

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, May 14, 2009

4:00 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

Father John Dresko, Saint Paul Orthodox Church, gave the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

Las Vegas High School ROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda, except delete Item 5.22, move Item 6.03 to follow Item 3.02 as 3.02a, and notice revised backup material for Item 5.21.

*Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Special meeting – March 25, 2009

Regular meetings – March 26, 2009; April 2, 2009

*Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.*

STUDENT REPORTS

Paul McIntyre, student body president at College of Southern Nevada High School, Cheyenne, Chris Garvey, District B trustee; Joresse Igtiben, student body president at College of Southern Nevada High School, Henderson, Deanna Wright, District A trustee; and Lindsey Hibbard, student body president at College of Southern Nevada High School, West Charleston, Terri Janison, District E trustee, gave brief overviews of present and future activities, plans, and goals for their respective schools.

PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION IN THE NEON SHADOW

Presentation on the *Education in the Neon Shadow*, a historical reference of the Clark County School District. Dr. P. Kay Carl, Member, Clark County School District Archive Committee; Rick Watson, Member, Clark County School District Archive Committee; John Gallifent, Member, Clark County School District Archive Committee.

Trustee Janison thanked the Archive Committee and acknowledged their commitment to the project. She recognized Senator Joe Neal's presence at the Board meeting.

Each of the Trustees commended the committee members for their hard work and contributions.

STUDENT REPORTS (continued)

Chyanna Dresden, student body president, Sandy Valley High School, Carolyn Edwards, District F trustee, gave a brief overview of present and future activities, plans, and goals for her school.

PRESENTATION OF SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Presentation on the secondary English language arts curriculum and professional development courses. Diane Reitz, Director, Literacy Services, Clark County School District; Jose Loya, Coordinator, K-12 Literacy, Clark County School District.

Board members thanked Ms. Reitz and Mr. Loya for their comprehensive presentation.

RECOGNITION

Trustee Janison announced that former Trustee Mary Beth Scow was recently recognized as the 2009 Nevada Mother of the Year by American Mothers of Nevada. She extended the Board's gratitude to the Clark County Health Department for their cooperation with CCSD in addressing the Swine Flu situation. She also acknowledged that May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Trustee Edwards explained that as a result of Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market's Shop for Schools Program, Fresh & Easy presented a check to CCSD in the amount of \$30,923, and that Keith C. and Karen W. Hayes Elementary School was awarded an additional \$5,000.00 for their school for raising the most money.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS AND CLOSED SESSION

Approval of closed session pursuant to NRS 288.

Motion: Moulton Second: Edwards Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Mason was not present for the vote.

RECESS: 4:51 p.m.

RECONVENE: 5:26 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT RECOGNIZED

Trustee Janison acknowledged the musical presentation given during the recess by the District Honor Mariachi. Board members thanked the students, Music Specialist Ramiro Benavides, principals, and region superintendents.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Mason arrived at the Board meeting at 5:27 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Janison explained that the Board was currently taking public comments under each agenda item as described in the Public Hearing Pilot Program during the regular Board meetings of May 14, 2009, through September 24, 2009.

APPROVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of consent agenda, except taking Items 5.02, 5.03, 5.04, 5.05, 5.06, 5.10, 5.12, and 5.23 separately, as follows:

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Young was not present for the vote.

BOARD MEMBER RETURNS TO THE DAIS

Trustee Young returned to the dais at 5:28 p.m.

APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE – CADSOFT CONSULTING

Approval of the request to purchase one perpetual site license of Autodesk Design Academy (ADA) for Shadow Ridge High School and two software upgrades for Northwest Career and Technical Academy and Advanced Technologies Academy from CadSoft Consulting for an approximate total cost of \$38,500.00, bringing the aggregate spend with CadSoft Consulting for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to \$88,500.00, to be paid from Fund 0280, and Internal Order G6631000909, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.01.

AUTHORIZE INSTRUCTIONAL-RELATED, OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONSULTANT – BRUSTEIN & MANASEVIT

Authorization to again contract with Brustein & Manasevit to provide professional legal advice on the fiscal and programmatic aspects of the administration of federal grant programs at the rate of \$1,800.00 per month for grant notifications and \$225.00 per hour for additional work to interpret national law as applicable to District grants, for an approximate total cost of \$43,000.00, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY10, Fund 0240, with no impact to the general fund, 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.

