

# DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 5, 2007

Special Meeting  
5:30 P.M.

The Board of Education hosted a dinner for the ASB students and administrative staff from Palm Desert High School. Discussion included students' use of iPods and cell phones during school hours, advice to incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders, and students' plans after high school.

Regular Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The following Public Hearing(s) was/were held:

1. **Public Hearing No. 07/2006-2007**, to receive input regarding the Desert Sands Unified School District's Initial Proposal for Negotiations to California School Employees Association, Desert Sands Chapter 106, for the 2007-2008 School Year.
2. **Public Hearing No. 08/2006-2007**, to receive input regarding the California School Employees Association, Desert Sands Chapter 106, Initial Proposal for Negotiations to Desert Sands Unified School District, for the 2007-2008 School Year.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Indio High School's Renaissance Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, July 11-15, 2007

#### **GENERAL FUNCTION ITEMS:**

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

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 22/2006-2007**, Reduction or Elimination of Classified Services for the 2007-2008 school year.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 23/2006-2007**, Authorization to Budget for Grants and Awards in the amount of \$3,425,840.00.
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 24/2006-2007**, Year-End Budget Adjustments, authorizing district personnel to identify and submit budgetary year-end transfers as necessary.

The following items were approved:

1. Award of contract to The COSCA GROUP to conduct a nationwide superintendent search for the Desert Sands Unified School District, for an amount not to exceed \$33,200.00, to be paid from the General Fund.
2. Agreement for District Wide TRAC Training Services with Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to provide training and support for district TRAC II, III and IV members from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, in the amount of \$81,150.00, to be paid from Title I funds.
3. Submission of the application for funding through Assembly Bill 1116, English Language Acquisition Program for English Learners in grades 4 to 8, in a total amount not to exceed \$236,800.00.
4. Submission of the application for Head Start COLA for the 2007-2008 Program year, in the amount of \$26,394.00, with an estimated in-kind contribution of \$6,598.00 which will be required by the district.
5. Submission of the Head Start Reapplication for the 2007-2008 Program year, in the amount of \$1,768,621.00, with an estimated in-kind contribution of \$442,156.00 which will be required by the district in order to continue operation of the Desert Sands' Head Start Program.

6. Acceptance of the Title III-Limited English Proficient (LEP) Student Program Notice of Revised Apportionment for the Grant Award for the 2006-2007 school year, in the total revised amount of \$699,790.00.
7. Ratification of the submission to the California Department of Education – Child Development Division of the 2006-2007 Application for Facilities Renovation and Repair to provide a shade structure and replacement wood mulch for the Palm Desert ECE Center, in the amount of \$20,000.00.
8. Submission of the application to Riverside County Office of Education for One Time Supplemental Funds to provide the Eisenhower ECE Center with a play structure with rubberized surfacing and bike path, in the amount of \$25,700.00, with an in-kind contribution by the district of \$6,425.00.
9. High school course outline Aztec Impact, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for permanent status.
10. High school course outline Constitutional Law, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for permanent status.
11. High school course outline Fashion Design II, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for permanent status.
12. High school course outline Forensic Science/Criminalistics, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for permanent status.
13. High school course outline Graphic Design I, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for permanent status.
14. High school course outline Piano I, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for permanent status.
15. High school course outline Principles of Law, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for permanent status.
16. High school course outline Digital Filmmaking II, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for provisional status.
17. High school course outline Fashion Design III, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for provisional status.
18. High school course outline General Internship, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for provisional status.
19. High school course outline Journalism II, as recommended by Educational Services and Secondary Curriculum Council for provisional status.
20. Desert Sands Unified District's Initial Proposal for the purpose of negotiations with the California School Employees Association, Desert Sands Chapter 106, for the 2007-2008 school year.
21. California School Employees Association, Desert Sands Chapter 106, Initial Proposal for the purpose of negotiations with Desert Sands Unified School District, for the 2007-2008 school year.
22. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0520.1, Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans: HIGH PRIORITY SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM.
23. Revision to Exhibit (2) 1312.4, Community Relations: WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES.
24. First reading of revised Board Policy 1312.3, Community Relations: UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES.
25. Name the gymnasium floor at Indio High School, 81-750 Avenue 46, Indio, California, 'The Paul Thompson Court' in honor of Mr. Paul Thompson, for his 36 years of service to the children and families of the Desert Sands Unified School District, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,640.00, to be paid from the General Fund.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

