

# DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 21, 2007

Special Meeting  
5:30 P.M.

The Board of Education met in closed session to discuss application to present a late claim from Sylina Soto, deny claim against the district from Sylina Soto, pending litigation – one case, thirty day suspension without pay of a permanent classified employee, dismissal of a permanent classified employee, and to interview candidate for the position of principal for John Glenn Middle School.

Regular Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Associated Student Body Funds Financial Statements for Period Ending June 30, 2007
2. Palm Desert High School's California Cadet Corps Summer Encampment at March Air Reserve Base, Moreno Valley, California, August 14-21, 2007

#### GENERAL FUNCTION ITEMS:

The following items were **APPROVED**:

1. Award of contract for Construction Management Services to Ledesma & Meyer Construction Co., Inc. for Construction Management fees in the amount of \$1,417,500.00 and General Conditions amount of \$1,705,000.00, for a total amount of \$3,122,500.00 for Middle School #8, and Construction Management fees in the amount of \$1,777,500.00 and General Conditions amount of \$2,200,000.00, for a total amount of \$3,977,500.00 for Indio High School Modernization/Expansion Project, to be paid from Measure K funds, State School Facilities Program funds, and Capital Facilities Fund.
2. Award contract to Champion Electric Inc. for the Technology Upgrades (Electrical Wiring Work) at Madison and Monroe Elementary schools, in the amount of \$97,000.00, to be paid from Special Reserve Capital Projects Fund.
3. Award contract on the California Multiple Award Schedule and Digital Networks Group, contract number 3-04-58-0215A, 3-04-70-2070B & 3-06-07-2070D, to purchase, install and test data materials, perform micro test Category 6 Link test, and provide test results in electronic and hardcopy format for the Palm Desert Middle School Reconstruction and Expansion Project, in the amount of \$76,411.60, to be paid from Measure K funds.
4. Award contract for Construction Management Services to Ledesma & Meyer Construction Co., Inc. for Construction Management fees in the amount of \$477,500.00 and General Conditions amount of \$440,000.00, for a total amount of \$917,500.00 for the Central Registration and Student Services Center (Welcome Center), to be paid from Special Reserve Capital Projects Fund.
5. Award piggyback on the California Multiple Award Schedule awarded contract number 3-04-70-2070B for material and installation of structured cabling systems and contract numbers 3-04-58-0215A and 3-06-70-2070D for material and installation of digital media retrieval/video, to provide and install structured cabling system and digital media retrieval/video for Monroe Elementary, La Quinta Middle, and La Quinta High schools, in an amount not to exceed \$2,269,680.88, to be paid from Special Reserve Capital Projects Fund.

