on the following: She suggested working through cost containment and urged that the numbers from staff on cost per pupil be transparent; she appreciated volunteering to help sustain their school; she noted that there were differences between urban and rural schools; she appreciated the comments regarding maintenance and rehab; she urged the community to communicate with the legislators so that they do not reduce funding to education; and she expressed hope in finding solutions.

Trustee Edwards suggested that consideration needs to take place regarding what would happen to the buildings if the recommendation comes back in one year to close the schools.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Moulton Second: Edwards

Trustee Janison noted the attendance by members of the Student Advisory Council.

Trustee Moulton requested to hear Items 7.01 and 7.02 at this time.

Trustee Moulton withdrew her motion.

PUBLIC HEARING – REVIEW OF AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR FEDERAL IMPACT AID (SECTION 8003)

This is the time and place that was advertised for the Public Hearing on the Review of Application for Federal Impact Aid (Section 8003), and interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the application of the Clark County School District, as recommended in Reference 7.01.

After recital of the above notice three times, no response was noted.

AUTHORIZE IMPACT AID – SECTION 8003

Authorization to file the Impact Aid Application, Section 8003, for federal Fiscal Year 2010, as recommended in Reference 7.02.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Young Second: Moulton

Trustee Edwards suggested having the regulation attached in the future for reference.

Vote on Trustee Young's motion was unanimous.

Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Moulton Second: Edwards

The motion passed by informal consensus.

RECESS: 7:26 p.m.

RECONVENE: 8:37 p.m.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE CHANGES

Approval of phasing high school attendance zone boundary changes by grade level.

Trustee Wright thanked the community for their input on the option of phasing. She indicated that the phasing she was in support of would not include the Sunrise Mountain area because of the new high school. She proposed discussion on the phasing of students enrolled in a high school that could continue at that high school they started at, and the hard zone would include incoming students from that point forward or anyone who opted to go. She also proposed if the students chose to stay at a high school they were not zoned for, it would be at their own transportation expense. She expressed uneasiness with moving students in the current economic time of unrest and suggested waiting a year to see what happens with the legislature and the budget.

Trustee Janison acknowledged the high emotions involved with this issue and expressed concern with equity in the new high school opening in the Sunrise Mountain area, and the situation with Palo Verde students going to Bonanza because it is overcrowded and cannot be phased unless it was addressed with the Zoning Department to enlarge the zone. She indicated that we need to consider the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) rules when deciding.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE CHANGES (continued)

Trustee Moulton expressed her opinions on phasing as follows: She made note of the equity issue and the new high school opening in her area, encouraged making it an effort to have students remain at their school, agreed that the transportation expense should be the burden of students if they remain at a school they are not zoned for, suggested that an option be to have an assessment on an annual basis to accommodate change, it would only involve students already at the high school, and to have a lottery or a cap if it did not work well.

Trustee Edwards recounted the resistance by Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) last year regarding phasing in the middle schools because of concerns with the lack of parameters. She suggested that a committee be formed to set parameters and to proceed with caution on this concept.

Trustee Young agreed with the suggestion to form a committee, to have guidelines that explore the uniqueness of children with individual issues, and she expressed overall support with the idea of phasing.

Trustee Garvey agreed that phasing needed to be investigated as an option.

Trustee Wright expressed understanding of the advice from AZAC that the district should proceed with caution, urged that parameters need to be put in place, that there needs to be an effort on the part of students, and that discussion should begin now with a committee and should not be postponed for another year.

Sharon Dattoli, Director II, Demographics, Zoning and GIS Department, explained that the existing criteria, which was put in place for middle schools, would not be met if adhered to for each of the recommendations. She suggested options for flexibility with zone changes as opposed to phasing for high schools.

Trustee Moulton asked for clarification on the pilot for middle school criteria.

Ms. Dattoli responded that the criteria includes that it has to be between existing schools, that underutilization of the receiving school would be corrected by the zone change, and that overutilization of the sending school is confirmed for at least three years, resulting in no cost to transportation and staffing.

Trustee Moulton asked where the pilot was currently running.

Ms. Dattoli responded it was not in operation, but there would be a zoning recommendation at the middle school level between Sig Rogich Middle School and Walter Johnson Junior High School. She noted an additional criterion that future annual assessments would be performed once it was approved. She stated that the criteria for a one-size-fits-all phasing would result in no high school making it. She reviewed several options that could address underutilized and overcrowded schools.