1. TLC Counseling to provide trained agency staff for various counseling services through the summer, in a total amount not to exceed \$3,312.00, to be paid from the Indio Youth Task Force grant fund.
2. Ratification of an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Dr. Birute Galdikas to be the guest speaker at the Environmental EXPO March 14, 2007, at Palm Desert High School, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, to be paid from site Volunteer Public School Choice Grant funds.
3. Ratification of an Independent Contractor Services Agreement with Dr. Anthony P. Mazzaferro to guest conduct the high school district honor band, in an amount of \$1,000.00, plus expenses, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, to be paid from the Visual and Performing Arts funds.

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

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Riverside through the Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Board for facilities use from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

2. Memorandum of Understanding with Marriott Desert Springs Villas for facilities use and instructor from June 6, 2007, through December 19, 2007, with reimbursement from Marriott Desert Springs Villas, in the amount of \$4,455.00.
3. Submission the Agency Self-Evaluation Report for the Child Development Center and the State Preschool Programs for 2006-2007.
4. Report of Purchases and Contracts for the period of May 1, 2007, through May 31, 2007, in the amount of \$72,176,778.76.
5. Bylaws and approve formation of the Adult School Advisory Council, under the auspices of the Desert Sands Adult School.

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

1. Cash donations in the amount of \$250.00 from Florida N. Adelstein presented to Washington Charter School for a field trip to Southwest Community Church to see a musical performance; \$500.00 from Exxon Mobile Educational Alliance Program presented to James Monroe Elementary School for use under the principal's discretion; \$151.05 from Target's Take Charge of Education Program presented to La Quinta Middle School for use under the principal's discretion; and \$108.84 from Washington Mutual presented to La Quinta Middle School for use under the principal's discretion.
2. Donations of a printer from John J. Kudron to John Glenn Middle School and six (6) televisions from Wanda Matranga to Amistad High School, with a total estimated value of \$750.00.
3. Donation from Mary Ann Monica for collectibles to be used as designated by the donor, in a total amount of \$4,305.00.

The following volunteer(s) were **ACCEPTED**:

1. 2006-2007 volunteers lists from Student Assistance Program, Carter, Monroe, and Reagan elementary schools, Palm Desert Middle School, and La Quinta High School.

## **A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS & VOLUNTEERS!**

### **PERSONNEL ACTIONS:**

#### **Employment:**

**Classified Employees:** Janette Berube, Student Assist. Prog.; Theresa Edwards, State & Federal Prog.; Esmeralda Torres, Van Buren Elementary

**WELCOME to Desert Sands Unified School District!**

#### **Professional Growth:**

**Classified Personnel:** Rachel Carreiro, LQHS; Baudelia Cisneros, Eisenhower Elementary; Kahlani Leach, Truman Elementary; Lupe Melchor, Indio Middle; Favia Reyes, Eisenhower Head Start; Guadalupe O. Sanchez, LQHS, Sandra Verdugo, Indio High

**CONGRATULATIONS (Rachel Carreiro, Baudelia Cisneros, Kahlani Leach, Lupe Melchor, Favia Reyes, Guadalupe O. Sanchez, and Sandra Verdugo)!**

#### **Promotions:**

**Administrative Appointment(s):** Larry Bellanich, assistant principal, LQHS

**Classified Employees:** Ramon Alvarez, warehouse assistant, Warehouse; Agustin Landres, warehouse assistant, Warehouse; Luciana Lara, office specialist/bilingual, Summit High; Marleen Lara, transportation dispatcher/router, Transportation; Adriana Romero, administrative assistant, Carreon Academy

**CONGRATULATIONS (Larry Bellanich, Ramon Alvarez, Agustin Landres, Luciana Lara, Marleen Lara, Adriana Romero )!**

#### **Retirement:**

**Certificated Employees:** Luciano Ramirez, Indio High, after 26 years of service; Janis Ryan, Student Assistance Program, after 24 years of service

**Classified Employees:** Brenda Muth, LQHS, after 26 years of service

**THANK YOU for your years of service!**

ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTER BOARDROOM, 47-950 DUNE PALMS RD., LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA.

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