6. Extend piggyback purchase on Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Master Price Agreement No. A63309 to Hewlett Packard Company for purchase of computer equipment, desktop computers, laptop computers, computer accessories, software, and peripherals to be purchased on an "as needed" basis throughout the district, not to exceed established and approved budget limits, from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2009.
7. Change Order No. 3 to Pyramid Resources, Inc. for Category 2 in the amount of \$39,746.00, Allied General Contracting for Category 4 in the amount of \$8,104.00, Stolo Cabinets, Inc. for Category 8 in the amount of \$3,815.00, United Contractors for Category 10 in the amount of \$2,379.00, Montgomery Hardware Co. for Category 11 in the amount of \$2,203.00, Caston Plastering & Drywall for Category 13 in the amount of \$47,250.00, Elljay Acoustics, Inc. for Category 15 in the amount of \$7,800.00, ISEC, Inc. for Category 18 for a credit of (\$43,491.00), JPI Development Group, Inc. for Category 19 in the amount of \$35,185.00, J.G.Tate Fire Protection Systems, Inc. for Category 20 for a credit of (\$7,809.00), ACH Mechanical, Inc. for Category 21 in the amount of \$2,357.00, and Champion Electric for Category 22 in the amount of \$107,575.00 for the Alternative Education School Project (Alternative Education Complex), in the total amount of \$205,113.00, to be paid from Measure K funds.
8. Independent Contractor Services Agreement with TLC Counseling to provide trained agency staff for various Anger Management services through 2007-2008 school year, in a total amount not to exceed \$47,864.00, to be paid from School Community Policing Partnership, School Community Violence Prevention, Tobacco Use Prevention Education 4-8, and Safe and Drug Free Schools grant funds.
9. A one-year Agreement for Legal Services with Best Best & Krieger to provide representation as needed in Special Education Due Process Hearings beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, in a total amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, to be paid from Special Education funds.
10. Agreement for Provision of School Resource Officer Services at Indio High School with the City of Indio for the 2007-2008 school year, at an annual cost for salary and benefits, in a total amount not to exceed \$60,037.31, to be paid from the Targeted Instruction Improvement Block Grant.
11. An EADMS Agreement of Terms and Conditions with Adrylan Communications, Inc. to provide access to the Educator's Assessment Data Management System (EADMS) for the 2007-2008 school year, in a total amount not to exceed \$91,900.25, to be paid from Testing funds.
12. Contractual agreement with The McCallum Theatre, doing business as The McCallum Theatre Institute, a part of Friends of the Cultural Center, Inc. to provide an Aesthetic Education Program to forty-six Desert Sands teachers from June 18, 2007, to June 17, 2008, in a total amount not to exceed \$33,300.00, to be paid from site and/or PTO funds.
13. The 2007-2008 Resident Outdoor Science School contract with the Orange County Department of Education for 622 fifth grade students from Carrillo Ranch, Eisenhower, Ford, Hoover, Jackson, Kennedy, and Van Buren elementary schools December 2007 through May 2008, with fees paid through sponsorship or site funds for students attending.
14. Accept the Anderson Children's Foundation grant award for Desert Sands Unified School District, in an amount of \$30,000.00.
15. Ratify the submission of the grant application to the California Department of Education for the Career Technical Education Facilities grant for Indio High School, in an amount of \$39,710.00.
16. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy 4140, 4240, Certificated and Classified Personnel: BARGAINING UNITS.
17. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy 4141, 4241, Certificated and Classified Personnel: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.
18. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy 4143, 4243, Certificated and Classified Personnel: NEGOTIATIONS/CONSULTATION.
19. Second reading and adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4143.1, 4243.1, Certificated and Classified Personnel: PUBLIC NOTICE – PERSONNEL NEGOTIATIONS.
20. Variable Term Waiver Request for 30-Day Substitute California Basic Educational Skills Test for the 2007-2008 school year.
21. Consider the recommendation for dismissal of a permanent classified employee.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

1. The BridgeWorks Group, LLC, Michael L. O'Neill for services at Andrew Jackson Elementary School for staff development and training during the 2007-2008 school year, in a total amount not to exceed \$14,000.00, to be paid from site Title I/Professional Development funds.
2. Family Services of the Desert to provide classroom observations, teacher/counselor consultations, individual consultation with parents, and training to Head Start families and staff, in a total amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, to be paid from Head Start Program funds.

3. Gentle Dental to provide dental services to Head Start children with no means to pay, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, to be paid from Head Start program funds with a 10% in-kind contribution of \$200.00 provided by the contractor.
4. Dr. Marvin Marshall to provide services for Sacred Heart Catholic School, in an amount not to exceed \$3,250.00, to be paid from Title II funds.
5. Nutrition Ink to provide registered dietician services to families enrolled in the Head Start Program, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00, to be paid from 2007-2008 Head Start Program funds.