APPROVE UNIFIED PERSONNEL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant a leave of absence to a unified employee (Regulation 4351), as recommended in Reference 5.09.

RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS

Ratification of the purchase orders in the total amount of \$12,866,473.06, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.11.

APPROVE GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR NV ENERGY AT VAIL PITTMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to grant NV Energy three easements located across the western portion of the Vail Pittman Elementary School site, for the installation of underground cable and a transformer 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 GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR NV ENERGY AT JO MACKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to grant NV Energy two easements located across the eastern portion of the Jo Mackey Elementary School site, for the installation of underground cable and a transformer 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.

RATIFY WARRANTS

Ratification of the warrants as listed in the Bills Payable Transmittal and the Board Memorandum #20-08-09 in the total amount of \$112,621,744.96, as recommended in Reference 5.13.

AUTHORIZE VEGAS PBS – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) GRANT

Authorization to submit and implement the federally funded USDA – Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Public Television Digital Transition Grant, for equipment and labor costs to complete installation required for rural digital conversion for the 2009-2010 school year, in the amount of \$265,800.00, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.14.

APPROVE VEGAS PBS ANNUAL PRODUCTION PLAN AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Approval to increase the original amount of \$205,200.00, approved by the Board on June 26, 2008, by an approximate amount of \$50,000.00, for a new approximate total amount of \$255,200.00, to continue agreements with professional service providers to support additional programming, to be paid from non-district funds secured by Vegas PBS and Southern Nevada Public Television in Unit 0140, Fund 2200000000, or Unit 0140, Fund 1000000000, as determined by the project, for the period effective July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, as recommended in Reference 5.15.

APPROVE UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS AT VINCENT L. TRIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval to grant the City of North Las Vegas two easements located across the northern and western portions of the Vincent L. Triggs Elementary School site, necessary for the installation of water meters and associated equipment, 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 5.16.

APPROVE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EASEMENT FOR COX COMMUNICATIONS OF LAS VEGAS, INC. AT 6665 WEST GARY AVENUE, SITE NO. 172

Approval to grant Cox Communications of Las Vegas, Inc. an easement to provide service to a site leased to Clark County, necessary for the installation of underground cables and equipment, located across the western portion of a site at 6665 West Gary Avenue, 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 5.17.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: ASPHALT AND ADA UPGRADES, ROSE WARREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for asphalt and ADA upgrades at Rose Warren Elementary School, to be paid from the 1998 Capital Improvement Program, Fund 3080000000, Project C0000577 and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.20.

APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD: FIRE FLOW SYSTEM AND PLAYGROUND ASPHALT UPGRADES, ORAN K. GRAGSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval of an award of contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for fire hydrant installation and asphalt removal and replacement at Oran K. Gragson Elementary School, to be paid from the Government Service Tax, Fund 3400000000, Project C0011765; and for J. P. Gerner, Facilities Division, to act as the Board of School Trustees' designee for all project documents, as recommended in Reference 5.21.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS

Ratification of total change orders for a net increase of \$599,051.85 to the construction contracts to Construct Gordon McCaw Elementary School and Roy W. Martin Middle School Replacement (Pace Contracting Co.), and Construct Distance Education Center, Construct Vegas PBS, and Construct J. E. Manch Elementary School Replacement (Martin-Harris Construction), as recommended in Reference 5.24.

APPROVE HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND SUPPORT – NETWORK APPLIANCE, INC.

Approval to contract with Network Appliance, Inc. (NetApp) to provide hardware, software, and support for existing NetApp systems at an approximate first year's cost of \$187,973.46, with an approximate total cost of \$400,000.00, effective May 15, 2009, through September 30, 2010, with the first year's cost of \$187,973.46, to be paid from Fund 1000000000, Cost Center 1010004580, as recommended in Reference 5.02.

APPROVE HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND SUPPORT – NETWORK APPLIANCE, INC.

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Public Hearings – Margaret Collins

Ms. Collins asked the Board to consider denying the wireless network bid in consideration of the financial crisis the district is facing.

Jeff Weiler, Chief Financial Officer, Operations Support Unit, clarified that Ms. Collins' comment actually relates to Item 5.12, not Item 5.02.

