

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLOVIS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
1009 Main Street
July 22, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Clovis Municipal Schools Administration Building, 1009 Main Street, Clovis, New Mexico. School Board members present were: Terry Martin, Vice President; Mark Lansford, Secretary; Max Best, Member; and Lora Harlan, Member. Lola Bryant, President, was unable to attend. School personnel present were Dr. Rhonda Seidenwurm, Superintendent; Ms. Ladona Clayton, Deputy Superintendent; Joel Shirley, Deputy Superintendent; and Rhonda Roberts, Executive Director of Personnel. Additional individuals present were: Jelayne Curtis, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, and members of the public.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order. A quorum of the Board was present.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE AND SALUTE – Lora Harlan

Ms. Harlan offered the invocation, pledge, and salute.

III. *CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the consideration of the minutes from the July 8th Work Study Session, Dr. Seidenwurm requested a correction in the minutes to reflect the word “sufficiency” instead of adequacy during the discussion of the Public School Funding Formula. Mr. Lansford made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as revised. Mr. Best seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. *CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lansford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Harlan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. OPEN FORUM

There were no speaker’s registration cards submitted to the Clerk of the Board to speak during the Open Forum section of the agenda.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Rhonda Seidenwurm

A. Discussion of New Home Construction in Clovis School District

Dr. Seidenwurm stated that we previously held a Work Study Session to address the zoning at Barry and Highland Elementary Schools. She introduced Chad Lydick who presented the plans and activities upcoming in the Clovis area. He stated that the growth follows the City’s infrastructure; follows the sewer line and water. He indicated that the residential growth on the east side of town is near Clovis Community College. He stated that from Humphrey Road and west, we would see growth. “Everything runs on a gravity system,” Mr. Lydick said. Northeast of Jonquil Park – changes and area growing in the future. North of Llano Estacado – subdivisions to develop 100-135 acres. Colonial Park subdivision – another area of growth. Section 31 of the City would be annexed for mostly commercial use. Northwest part of town, the sewer and water is maxed out and maintains slow growth. Southwest part of town – attempting to spur growth, but not until the infrastructure allows additional growth. West of Martin Luther King Blvd. – growth of multi-family, duplex, triplex homes. West of Cameo Street – also growth of single-family homes. Area near Ned Houk Park – one acre lots and there are wells and septic systems in this area of the county.

Mr. Lydick agreed to produce a map with an overlay showing the school zones along with growth areas in the City/County. He mentioned that there is significant interest in development in the north and east parts of town.

Dr. Seidenwurm discussed a possible boundary change with the new construction of apartments north of Townsgate Plaza. She indicated that the Board would consider this proposed change at the meeting in August.

B. Report from Curry County Wellness Council – Erinn Burch

Erinn Burch gave a brief presentation regarding concerns of teen pregnancy. She quoted some statistics that in 2006 the New Mexico teen birth rate was 1.6 times higher than the U.S. teen birth rate. She also mentioned that New Mexico has the 2nd highest teen birth rate in the nation, up from 4th. Ms. Burch also discussed prevention and intervention programs.

C. Cannon Air Force Base Update – Lt Col Mark Brown

Lt Col Brown discussed the growth at Cannon AFB and stated that the 3rd Special Operations Squadron is scheduled to arrive and the base is expecting to see a large influx of military personnel. He also discussed the unmanned aircraft squadron. Additionally there would be some maintenance personnel arriving over the summer and their arrival should raise the numbers to approximately 2,400-2,500 personnel. The projected growth curve over the next several years should be approximately 3,600. He also mentioned that the base is replacing a significant portion of base housing; 278 units demolished within the next month or so and 250 units in Chavez Manor to be renovated.

***D. Consider Funding Formula Resolution**

Dr. Seidenwurm presented the Funding Formula Resolution and requested the Board consider supporting it. She stated that the Superintendent’s Association and partners took the lead on formulating a Resolution supporting the legislature approving the new Formula. Dr. Seidenwurm reviewed the last paragraph of the Resolution regarding the statement addressing potential litigation. She felt it was important to approve the Funding Formula Resolution in some form. Ms. Harlan discussed the Governor calling for a Special Session and that no mention has been made regarding the Funding Formula. Dr. Seidenwurm said her focus is to remind the legislature to fund the Funding Formula, which was studied over two years.

Mr. Best made a motion to approve the Funding Formula Resolution to include the language addressing potential litigation. Mr. Lansford seconded the motion; however, stated that he objected to the language pertaining to threatened litigation in the last paragraph, last sentence, but supports the Resolution because it is what is best of students. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. PERSONNEL MATTERS – Rhonda Roberts

***A. Consider Board Policy K-1650 – Community Use of School Facilities**

Dr. Seidenwurm discussed the anti-donation law and how it affects the school district and the charges. It was stated that the attorney and other practices assisted us to determine a modest fee for groups that work with students, which allows us to meet the spirit of the law. Mr. Lansford stated that the policy was an outstanding piece of work. Within the policy there is mention of custodial services and that it is required

that those using the building will be responsible for the discipline, admission, etc. Ms. Harlan requested clarification of discipline in this situation. Mr. Richards explained that this meant "control."