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

1. Agreement for Training Services #IN-2183 with Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to provide Year 4 Professional Development for language arts/reading/writing training for eleven days during 2007-2008, in a total amount not to exceed \$21,000.00, to be paid \$15,500.00 from Reading First and \$5,500.00 from Title I funds.
2. Agreement for Writing Training #IN-2251 with Riverside County Superintendent of Schools to provide Writing Training services for Roosevelt Elementary School on August 29, 2007, in an amount of \$1,000.00, to be paid from EIA (Economic Impact Aid) funds.
3. Award contract to PlayPower LT Farmington under GSA Contract GS-07F-6384A for Roosevelt Elementary School Kindergarten Playground Rubberized Surface, in an amount of \$19,725.75, to be paid from Measure K funds.
4. Notice of Completion to Persall Masonry for Category 5A, West-Helm Construction for Category 7, United Contractors for Category 10, Montgomery Hardware for Category 11, Caston Plastering & Drywall for Category 13, Continental Marble & Tile for Category 14, for the Alternative Education Center (Horizon Alternative Education Complex), and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Riverside County Recorder.
5. Additional grant award from the California Department of Education for Administrator Training Program for the period April 1, 2006, through March 1, 2008, in an amount of \$3,000.00, for a total grant award of \$6,000.00.
6. Report of Purchases and Contracts for the period of July 1, 2007, through July 31, 2007, in the amount of \$45,254,320.63.

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

1. cash donation in the amount of \$2,145.44 from DSUSD State Preschool Parent Advisory Committee presented to the Early Childhood Education Department for supplies; \$1,221.02 from Lifetouch Studios presented to Abraham Lincoln Elementary School for the purchase of school office materials, supplies, and equipment; \$400.00 from National Restaurant Association Education Foundation presented to La Quinta High School Culinary Arts Program; \$100.00 from City of Palm Desert presented to Abraham Lincoln Elementary School for use under the principal's discretion; \$26.85 from Ralph's Grocery Company presented to La Quinta High School for use under the principal's discretion; \$1,850.69 from Roland Reinhart, Owner, Advanced Pain Management presented to James Carter Elementary School for use under the principal's discretion; \$3,000.00 from Spotlight 29 Casino presented to Early Childhood Education for use in the PERC Programs; \$600.00 from Verizon's Phone Book Recycling Contest 2007 presented to James Monroe Elementary School for use under the principal's discretion, \$250.00 from Veterans of Foreign Wars Bill Huntington Post 3699 presented to John Glenn Middle School for use in the Special Education Program.

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

1. 2007-2008 volunteers list from Indio High School.

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

### **PERSONNEL ACTIONS:**

#### **Employment:**

***Certificated Employees:*** Carol Acker, Wilson Middle; Christopher Aguilar, Earhart Elementary; Jacqueline Cobb, Eisenhower Elementary; Kathleen Cummings, Eisenhower Elementary; Sandra Donnelly, Col. Paige Middle; Victor Jimenez, Special Education; Richard Keene, LQHS; Linda Knight, Indio Middle; Rosa Mesa, Amistad High; Morgan Miller, Jefferson Middle; Alma Ochoa, Van Buren Elementary; Angela Plowman, Reagan Elementary; Robert Quintana, Johnson Elementary; Steven Royal, Reagan Elementary; Sidnie Seaward, Wilson Middle; Kathryn Walsh, Special Education; James Wiesen, Summit High; Lauren Young, LQHS

**Classified Employees:** Jeffrey Berlinger, Transportation; Irma DeLaRosa Venegas, LQHS; Jasmin Garcia, Summit High; Nancy Gonzalez, IHS; Gina Gragg, PDHS; Carl Haas, Madison Elementary; Elana LaBarbera, LQHS; Jason Oakley, LQHS, LQMS, Glenn Middle; Jennifer Marie Rodriguez, LQHS; Bridgit Samuel, Ford Elementary; Sandra Sandoval, LQMS; Maria Isela Tamias, Wilson Middle; Veronica Villasenor, LQHS;

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

**Promotions:**

**Administrative Appointment(s):** Marcus Wood, principal, Glenn Middle

**Classified Employees:** Rosa Gil, administrative assistant/bilingual, Van Buren Elementary; Melanie Moroles, data specialist, Adult Education; Norma Valdez, nutrition services specialist, Indio Middle

**CONGRATULATIONS ROSA GIL, MELANIE MOROLES, NORMA VALDEZ, MARCUS WOOD!**

ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTER BOARDROOM, 47-950 DUNE PALMS RD., LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA.

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