Trustee Janison assured Ms. Collins that her comments would be considered appropriately under Item 5.12.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

AUTHORIZE DESERT ROSE WORKS LAS VEGAS – SOUTHERN NEVADA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Authorization to submit and implement a grant program through the Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board to provide youth, ages 17-24 who are attending or will be recruited to attend Desert Rose High School, with an all-inclusive environment for success to include job readiness, paid employment, life skills, leadership and community service opportunities, academic and career classes, supportive teachers and counselors, role models from the community, uniforms and tools, lunch, bus passes, and connections to other needed services, in the approximate amount of \$715,640.00, effective May 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.03.

This item was taken in combination with Item 5.04.

AUTHORIZE GOVERNOR'S RESERVE YOUTH FUNDS ALLOCATION – DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND REHABILITATION

Authorization to submit and implement a grant program through the Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR), to provide summer youth employment and training programs to youth, ages 17-24 who are attending Desert Rose High School, in the approximate amount of \$18,701.16, effective June 6, 2009, through July 31, 2009, to be paid from Fund 0280, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.04.

Motion to accept with the stipulation that should the funding for this program be eliminated or reduced, the program would also be eliminated or reduced.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

AUTHORIZE INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM – TITLE VII

Authorization to submit and implement the federally funded Indian Education Program under Title VII, Part A, of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, from August 1, 2009, through July 31, 2010, in the approximate amount of \$162,366.00, through Unit 0137, FY 10, Fund 0280, Grant 635, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

AUTHORIZE INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM – TITLE VII (continued)

Public Hearing – Marzette Lewis

Regarding Item 5.05, Ms. Lewis expressed concern that the Indian community was being given money for programs, as well as the Hispanic and Asian communities at times, and the African-American community was not. Regarding Item 5.07, which was previously voted on with the consent agenda, she asked why the district felt it was necessary to employ an out-of-district consultant when the district already employs and has access to such professionals. She also expressed her dissatisfaction with Dr. Rulfes's leadership in the district.

Trustee Janison requested that a staff member address concerns raised by Ms. Lewis regarding Item 5.05.

Dr. Greta Peay, Director, Equity and Diversity Education, Student Support Services Division, stated the grant described in Item 5.05 is federally funded money through Title VII and is very specific in terms of what the money can be used for.

Motion to accept Items 5.05 and 5.06.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS/TRAINING – STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS

Approval to provide conference registrations for a total of 406 Title I teachers to receive professional development in Singapore Math Strategies, I Teach Kindergarten, and Differentiated Instruction, at an approximate total cost of \$118,934.00, effective July 13, 2009, through July 22, 2009, to be paid from Unit 0137, FY 09, Sponsored Program G6633021709, Functional Area F10002219, Grant 6633009, Fund 28000000000, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.06.

RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM 5.05

Motion to reconsider Item 5.05.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton Vote: Unanimous

AUTHORIZE INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM – TITLE VII

Authorization to submit and implement the federally funded Indian Education Program under Title VII, Part A, of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, from August 1, 2009, through July 31, 2010, in the approximate amount of \$162,366.00, through Unit 0137, FY 10, Fund 0280, Grant 635, with no impact to the general fund, as recommended in Reference 5.05.

Motion to accept Item 5.05 with the stipulation that should the funding be eliminated, the program would be discontinued; and should the funding be reduced, the program would be reduced.

Motion: Edwards Second: Moulton

Trustee Young asked for clarification.

AUTHORIZE INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM – TITLE VII (continued)

Trustee Janison explained that in the past when grants from federally funded programs had been eliminated, the funding for the program then came out of the District's general fund. She continued that because of current budget cuts, in recent months the Board has asked that if programs that are paid for through federally funded grants lose their funding, those programs would be discontinued.

Trustee Young expressed a concern with the need for the district to continue support of the programs that assist groups of people in need of those special programs in the event that the grant funding is discontinued.

Trustee Edwards added to her motion that in the event the grant money was discontinued for a program, the Superintendent could then bring an item before the Board to approve supporting the program through the general fund.

Vote for Trustee Edward's motion was unanimous.

APPROVE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Approval to grant leaves of absence to licensed personnel (Regulations 4351 and 4355 and Articles 16-1, 16-5, 16-8, and 16-9 of the Negotiated Agreement between the Clark County School District and the Clark County Education Association), as recommended in Reference 5.10.

Motion to accept.

Motion: Edwards Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS

Approval to purchase goods or services in the estimated total amount of \$4,570,000.00, in compliance with NRS 332, as listed, as recommended in Reference 5.12.