Mr. Lansford made a motion to approve the adoption of Board Policy K-1650 as presented. Mr. Best seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Introduce Student Publication Board Policy - JICE

Dr. Seidenwurm introduced the Student Publications Policy. She stated that the policy reflects changes suggested by the Board. She discussed the procedures for resolving differences within the policy and the process ending with the Superintendent or the Board of Education. The policy was presented to the Board for review with both options. Mr. Lansford stated that the draft policy embodies the Hazelwood case and how we want to apply Hazelwood. He indicated that most districts in New Mexico have policies that are simplex. His views were that the students have access to the legislative body (Board of Education). Mr. Lansford provided the following reasons as to why the policy should reflect the Hazelwood case and Board oversight: 1) Demonstrate to the students that we value their rights and allow them access to the legislative body for appeals. 2) Both the Yearbook and *Purple Press* are widely distributed to the public. The Board needs to be responsive to its constituency. If the final appeal is with management, then the public loses its ability to access and participate in the process, through the elected body. 3) The historical turnover in the High School Principal and Superintendent positions present potential problems, in that those individuals which hold these posts in the future, may or may not understand the application of the Hazelwood case or share the values of our community. 4) A detailed publications policy, outlining the basic intent of Hazelwood strengthens the District's position on the application of the Supreme Court ruling. It gives management clear and definable terms in which to apply the prevailing law of the land. Thus, current and future administrators will know the legislative intent of the Board of Education.

Ms. Harlan asked Mr. Lansford to clarify whether he would like the stricken language to be included or not. Mr. Lansford said that he would include the fourth bullet under procedures for resolving differences, which reads: "If the conflict is unresolved, petitioner has ten (10) days from the time of the fourth (4th) denial to submit the problem to the Board. The Board will respond at the next regularly scheduled evening meeting." Mr. Lansford's main concern was with the message that it sends with the deletion of the language. Mr. Best indicated that he was undecided as to whether he would strike the language or include it in the policy. Additionally, there was discussion regarding prohibited materials and whether it limits the application of Hazelwood and the scope.

The policy would be up for the Board's consideration at the August 26th meeting.

C. Staff Report

1. Personnel Report

There were no questions regarding the Personnel Report. However, there was a question regarding the applicant pool and Ms. Roberts responded stating that the pool is very strong and includes highly qualified applicants.

VIII. *CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Bills for June
- B. Consider Activity Report for June
- C. Consider Food Service Report for June
- D. Consider Investment Report for June

There were no questions regarding the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Lansford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Best seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. OPERATIONAL MATTERS – Joel Shirley

*A. Consider Cooperative Agreement w/ NM Department of Transportation & Resolution - Cameo
Mr. Shirley presented the Cooperative Agreement with the State of New Mexico's Department of Transportation for parking lot improvements at Cameo Elementary School. He indicated that the improvements would be in the areas of parent pick-up and drop-off on the south side. The project is a cost-sharing project with the Department of Transportation. The District's award of funds would be \$41,680. The total cost of the project would be \$55,490.67. The project would begin in October and take approximately 45-60 days for completion. The Resolution was to approve and accept the Cooperative Agreement, Control #M200031, for the stated project at Cameo Elementary School. The Resolution indicates an award amount of \$41,680.

Mr. Lansford made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the NM Department of Transportation and Resolution as presented. Mr. Best seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*B. Consider Lease Agreement w/ Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mr. Shirley presented the Lease Agreement with Our Lady of Guadalupe and stated that the rent for each additional lease period shall increase by three percent (3%) every other year. He also mentioned that in the past the State has assisted with the funding. The District submitted an application for assistance and is awaiting a response from the State.

Mr. Best made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Our Lady of Guadalupe as presented. Mr. Lansford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*C. Consider RFP & Bids

1. RFP 07-205 403(b) Plan Administrator

Mr. Shirley presented the RFP for a 403(b) Plan Administrator. The staff recommended award to National Plan Administrators. National received 97 points out of a possible 100 on the evaluation form. The only other company to submit a proposal for the RFP, CPI, only received 67 points.

2. Bid 08-110 School Supplies

Mr. Shirley presented the bid for school supplies and recommended award as shown in the attachments provided to the Board.

3. Bid 08-111 Music Equipment & Supplies

Mr. Shirley presented the bid for music equipment and supplies and recommended award as shown in the attachments provided to the Board.

Mr. Lansford made a motion to approve the RFP and bids as presented. Mr. Best seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Staff Report

1. Purchase Orders

There were no questions from the Board regarding the purchase orders.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Seidenwurm made the following announcements:

- A. August 12 Board of Education School Visitation, Lincoln-Jackson Family Center, 206 Alphon, 5:30 PM
- B. August 26 Regular Board of Education Meeting, Central Office Board Room, 1009 Main Street, 5:30 PM

XI. *ADJOURN

Mr. Best made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lansford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK

PRESIDENT

DATE MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:
August 12, 2008