Trustee Edwards expressed concern with violating the Open Meeting Law (OML) with discussion of options.

Mark Wood, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office, urged the Board to limit discussion to phasing based on the agenda.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE CHANGES (continued)

Trustee Edwards stated deliberation on options with the Board could not occur this evening but suggested taking the option discussion to AZAC for their recommendation. She expressed concern with overcrowding at Coronado High School and extreme underutilization of seats at Liberty High School and stated she could not see any way to not move forward with this zone change.

Motion to suggest that the Board direct staff to form a committee to evaluate criteria for phasing at the high school and middle school and to reevaluate criteria at the middle school and to return to this Board with a policy, recommendation, or pilot program to move forward with. She asked that it be expected to be implemented for the 2010-11 school year although she would welcome return to discussion and that there are a number of things, and would welcome additional input regarding concerns from the Board, that new schools do not fall under this consideration or any schools affected with a new school, that there be no increased cost, that there be no harm to schools, specifically harm to programs, that parents and principals and staff be included in addition to one or two trustees on the committee, and to fully vet the idea of phasing, which would result in siblings attending two different schools because of phasing, and the NIAA issue.

Motion: Edwards

The motion died due to lack of a second.

Trustee Moulton questioned whether the options Ms. Dattoli mentioned came the night that the Board finalized the voting.

Ms. Dattoli responded in the affirmative, that the options came along with the recommendation that came forward from AZAC and were combined.

Trustee Moulton clarified that an individualized phasing could be put forward after the recommendations come from AZAC and the Board makes the final decision.

Ms. Dattoli recommended that AZAC can develop these alternatives to put forward with the recommendations.

Trustee Moulton stated she was uncomfortable with Trustee Edwards' motion because it was lengthy and included the mention of elementary schools.

Trustee Wright expressed concern because it was unclear whether AZAC would be allowed to come forward with a recommendation of phasing. She indicated support of having a committee for phasing and did not feel postponement of one year was necessary.

Dr. Lauren Kohut-Rost, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction Unit, recounted that, after a recent meeting with Ms. Dattoli, the region superintendents felt phasing and the criteria established for the middle school that was to be implemented should be further studied because of uncertainty in connection with having no parameters.

Trustee Janison stated she felt strongly that the Board give direction to staff that a phasing program for high schools needs to be implemented for the following school year, although she recognized its difficulty.

APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE CHANGES (continued)

Motion to direct staff to form a committee to evaluate criteria for phasing at the high school level with an understanding that a workable phasing program be brought forward and to ask this committee to come back with a recommendation of a time frame and with direction to investigate the following issues: what happens when there is new school involved, the issue of cost, the issue of harm or benefit to schools, the issue of siblings attending different schools, and NIAA and sports issues.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton

Trustee Wright expressed support of the motion but did not feel comfortable unless discussion was held or an agenda item was scheduled to have staff come back with parameters for this year.

Trustee Moulton explained why she asked for clarification from Ms. Dattoli and stated that trying to make decisions regarding zoning for the whole district was challenging. She felt comfortable moving ahead with this motion to set the process in motion. She stated she felt parents are their children's advocate in addition to administrators and expressed support of the motion.

Trustee Young suggested that the motion include that the committee that would be formed should be given more options with regard to the parameters Trustee Edwards did not include in the phasing process.

Trustee Edwards clarified her motion was not limited to the five issues, but that they be included in addition to the recommendations from the committee.

Trustee Garvey questioned whether the underutilized building could be put to use temporarily so it would not be a total loss of space.

Ms. Dattoli responded that it could be utilized after AZAC evaluates the area.

Vote on Trustee Edwards' motion was unanimous.

Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4293

Approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt, Repeal, or Amend Clark County School District Regulation 4293, Placement and Advancement on the Support Staff and School Police Salary Schedule, prior to submission to the Board of School Trustees for approval on February 12, 2009, as recommended in Reference 7.05.

Bill Garis, Deputy Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division, explained that the purpose of this Notice of Intent was to put into place better accountability systems.

Trustee Janison requested clarification on what to do with administrators requesting police overtime and then having the officers penalized when they perform the overtime.

Mr. Garis stated the regulation does not just speak solely to school police. He suggested having alternatives in place to help reduce police costs while being cognizant of the safety needs that must be met.

Trustee Janison clarified that these were administrative requests for police overtime.

