

DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 6, 2007

Special Meeting
6:30 P.M.

The Board of Education met in closed session to receive an Update on Preparations for Negotiations with California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Desert Sands Teachers Association (DSTA).

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

GENERAL FUNCTION ITEMS:

The following resolution(s) was/were **ADOPTED** by the Board of Education:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 14/2006-2007**, Adopting the Written Findings/Determination for Avenue 39 Elementary School.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 15/2006-2007**, Authorization to Revoke Loan Provisions Through AIG Valic 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan and Cancel Agreement with TIAA-CREF.

The following items were approved:

1. File a Positive Certification for the Second Interim Financial Statement ending January 31, 2007, and the corresponding appropriation transfers.
2. Award of contract to Lightning Fence Co. for the Fencing Project at Indio High School, in the amount of \$576,000.00, to be paid from Measure K funds.
3. Award contract for Architectural Services to Ruhnau•Ruhnau•Clarke for the design of Middle School #8, in the estimated amount of \$1,873,625.00, to be paid from Capital Facilities Fund and Measure K funds with possible 50% reimbursement from the State School Facilities Program.
4. Three-year contract with Vavrinek, Trine, Day, & Co. for auditing and accounting services through June 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$136,500.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
5. Two-year agreement with California School Management Group for professional services, including E-Rate Grant Funding, starting July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
6. Amendment to contract with Farnsworth Inspection Services for the Horizon Alternative Education Center Project, in the amount of \$46,000.00, to be paid from Measure K funds and Capital Facilities Fund.
7. Change Order No. 1 to JPI Development Group for Category 19, in the amount of \$76,035.00 for Roosevelt Elementary Modernization/Expansion Project, to be paid from Measure K funds and Capital Facilities Fund.
8. Change Order No. 7 to RVH Constructors, Inc. for Category 18, in the amount of \$53,363.00 for the Darby (Colonel Mitchell Paige) Middle School Project, to be paid from Measure K Funds.
9. Ratification of an Operational Agreement with Indio Youth Task Force for the use of a Student Assistance Program Mentoring Coordinator to oversee three sites where mentoring services are being provided from September 6, 2006, through June 15, 2007, with reimbursement from Indio Youth Task Force, in the amount of \$39,467.00.
10. Award of the Enhancing Education Through Technology Program Grant (EETT) for funding for our Title 1 Schools, in the amount of \$173,245.00 for Adams, Eisenhower, Hoover, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Lincoln, Madison, Monroe, Roosevelt, Truman, and Van Buren elementary schools, and Indio, Jefferson, La Quinta, and Wilson middle schools.

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12. Grant award for continued funding from the California Department of Education for Administrator Training Program for the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008, in the amount of \$12,000.00.
13. Adult Education revised course outlines as submitted.
14. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6020, Instruction: PARENT INVOLVEMENT.
15. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6171, Instruction: TITLE I PROGRAMS.
16. First reading of new Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0520.4, Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans: QUALITY EDUCATION INVESTMENT SCHOOLS.
17. Second reading and adoption of the Desert Sands Unified School District 2007-2008 School Year Calendar as revised and proposed.
18. Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Employment Agreement, effective February 21, 2007, through June 30, 2009.
19. Neil D. Lingle, Donald T. Aikens, John J. Chavez, K. R. Zack Earp, and David A. Sanchez, only five names were voted on by the Board of Education to fill the seven (7) vacancies of CSBA (California School Boards Association) Delegate Assembly, Subregion 18-A (Riverside County).

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

1. Gary and Sandy Carroll to provide the Strengthening Families parenting program, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,600.00, to be paid from Title I, Parent Involvement funds.
2. Rachel Gubman to provide ten hours of support to the Early Childhood Education Programs in the areas of literacy, curriculum, and environmental planning, in a total amount not to exceed \$400.00, to be paid from the Head Start Program funds.
3. S. E. Van Vorhis Key, Ph.D./Metamorphosis Enterprises to provide an assembly entitled "Dr. Sue's Traveling Insect & Arthropod Zoo" for Carter Elementary School kindergarten and first grade classes, in a total amount not to exceed \$875.00, to be paid from Carter Elementary School's Voluntary Public School Choice Grant funds.
4. Reimer School of Music to provide instructors to teach an instructional music program for Carrillo Ranch Elementary students December 2006 through June 2007, to be paid \$40.00 per hour, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,400.00, to be paid from School Improvement Program (SIP) funds.

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

1. Memorandum of Understanding with Miriam House for facilities use and instructor from February 12, 2007, through June 30, 2007, with reimbursement from Miriam House, in the amount of \$1,980.00.
2. Memorandum of Understanding with White's Steel, Inc. for facilities use and instructor from February 20, 2007, through May 3, 2007, with reimbursement from White's Steel, Inc., in the amount of \$3,208.33.
3. Notice of Completion to Vance Corporation for Category 2, Allied General Contracting for Category 4, Infinity Structures for Category 7, and RVH Constructors for Category 18 for the Darby (Colonel Mitchell Paige) Middle School Project, and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Riverside County Recorder.
4. Notice of Completion for the Indio High School Magnet Grant Forensics Lab, and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Riverside County Recorder.
5. Notice of Completion to FEC Electric, Inc. for the 2006 Sports Field Lighting at Indio High School and La Quinta High School, and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Riverside County Recorder.
6. Change Order No. 1 to FEC Electric, Inc. for the 2006 Sports Field Lighting at Indio and La Quinta High Schools Project, in the amount of \$14,312.00, to be applied to Measure K Funds.

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

1. Cash donation in the amount of \$18,500.00 from the Thomas A. Plein Foundation, LTD, presented to Thomas Jefferson Middle School for use under the principal's discretion.

The following volunteer(s) were accepted:

1. 2006-2007 volunteer lists from Carrillo Ranch, Carter, Earhart, Johnson, Madison, and Roosevelt elementary schools, John Glenn, Jefferson, La Quinta, and Palm Desert middle schools, and La Quinta High School.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS & VOLUNTEERS!

PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Employment:

Administrative Appointment(s):

Certificated Employees: Mark Brenner, IHS; Maria Mendoza, Jackson School; Darren Seymour, Wilson Middle

Classified Employees: Noelle Carroll, WCS; Romualdo Ruiz, Carreon Academy; Raul Rivera, PDMS; Vanessa Velasquez, Glenn Middle; Jorge Venegas, Glenn Middle

WELCOME to Desert Sands Unified School District!

Retirement:

Certificated Employees: Sharon Kennedy, Monroe School, after 11 years of service; Elizabeth Kreger, Reagan School, after 21 years of service; John Rice, Horizon School, after 34 years of service; Carol White Feack, Johnson School, after 39 years of service

Classified Employees: Frieda McCallum, Eisenhower School, after 30 years of service; Clayton Priest, Jr., PDHS, after 5 years of service

THANK YOU for your years of service!

ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTER BOARDROOM, 47-950 DUNE PALMS RD., LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA.

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