

DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 16, 2007

Special Meeting
5:30 P.M.

The Board of Education hosted a dinner for the ASB students and administrative staff from Amistad High School. Students communicated the one-on-one environment they experience at their campus and shared technology concerns.

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Board Member Representative Appointments for 2007
2. Palm Desert High School's California Cadet Corps Survival Training Bivouac at Twenty-Nine Palms, California, December 26-30, 2006
3. Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary: October 2006 to December 2006

GENERAL FUNCTION ITEMS:

The following items were approved:

1. Acquisition of the Elementary School #7 property, a 12 acre site, for an elementary school in the Shadow Hills/North Indio area, in the amount of \$4 million, to be paid from Measure K funds.
2. Award of contract for architectural services to Ruhnau•Ruhnau•Clarke for Palm Desert High School Reconstruction Project, in the amount of \$3,567,519.00, to be paid from Measure K funds, State School Facility Program funds and Special Reserve Capital Projects funds.
3. Award contract for architectural services for portable classrooms and miscellaneous projects to Ruhnau•Ruhnau•Clarke for 2006-2007, in the amount of \$3,500.00 per classroom and with fees lower than the Office of Public School Construction Fee Schedule for miscellaneous projects, to be paid from various capital funds.
4. Independent Contractor's Agreement with LifeQuest Rehab, LLC to provide temporary healthcare services from an Occupational Therapist during the 2006-2007 school year at \$70.00 per hour, in a total amount not to exceed \$45,080.00, to be paid from Special Education/Severely Handicapped funds.
5. Three-year agreement with School Innovations & Advocacy, Inc. for professional services, including Mandated Cost Claim Preparation, through June 30, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$80,750.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
6. Agreement with SolutionsIQ, to develop a Data Warehouse Project for Desert Sands Unified School District Technology Department, not to exceed \$113,400.00, to be funded by the Microsoft Settlement Voucher Program.
7. Funding award from the Educational Technology Voucher Program, in the amount of \$1,074,336.86 for K-12 eligible district schools.
8. Change Order No. 2 to Leighton Consulting Inc. for the materials and testing for Washington Charter Elementary School project, in the amount of \$29,166.00, to be paid from Measure K funds.
9. One-Time School Site Block Grant Expenditure Plans and the transfer of appropriations from the designated reserve account to the account categories listed on the attached pages.

10. Amendment 01 to Agreement CCTR-6263 with the California State Department of Education, in an increased amount of \$22,845.00 for Desert Sands Unified School District Child Development Center, to provide preschool services during Fiscal Year 2006-2007, in a total amount of \$264,127.00.
11. Amendment 01 to Agreement CPRE-6259 with the California State Department of Education, in an increased amount of \$38,150.00 for Desert Sands Unified School District State Preschool Program, to provide preschool services during Fiscal Year 2006-2007, in a total amount of \$682,575.00.
12. Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act Application for Funds and Grant Award Notification, in an amount of \$199,854.00.
13. Title III-Limited English Proficient (LEP) Student Program Grant Award for the 2006-2007 school year, in the total amount of \$645,960.00.
14. Ratification of submission of the TUPE (Tobacco Use Prevention Education) 9-12 grades grant application for the grant period June 29, 2007, to June 28, 2010, in a grant funding amount of \$317,513.00.
15. Ratification of submission of the U.S. Department of Education After School Safety and Enrichment (ASES) program grant application for the period July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2009, in a grant funding amount of \$3,289,950.00.
16. Preliminary School Plan Summaries and Budgets for the 2006-2007 fiscal year as submitted.
17. Requests from the following schools to operate Title I Schoolwide Programs for Carrillo Ranch, Franklin, Madison, and Monroe elementary schools, and Indio Middle and La Quinta Middle schools.
18. High school course outline Anthropology, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for permanent status.
19. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6164.2, Instruction: GUIDANCE/COUNSELING SERVICES.
20. Revised Administrative Regulation 4112.6, 4212.6 and 4312.6, Personnel: PERSONNEL RECORDS.
21. Revised Administrative Regulation 5145.2, Students: FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION.
22. First reading of revised Board Policy 5116, Students: SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES.
23. First reading of revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5131.4, Students: STUDENT DISTURBANCES.
24. First reading of revised Board Policy 6000, Instruction: CONCEPTS AND ROLES.
25. First reading of revised Board Policy 6111, Instruction: SCHOOL CALENDAR.
26. First reading of new Board Policy 6142.3, Instruction: CIVIC EDUCATION.
27. First reading of new Board Policy 6145.8, Instruction: ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS.
28. First reading of revised Board Policy 6152, Instruction: CLASS ASSIGNMENT.
29. First reading of revised Board Bylaws and deletion of Exhibit 9320, Bylaws of the Board: MEETINGS AND NOTICES.
30. Delete Board Bylaws 9310, Bylaws of the Board: POLICY MANUAL and replace with first reading of new Board Bylaws 9310, Bylaws of the Board: BOARD POLICIES.
31. Two-year agreement for Professional Services with Miller Brown & Dannis, beginning January 1, 2007, and ending December 31, 2008, with an annual retainer fee of \$30,000.00, and other fees will be determined based on need of service, to be paid from the General Fund.