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4293

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Jeffrey Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Operations Division, noted that there had been direction by Dr. Rulffes that Chief Phil Arroyo, Police Services, investigate alternative methods of providing security at events. He noted the Facilities Division overtime usage was also being reviewed.

Trustee Janison urged accountability on the part of administrators for requesting overtime and agreed with Mr. Thomas's suggestion to change the verbiage in Regulation 4293, page 5, paragraph J-1, from, "Authorization to assign overtime must be approved by the appropriate department head, division head, or the appropriate superintendent." to read, "... Chief of Police or his designee."

Trustee Edwards clarified that the Chief of Police is a department head and that a department head or division head should appoint designees when they are not available. She stated comp time should be investigated. She also stated that accounting on outside overtime requests should be indicated to show that the overtime is paid by the outsider. She questioned whether funds were coming out of the principal's budget or the department's budget when a principal is requesting an officer.

Mr. Garis responded that it depended on the event, whether it was school sanctioned, sponsored event that would be paid by the school, and if it was districtwide events, it may come out of other budgets.

Trustee Edwards asked whether that information is tracked.

Mr. Garis responded in the affirmative.

Trustee Edwards asked who the department head was approving the overtime if it was being paid by a different department.

Dr. Rulffes acknowledged that lack of monitoring was a concern, and that the whole purpose of this item was to help rectify that.

Trustee Moulton questioned allowing comp time and urged caution in the use of the term "designee."

Trustee Young asked what would result if an officer is ordered as a deterrent, someone is sent who does not have deterrent training, and issues occur.

Mr. Garis responded there is a need to assess every event that officers are used and to prioritize needs.

Trustee Wright asked for clarification regarding whether the top administrators should request overtime and not the designee.

Mr. Garis responded that was correct.

Trustee Wright suggested it was important to clarify times when a superintendent or division head may need to appoint a designee, and that the verbiage should include, "... in certain circumstances" or "... when needs arise."

APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT – CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATION 4293

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Mr. Garis stated there was language in the regulation regarding emergencies but suggested putting systems in place to monitor more efficiently.

Motion to accept this policy change giving staff direction to work with the police in any way to give them specifics, if necessary.

Motion: Moulton Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

APPROVE UPDATE ON K-12 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Approval regarding an update on K-12 budget reductions, as recommended in Reference 7.06.

Mr. Weiler gave a brief update on the current budget crisis and reductions that may affect the district, and he indicated that the planned reduction of \$120 million is now looking like it will be closer to \$150 million, and it was unknown whether it would get worse.

Trustee Moulton asked for clarification on the budget reduction form as to why the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program did not indicate the term “eliminate completely” after it, and she questioned whether the district was keeping AVID.

Dr. Kohut-Rost responded that there was a little over a half a million dollars from grants which would enable AVID to be retained.

Trustee Moulton questioned why she did not see anything on pay-for-play or student book fees to generate funds which had been discussed in the past.

Ray Mathis, Executive Director, Instructional Support and Student Activities, Curriculum and Professional Development Division, explained that the recommendations of the committee that were presented to the region superintendents did not include pay-for-play at this time because of the burden to families and to try to find other ways to get to the 15 percent cut.

Trustee Janison asked what other recommendations were suggested by the committee.

Mr. Mathis responded that other recommendations included, but were not limited to, the following: trying to maintain the current game limits at the varsity level and reducing game limits to 16 at the lower level; reducing district sponsored tournaments; if the school sponsors the tournament, they pick up the cost associated thereto; eliminate the option of substituting tournaments for games; reduce or not allow the Hall of Fame game; evaluate the security allocation by possibly reducing the number of officers from six to four; and in the case of a high profile game where trouble was expected, that there be an option to allow additional officers.

Trustee Young recounted concern from the community regarding the hardship that may be created with pay-for-play, and she appreciated other options being suggested. She asked whether parents and communities were asked to review the committee proposals or offer input.

APPROVE UPDATE ON K-12 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (continued)

Mr. Mathis responded these were only recommendations, and he was not sure whether parents would be involved at this time.

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

None.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Edwards stated that an agenda item on public input was scheduled for February 12 in addition to an agenda item on recommendations by the Student Advisory Committee.

Trustee Garvey announced she would be appointing John Christiansen as a new Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) member whose appointment would begin after the February 12 meeting, and that Deborah Earl indicated she was still interested in the position. She requested that any other interested parties come forward at the February 12 meeting.