Trustee Janison requested that Mr. Weiler respond to comments made earlier by Ms. Collins concerning Item 5.12.

Mr. Weiler clarified that there are three sources of funding that would potentially be used for the wireless networking bid: one, reimbursement from federal E-Rate money, which would be lost if not used; two, bond funded projects, which is new schools and renovated schools getting wireless networks; and three, schools using their local school money to purchase wireless networks. He stated if this item were not approved, it would not make any funds available to be used for other budgetary issues.

Public Hearings – Shawn Thorp

Mr. Thorp stated he believed there had been a violation of the procurement procedure related to the Request for Proposal (RFP) 8905CSS Copy Center Equipment. He requested that the Board review the bid protest and postpone this item until the next Board meeting.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS (continued)

Trustee Janison asked Bill Hoffman, General Counsel, Legal Department, to address comments made by Mr. Thorp.

Mr. Hoffman explained that a procedure had been established to review bids and proposals, and a group of experts that review the bids compared the various costs of both bids and noted that monetarily, the bids are comparable. He stated that both bids, however, are lower than what is currently being paid, and he encouraged the Board to consider the 40 to 50 percent savings to the district rather than to postpone the recommendation. He further explained that the difference in the bidders lies in the references provided to the district, and that issue is outlined in the memorandum dated May 13, 2009, from Bramby Tollen, Director, Purchasing Department, Operations Support Unit. He requested that the memorandum be attached as part of the minutes. (See attached Document A.)

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Edwards left the Board meeting at 5:53 p.m.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS (continued)

Trustee Mason asked if postponing this item for review would impact the ability to perform the work.

Ms. Tollen responded that although tabling the decision would not have an adverse impact, it would cost the district approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 by continuing to pay the current higher costs.

Trustee Moulton expressed her support of the item in view of the response from staff.

Trustee Wright asked for the timeline of the process for this particular bid and award.

Ms. Tollen stated the original proposal evaluation started August 2008; staff called references and site visited companies to see like installations; the protest began last week; Tom Nacos, Coordinator, Purchasing, Operations Support Unit, met with the company last week; the price was evaluated and found to be neutral; the company provided information which was verified, and references were called again; additional references were requested two days ago; and yesterday the decision was made proceed.

Motion to accept Item 5.12.

Motion: Moulton

Mr. Thorp stated his company provided the additional references promptly, and additional reference letters were provided to the Board on this day. He disagreed with the cost savings quoted by district staff and said by his calculations, the cost savings would be \$50,000 per year.

APPROVE PURCHASING AWARDS (continued)

Trustee Moulton's motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to accept Item 5.12, excluding RFP 8905CSS Copy Center Equipment.

Motion: Moulton Second: Mason Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Edwards was not present for the vote.

Trustee Wright expressed an interest in having the Purchasing Department take additional time in contacting the references and bringing back information to the Board.

Trustee Janison expressed her support for staff's recommendation and stated she would not be in favor of delaying the decision.

Trustee Garvey agreed with Trustee Janison's comments.

Trustee Young also supported staff's recommendation.

Motion to accept the contract purchasing award for copy service equipment.

Motion: Moulton Second: Janison Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Edwards was not present for the vote.

GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR NV ENERGY AT VAIL PITTMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(continued)

GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR NV ENERGY AT JO MACKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(continued)

Public Hearing – Elaine Clermont

Mrs. Clermont asked if there had been any environmental studies conducted on the increase of electromagnetic fields (EMFs) that would be emitted from the transformers to be placed on the school campuses. She asked why parents had not been notified of plans to place transformers on the campuses. She spoke about the negative impact of increased EMFs on children's health.

Trustee Janison stated the Board would return to this item when staff is present to answer questions.

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 \$82,813.00 for Jesse D. Scott Elementary School (Domingo Cambeiro Professional Corporation), Southwest Career and Technical Academy (Ethos Three Architecture), and Marion Cahlan Elementary School (Professional Design Group), as recommended in Reference 5.23.

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

Public Hearing – Kevinn Donovan

Mr. Donovan stated he had left messages for Dave Broxterman, Administrative Manager, Administrative Management, Facilities Division, expressing his interest in the vacant at-large position on the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) but had not received any response. He stated he had requested documentation regarding Items 5.23 and 5.24 from Mr. Weiler but had not received anything. He questioned the necessity of the change orders and the extent to which the contracts were being increased. He stated the backup material is not sufficient to support the change orders before the Board.

Public Hearing – Ken Small

Mr. Small expressed an interest in serving on the BOC. He stated that he had not received any response from Jefferson Wells after Jefferson Wells reported they were not conducting an investigation and were reporting on a response from the Facilities Division; that the formal complaint he made regarding money changing hands from architects to the Facilities Division staff to Monica Robles, former Director of Internal Audit, ceased with Ms. Robles' departure; and that there had been no reaction or response to information presented by himself regarding how he believes the Facilities Division misreports the handling of money to the public and to the BOC.

GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR NV ENERGY AT VAIL PITTMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(continued)

GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR NV ENERGY AT JO MACKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(continued)

Paul Gerner, Associate Superintendent, Facilities Division, addressed issues raised by Mrs. Clermont, stating he believed tests conducted on the effects of transformers on the health of people, in general, lack any credible supporting information that indicate there are any ill effects on human health.

Trustee Young suggested that it might be helpful to parents for CCSD staff to reference studies or documentation associated with potential health concerns in the backup material.

The Board directed staff to contact NV Energy with the concerns expressed this evening and gather data on the transformers and the underground cable.

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

CHANGE ORDERS (continued)

In response to Mr. Donovan's comments regarding the change orders, Mr. Gerner stated there were some fundamental changes to the scope of the work, citing the 195 percent increase on the Additional Services Request (ASR) for the Southwest Career and Technical Academy.

Motion to accept Items 5.23 and 5.24.

Motion: Moulton Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Edwards was not present for the vote.

APPROVE BUDGET UPDATE

Approval regarding possible updates to the budget, as recommended in Reference 6.01.

Mr. Weiler stated the District received some very preliminary updated numbers on the Distributive School Account (DSA) funding from the state. He cautioned that while those numbers are more positive than staff expected, nothing, thus far, would be substantial enough to offset the necessary \$120 million reductions recommended for the 2010 budget. He stated it appears that the state stabilization fund that came through the stimulus program is being used to assist with the state's overall budget situation.

Public Hearing – Georgeann Ray

Ms. Ray expressed her concerns regarding the percentage of the district's proposed cuts as they relate to the potential percentage of funds provided through the legislature and whether or not there would be any benefits realized and who would receive those benefits. She advocated that any benefits should be afforded to the students. She stated she was in favor of plans to reorganize the five regions into four area service centers, but that she was dissatisfied with the process, stating no advance notice was given to the stakeholders. She asked that the district keep parents informed of upcoming changes and involve parent groups on decisions that affect the children.

Trustee Janison debated that the District and the trustees work well with parents, reach out to parents to the best of their ability, and continually strive to improve communication with parents.

EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS (continued)

Public Hearings – Bo Yealy

Ms. Yealy, president of Education Support Employees Association (ESEA), asked that the District work with the employee organizations to make the process the employees are going through more transparent. She asked Dr. Rulfes to agree to meet with her monthly. She urged the public to be more involved in contacting the legislators.

APPROVE LEGISLATION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS/RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

General Comments – Joe Neal

Senator Neal asked if the Title IX program money was used in place of the bond. He suggested one recourse the Board has to affect its present predicament is to demand that the casinos pay more money into the school district.

Health Insurance – Pascoal D' Silva

Mr. D' Silva stated he is unable to afford the copayments for the medication he needs as a diabetic. He stated he had conducted research and found that there are other more affordable medical programs. He asked how the District came to choose the current medical contract. He offered to conduct additional research and provide the District with his findings.

Trustee Janison requested that a staff member speak with Mr. D' Silva.

Educational Programs – Kevin Cloud, Alexander Dawson Foundation

Mr. Cloud spoke about programs his organization offers for CCSD students.

Educational Concerns – Emily Jacks, Marzette Lewis

Miss Jacks expressed concerns regarding the dismantling of her school's choir program and that her principal is unwilling to resolve issues this has caused for the staff, students, and parents.

Trustee Janison requested that Jeremy Hauser, Academic Manager, Superintendent's Schools, address Miss Jacks' and her fellow students' concerns.

In response to the question brought forth by Ms. Lewis and Senator Neal regarding Title IX funds, Dr. Rulffes explained that Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any program or activity. He also stated Wendell Williams Elementary School, Kermit R. Booker, Sr. Elementary School, and Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy have all been constructed out of the 1998 bond fund.

Ms. Lewis further expressed her dissatisfaction with Dr. Rulffes's leadership in the District, including the building of a new school in west Las Vegas. She asked for a list of schools to be built for the 2009-2010 school year. She asked why 56 portables were placed on the West Prep campus.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Trustee Janison asked that an item be placed on the agenda sometime in July for the Board Assessment, preferably a work session.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Wright reported on her attendance at the Gordon McCaw Elementary School and the Robert Taylor Elementary School rededications; her recent A-TEAM Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting; and her attendance at the Southeast Region recognition awards ceremonies.

Trustee Janison reported on her meeting with the Command Master Chief at Centennial High School; her attendance at the Toyota Family Literacy Program; her attendance at the R.A.V.E. Review ceremonies; her attendance at the student council breakfast and Public Education Foundation luncheon scholarships; and her continued participation in community linkage with elected officials.

Trustee Young reported on her recent visit to the Vegas PBS facility; her Community Education Connection; the National Council on Educating Black Children (NCEBC); the Clark County Regional Flood Control District; and the National Expectation Seminar.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVES

Trustee Moulton left the Board meeting at 7:12 p.m.

BOARD REPORTS (continued)

Trustee Young continued with her reports on her involvement on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Public Education Foundation board meeting.

Trustee Garvey reported on various meetings with her parent group and BOC members, school site visits, Clark County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, and the North Las Vegas Elks youth recognition dinner.

Trustee Wright announced that her BOC vacancy had been filled by Robert Herr.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Trustee Janison requested an update on ParentLink as a future agenda item.


DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

ADJOURN: 7:16 p.m.

*Motion: Mason Second: Young Vote: Unanimous
Trustee Edwards and Trustee Moulton were not present for the vote.*

Meeting minutes transcribed by Stephanie Gatlin.

CCSD 
CLARK COUNTY
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Clark County School District
Purchasing & Warehousing

Memorandum

DATE: May 13, 2009
TO: Jeff Weiler, Finance & Operations
FROM: Bramby Tollen, Purchasing & Warehousing
RE: Protest on RFP 8905CSS Copy Center Equipment

We received a protest on the above referenced Request for Proposal (RFP) from Hughes-Calihan Konica Minolta, Inc. An award recommendation for Graphic Arts Center (GAC) copy equipment is on the agenda for the Board of Trustees' meeting on May 14, 2009. The proposed supplier on the award recommendation is Oce North America.

The protestor claims its price is lower. Tom Nacos, Director I, Purchasing, met with representatives from Hughes-Calihan last week to review their position and discuss the proposal process.

Both companies proposed essentially the same equipment. Their pricing structures are similar. Both companies priced their equipment in the range of \$40,000 to \$45,000 per month. Overage charges and additional equipment that may be needed in the future can be computed to favor either company. Both companies have local offices in Las Vegas.

While the equipment and pricing are similar, Oce received a higher overall rating than Hughes-Calihan. The RFP required that references be submitted that demonstrated the experience and the ability to service equipment similar in size, usage, and configuration to those being proposed. Hughes-Calihan submitted five references. Four references were for office copiers (not the large production machines proposed in the RFP). One reference was for an early generation of a similar production machine but did not operate on a network. Oce provided three references for experience the exact equipment proposed on the RFP. References were positive for both companies.

As part of the protest review, Mr. Nacos called two of the references originally provided by Hughes-Calihan. The one reference for the similar machinery stated the machines had been removed recently and was not comfortable providing a reference as he did not believe the machines were comparable. He did state that the machines were not removed for performance or services issues. The second reference called was Washoe County School District. They recently replaced their Hughes-Calihan copiers with Oce production machines from Oce. They are very pleased with the switch in machinery and gave Oce a stellar recommendation on both machinery and a smooth handling on the transition.

Mr. Nacos called Hughes-Calihan and requested current references for the proposed machines. References were not provided. As such, we feel Hughes-Calihan's lower reference rating is valid.

The rating scores were validated. The lack of references/experience is a valid concern. Oce received higher scores, excellent references, and has experience with the equipment we require. We strongly believe the proposed recommendation represents the district's best interest.

Please let me know if additional information or clarification is needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cc: Board of Trustees