CONSENT ITEMS:

The following Independent Contractor Services Agreement(s) were approved with....

1. Cross Resources, Inc. to provide technical support, evaluation assistance, program monitoring, implementation, data collection, and report preparation, in an amount of \$9,848.69 per year for five (5) years, to be paid from the School Community Violence Prevention grant funds.
2. Darlene Dolan to provide technical support and consulting for the Voluntary Public School Choice and Magnet Schools Assistance Program federal grants, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,250.00, to be paid 50% from the Voluntary Public Schools Assistance Program grant funds and 50% from Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant funds.
3. Educational Funding Consultants to provide assistance in developing an application for the Voluntary Public School Choice federal grant for 2007-2010, in a total amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, to be paid from the Title V funds for innovative programs.
4. Jeanne Mentzer to provide assistance in developing and completing the application for California Distinguished School status, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, to be paid through District Strategic Planning funds.
5. Valley Partnership to provide trained agency staff for the After School Literacy Program at Wilson Middle School through the 2006-2007 school year, in a total amount not to exceed \$8,400.00, to be paid from the School Community Violence Prevention Program grant funds.

6. Ratification of Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Karen Gedig Burnett to provide a school presentation to all students at Ronald Reagan Elementary School for the 2006-2007 program year, in a total amount not to exceed \$400.00, to be paid from site SIP funds.
7. Ratification of Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Robert Dlouhy for providing assemblies and class presentations for Tobacco Use Prevention to three high schools at Desert Sands Unified School District, in a total amount not to exceed \$650.00, to be paid from the Student Assistance Program Tobacco Use Prevention Education grades 9-12 grant funds.

The following Consent Items were **ACCEPTED/ADOPTED/ APPROVED**:

1. One year agreement with School Innovations & Advocacy, Inc. for professional services, including on-site training and advisory services at the individual site level during the 2006-2007 fiscal year, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
2. Agreement with School Services of California, Inc. to provide assistance regarding issues of school finance, legislation, school budgeting, and general fiscal issues from February 1, 2007, through January 31, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$1,980.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
3. Ratification of a Subscriber Agreement with Discovery Education for a school site license for United Streaming/Digital curriculum, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,195.00, to be paid from site discretionary funds.
4. Notice of Completion for the donation of labor and materials to install two (2) scoreboards at La Quinta High School, and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Riverside County Recorder.
5. Notice of Completion to Sierra Landscape Company, Inc. for Category 3, Precision Concrete for Category 4, Winegardner Masonry, Inc. for Category 5, Columbia Steel, Inc. for Category 6, Gypsum Enterprises, Inc. for Category 13, Saunders & McMillin, Inc. for Category 17, Continental Plumbing, Inc. for Category 19, and Daniel's Electrical Construction Company, Inc. for Category 22 for the Washington Charter Elementary School Project, and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Riverside County Recorder.
6. Change Order No. 4 to Precision Concrete for Category 2 in the deductive amount of (\$17,237.00); Saunders & McMillin Painting for Category 17 in the deductive amount of (\$1,532.00); Inland Empire Architectural Specialties, Inc. for Category 18 in the amount of \$493.00; Continental Plumbing, Inc. for Category 19 in the deductive amount of (\$788.00); and Daniel's Electrical Construction Company, Inc. for Category 22 in the amount of \$16,923.00 for Portion Two Washington Charter Elementary School for a total deductive sum of (\$1,195.00), to be credited to Measure K funds and Capital Facilities Fund.
7. Report of Purchases and Contracts for the period of November 1, 2006, through November 30, 2006, in the amount of \$8,004,063.17.
8. The constitution and approve formation of the Jesus Loves U Club (JLUC), under the auspices of the Indio High School Associated Student Body.
9. The constitution and approve formation of the American Cancer Society Club, under the auspices of the La Quinta High School Associated Student Body.
10. Delete and assign as surplus, the damaged and obsolete textbooks from the inventories of Earhart Elementary School and La Quinta High School, as listed.

The following donation(s) was/were **ACCEPTED**:

1. Cash donations in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Association of the Educational Services Agencies presented to the DSUSD Steel Drum Band for visual and performing arts; \$2,000.00 from H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation presented to James Madison Elementary School for the purchase of audio and visual equipment; \$300.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brigham Jr., Fund of the Pasadena Community Foundation presented to the Visual and Performing Arts Program; \$500.00 from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program presented to Washington Charter School for use under the principal's discretion; \$500.00 from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program presented to James Carter Elementary School for use under the principal's discretion; \$1,000.00 from Dr. Ronald Hare, Director, Indio Youth Task Force presented to Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School for the purchase of Health School Program equipment; \$100.00 from Chris and Shirley Painter presented to the Visual and Performing Arts Program for the purchase of musical instruments; \$2,500.00 from Ralph's Food 4 Less Foundation to James Carter Elementary School for use under the principal's discretion; \$2,500.00 from Ralph's Food 4 Less Foundation presented to Palm Desert Middle School for use under the principal's discretion; \$100.00 from Regional Access Project Foundation presented to Abraham Lincoln Elementary School for Palm Desert Kids; \$2,000.00 from John Robertson presented to Indio Middle School for use in the Pre-Med Program; \$230.76 from Randy Shaw of Wells Fargo presented to Palm Desert High School for use under the principal's discretion; \$398.53 from Target Take Charge of Education Program presented to Washington Charter School for use under the principal's discretion; and \$230.76 from Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program presented to Palm Desert High School for use under the principal's discretion.

2. Donations from Santiago Lahoz for books and from D'Lane McMillin for videotapes to be used as designated by the donors, in a total amount of \$1,600.00.
3. Donations of a camera from Ken and Leesa Payne to La Quinta High School and a SchoolPad from GTCO CalComp to Desert Sands Unified School District, with a total current estimated value of \$8,721.60.

The following volunteer(s) were accepted:

1. 2006-2007 volunteer lists from Early Childhood Education, Carrillo Ranch, Carter, Earhart, Franklin, Hoover, Jackson, Johnson, Madison, Monroe, Roosevelt, Truman, and Washington Charter elementary schools, Glenn, Jefferson, La Quinta, Palm Desert middle schools, and La Quinta High School.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS & VOLUNTEERS!

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Employment:

Classified Employees: Renee Arrieta, Adams Elementary; Hector Banda, Technology; Virginia Burnett, Paige Middle; Dawn Castiglione, Special Education; Michele Davis, Glenn Middle; Micha Dean, Indio High; Veronica Flores, Johnson Elementary; Sara Garcia, Carreon Academy; Lissa Grajeda, Carter Elementary; Penny Knight, Carrillo Ranch; Delia Montoya, Transportation; Carlos Perales, Truman/Franklin elementary; Ramiro Prado, La Quinta Middle; Lisa Purdy, Kennedy Elementary; Veronyka Ramirez, Reagan Elementary; Cesar Reyes, M & O; Valeria Rocha, Franklin Elementary; Maria Ruiz, Reagan Elementary; Nicholas Ruiz, Indio High; Frank Simo, M & O; Nancy Wilhelmsson, Carreon Academy; Carolee Witzel, Washington Charter

WELCOME to Desert Sands Unified School District!

Professional Growth:

Classified Personnel: Priscilla Luna, Indio High; Maria Pelayo, La Quinta Middle

CONGRATULATIONS (Priscilla Luna and Maria Pelayo)!

Promotions:

Classified Employees: Emiliano Heredia, programmer analyst, Technology; Larry Waddill, sprinkler system specialist, M & O

CONGRATULATIONS (Emiliano Heredia and Larry Waddill)!

Retirement:

Certificated Employees: Dale Crippen, Horizon, after 35 years of service; Janice Dolan, Wilson, after 9.4 years of service; Richard Glenn Lacy, La Quinta High, after 20 years of service

Classified Employees: Mary F. Caruthers, Transportation, after 18 years of service; Donna Ortega, Graphic Services, after 23 years of service

THANK YOU for your years of service!

ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTER BOARDROOM, 47-950 DUNE PALMS RD., LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA.

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