Trustee Janison requested a later date than February 12 for the at-large positions. She questioned Mr. Weiler regarding how many at-large positions were vacant.

Mr. Weiler stated he was unsure, but he could get that information.

Trustee Janison requested an agenda item to conduct a brief discussion at the February 4 work session regarding the needs of the BOC in terms of appointees.

Trustee Edwards suggested that Ms. Earl attend the February 12 meeting as an at-large position to be voted on and then to move forward with any others at a later date.

Dr. Rulfes questioned whether the Board wanted to receive names from him which would typically include a resume` and background of each person.

Trustee Janison responded in the affirmative.

Consensus was had between the Board members to welcome names offered by Dr. Rulfes.

Trustee Moulton requested information on where the vacancies were.

Mr. Weiler, in response to an earlier question, explained the BOC statutory bylaws state that the BOC is not to exceed 15 members, of which 7 are appointed individually by the Board.

Trustee Edwards welcomed input from Dr. Rulfes, but she requested information on what categories were missing and agreed with moving forward with Ms. Earl as a nominee.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Moulton briefly reported on her attendance at a recent Communities In Schools presentation with Dr. Rulffes. She extended an invitation that the Board consider having them give a 15-minute presentation at a future meeting. She mentioned that the Council of the Great City Schools annual legislative policy conference was planned from March 14 through 17 and indicated that she was planning on attending, and requested that Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant, Board Office, advise her whether others were planning on attending. She also briefly recognized the budget rally at University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) this evening.

Trustee Edwards briefly reported on her attendance at the following events: Three of five recent zoning public input meetings in which she indicated zoning was moving forward with recommendations; two empowerment site visits for the purpose of evaluating applications; the administration promotion ceremony; and a recent BOC meeting for Trustee Janison in which the committee has asked to look at change orders as a general process.

Trustee Wright briefly reported that Green Valley High School students travelled to Washington, D.C. and marched in the inaugural parade for President Obama. She also briefly reported on her attendance at the recent student body presidents' meeting, in which goals and school climate were discussed, and the recent Foothill High School public input meeting. She indicated that Dr. Rulffes was having a televised State of District Address tomorrow and encouraged family and friends to watch.

Trustee Janison noted that the Becker Middle School jazz band also went to Washington, D.C. for the inaugural parade. She recognized and applauded the care for children and hard work that AZAC has brought into the district. She briefly reported on her attendance at a recent Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) meeting and requested that a list be put together immediately and given to her if the district wanted to submit something in the stimulus package so that the district would be included.

Dr. Rulffes stated a list was ready on that.

Trustee Garvey briefly reported on her attendance at the following: The recent Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Teen Summit, the Public Education Foundation in order to explore new and creative ways of raising money, the recent public input meeting at Cimarron High School, and Board training.

Trustee Edwards issued a reminder to schedule community linkage meetings, to have each trustee indicate the top three topics they are interested in, and to bring forward any new ideas at the February 4 meeting for discussion. She also stated, regarding the Superintendent's evaluation, that discussion would begin on February 4 regarding changes in the monitoring report and anything new or different in terms of expectations for the Superintendent in the coming school year. She noted that recent discussion was held regarding the \$500 donation from the Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) and what to do with it, and she requested discussion on that topic be brought forward as an agenda item on February 12.

Trustee Young expressed appreciation to staff for their help in training and orientation of the new trustees. She briefly reported on her attendance at the following events: The recent Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Teen Summit, the recent Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. parade and banquet, the Ministers Alliance Group meeting twice a month on Saturdays in which she invited other trustees to join her, the recent NAACP meeting regarding issues relating to student achievement and community involvement, and the magnet school program last evening at Doolittle Community Center.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Janison briefly reported on her attendance at the Northwest Rural Education Advisory Board (REAB) parent meeting with five invited legislators.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Rulfes stated the Clark County Education Association (CCEA) was having a rally on Saturday, February 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m., at Chaparral High School and invited the trustees to attend.

MONTHLY DEBRIEFING

Trustee Janison explained and reviewed the debriefing process. She debriefed tonight's meeting as follows: There was good discussion across the Board; good diversified thoughts on individual passions noting discussion based on children first; some discussion on policy; and felt it was a good meeting, a long meeting, but that it went well overall.

ADJOURN: 10:39 p.m.

Motion: Moulton Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous