

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Barbara Howe at the Sierra Room, Community Center, 851 E. William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

ROLL CALL:    Members Present  
Barbara Howe, President  
Norm Scoggin, Vice President  
Joanna Wilson, Clerk  
Jim Lemaire, Member  
Steve Reynolds, Member  
Lynnette Conrad, Member  
Joe Enge, Member  
Mr. Richard Stokes, Superintendent  
Mike Pavlakis, Legal Counsel

Members Absent  
None

**ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Norm Scoggin, seconded by Mr. Steve Reynolds **that the Carson City School District Board of Trustees adopt the agenda as submitted.** Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Norm Scoggin, seconded by Mrs. Joanna Wilson **that the Board of Trustees convene to close session per NRS 288.240(4) to discuss labor relations with the District's Management Representatives.** Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened from close session at 7:00 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Band-O-Rama will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at Carson High School, 7:00 p.m.
- Pioneer High School and Opportunity School will be closed on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> due to construction on the North Stewart Street Extension
- New School Board Member Orientation will be held in Reno, at the Airport Plaza Hotel on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- Senior Project Presentations will take place at Carson High School on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. For additional information, contact Darlene Nevin at 283-1945
- "Town Hall Meetings" will be held on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Carson High School, Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Valley Middle School and Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Fremont Elementary School. The meetings will start at 6:00 p.m.

**BOARD REPORTS**

Zackery Spence reported on the following activities at Pioneer High School:

- Congratulations to the students that will have their poems published in a book from the Creative Publishing Contest
- The Discovery Team will begin meeting in March
- The Montessori Collaboration; mentoring of elementary school students begins on February 23, 2009

- Girls Mentoring Group will begin meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>
- Student Movie Night will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Not on Tobacco (NOT) will begin meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>
- Student Leadership is holding a Blanket Drive until February 18<sup>th</sup>
- Tutoring for Proficiency Testing is held on each Thursday
- The Peer Mentoring Group and Multi-Cultural Club meets every Friday during lunch
- Student Leadership meets every Monday and Wednesday after school
- Diplomacy Club meets on Thursday at 1:15 p.m.

Chelsea Keating reported on the following activities at Carson High School:

- Winterfest week was a huge success; Erasmo Cosio and Callie Ward were crowned Winterfest King and Queen
- Student Body Officer Elections were held this week, with sign-ups being held on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> for Class Officers
- The Choir and Culinary Programs are presenting a Grecian Feast on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and include a Meal and the Show. The show was written by Carson High School student, Lainey Henderson.
- Mr. Ackerman is planning a trip to Ireland & Britain in the summer of 2010, if anyone is interested, see Mr. Ackerman

Mr. Enge reported on the following Legislative Updates:

- HR 1 has \$520 million for Nevada in its State Fiscal Stabilization Fund for allocation by the Governor with several guidelines:
  - 61%, \$317 million for K-12 and the University System; K-12 funding formula to fiscal 2008 level restoring all the cuts to education, restore the University System cuts and if any funding is left over, split between K-12 and the University System
  - 39%, \$203 million for other areas
- Federal relief will not be available until July 1 for fiscal year 2010. There are several budgeting problems:
  - Required to write the tentative and approve the final budget in the Spring, may have to send letter of non-intent to hire some staff by May 1<sup>st</sup> and convey to Senator Reid and Senator Ensign the need for relief before July 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2009 Bill Draft Request (BDR's)/Bills of interest to the Nevada Department of Education:
  - SB12; Changes to Educational Excellence Grants
  - SB19; Educational Excellence Grants to establish summer school programs for middle school
  - SB20; Establishment of Teacher Training for all substitute teachers, major impact on rural school districts

Mr. Enge announced his resignation as the School Board Legislative Liaison. At this time, Mr. Enge plans to continue on the Policy Review Committee.

### **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

There were no association reports.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Mary Wherry, parent of Benjamin Wherry, freshman at Carson High School, addressed the Board regarding the process for distributing Student Identification Cards. Her son was talked to by Mr. Joe Girdner, Dean of Students and Mr. Ron Beck, Principal of Carson High School regarding recent vandalism on campus. Ms. Wherry also met with Mr. Stokes, Superintendent to address her concerns. Ms. Wherry provided a copy of proposed suggestions to improve the process for distributing Student Identification Cards. Ms. Wherry may contact the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to inquire about the rights of her son. Ms. Wherry is interested in assisting in the process of revising the appropriate policy and/or regulation.

Ms. Irene Huntington, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Empire Elementary School invited everyone to attend, "Family Literacy Event" and participate in "Read Across America" night. The event will be held at Empire Elementary on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

### **PRESENTATION FROM NV ENERGY ON ENERGY MANAGEMENT SAVINGS "SURE BET PROGRAM"**

Mr. Stokes introduced Mr. David Wiley, Ms. Carolyn Barbash and Ms. Charlene Booth, representatives from NV Energy. Mr. Wiley presented a check to the District in the amount of \$23,582.91. This is the fifth year that the District has participated in the "Sure Bet" project. The following projects were completed for the incentive rebate;

- Lighting retrofits at Empire Elementary School, Bordewich Bray Elementary School and Carson High School
- Day lighting controls at Carson Middle School

On behalf of the District, Mrs. Howe was presented the check.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ALLEGED MISCONDUCT, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH OF BOARD MEMBER JOE ENGE AND THE RE-ASSIGNMENT OF HIS BOARD DELEGATED ASSIGNMENTS**

Mrs. Howe reviewed and read a portion of the Code of Ethics, Bylaw 041. The Board has no legal power to remove Mr. Enge from the Board; Mr. Enge would need to resign from the Board or be recalled by the voters. Mrs. Howe expressed her disapproval with the recent actions by Mr. Enge. Mrs. Howe believes that everyone including School Board Members should be held to the same standards and would like to have one set of rules for everyone. Mrs. Howe reviewed several rules from the Carson High School student handbook.

Mr. Enge made an open statement and publicly acknowledged the problem he has and the mistake he made. The matter will be resolved in the judicial system. Mr. Enge expressed his opinion on the matter and thinks that placing this on the agenda is unfair and unequal treatment to Board Members. Mr. Enge explained that if any action were taken on this item, then Mrs. Howe should be brought before the Board for the same consideration.

Mr. Scoggin expressed his reasons for taking a negative approach regarding this item. Mr. Scoggin believes that Mr. Enge has shown a lack of ethical and moral responsibility to the Board. Mr. Scoggin has received several phone calls related to the recent incident with Mr. Enge and during recent visits to the schools; there were two areas of concern; budget and Mr. Enge. Mr. Scoggin would like to see Mr. Enge work through his problems and until they are resolved, he believes Mr. Enge should resign as a School Board Member. Mr. Scoggin also stated that once successful treatment has been received, return, and then file for election to the School Board.

Mrs. Conrad stated that with her work in the medical profession, she has seen first hand the effect of those battling an addiction with alcohol. She was hopeful that Mr. Enge seeks the treatment necessary and that treatment is successful. As a Board Member and parent, Mrs. Conrad believes it would be a travesty for Mr. Enge to continue on the Board.

Public Comment:

Ms. Martha Samples commented on the recent actions by Mr. Enge and believes this is not the image that should be portrayed in the District. Ms. Samples believes that it would be in the best interest of the District if Mr. Enge stepped down as a School Board Member.

Ms. Laurel Stadler, State Director for Mothers against Drunk Drivers (MADD), commented on the difference between a crime and bad decision. Ms. Stadler reviewed some percentage rates related to driving under the Influence. Ms. Stadler believes that Mr. Enge is condoning his behavior and blatantly disobeying the law by continuing on the School Board. As a parent, Ms. Stadler asked for Mr. Enge's resignation.

Ms. Bonnie Preston, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher at Eagle Valley Middle School and Carson High School graduate, class of 1987 addressed Mr. Enge on his role as a Supervisor and expressed her concerns regarding her reputation as a teacher. Ms. Preston asked for Mr. Enge's resignation. Ms. Preston also spoke to Mr. Enge as a parent and discussed the variety of compromising situations that she believes Mr. Enge has placed her in as a teacher and parent.

Ms. Cathy Meyer, parent of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade middle school student suggested that perhaps each Board Member could ask for Mr. Enge's resignation. Ms. Meyer believes that by Mr. Enge not resigning from the School Board, he is not ready to address his problems.

Ms. Robin Darney, mother of 5 children in the Carson City School District asked Mr. Enge how she is supposed to explain to her children that one should not drink and drive. Mixed messages are being sent to the children in the community. Ms. Darney asked that Mr. Enge be responsible and resign from the School Board and seek the help needed. Carson City does not have the money to begin a recall petition.

Mr. Michael Glock, personal friend and business owner in Lake Tahoe addressed the Board regarding Mr. Enge. Mr. Glock believes that Mr. Enge has the opportunity to address his issue. Mr. Glock explained that a helping hand is the example that should be set. He also stated that he feels that Mr. Enge is passionate about the children and wants to bring a bright future to the students in the District.

Mrs. Hallie Murphy, Carson High School graduate and retired Command Sergeant Major addressed the Board regarding Mr. Enge. Mrs. Murphy believes it's unhealthy to split your personal life and professional life and the Code of Conduct doesn't allow for it. She asked the Board of Trustees that additional language to the Bylaws be considered that would allow for a Temporary Suspension or Leave of Absence. She is hopeful that the decisions made by Mr. Enge are in the best interest for the community, students and District.

Ms. Natasha Filson, personal friend of Mr. Enge spoke in favor of Mr. Enge seeking help for his alcohol problem. She believes by addressing his issue, he will become a more productive member on the School Board. Ms. Filson believes that Mr. Enge deserves kindness, understanding and doesn't believe he should resign.

Board Member Comments:

Mrs. Wilson expressed her opinions to Mr. Enge on taking issues from his private life and making them a public problem. Mrs. Wilson believes that the honest and right thing Mr. Enge could do, would be to resign and seek the help he needs.

It was moved by Mrs. Joanna Wilson, seconded by Mr. Jim Lemaire **that the members of the Carson City School Board of Trustees call upon Trustee Enge for his voluntary resignation as Trustee.** Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Enge did not participate in this matter.

The following additional motion was made; It was moved by Mrs. Joanna Wilson, **that the members of the Carson City School Board of Trustees call upon Trustee Enge to take an immediate Leave of Absence to attend to his self-described addiction.** Mr. Scoggin asked if there was anything in the Bylaws that permitted Board Members to take a Leave of Absence. Mrs. Wilson withdrew her motion.

#### **PRESENTATION OF POTENTIAL COST SAVING MEASURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010**

Mr. Stokes thanked his staff and members of the community for their suggestions on the budget issues for the coming year. Budget suggestions can be made by going to the District website at [www.carsoncityschools.com](http://www.carsoncityschools.com)

Mr. Stokes updated the Board on situations and financial considerations the District is looking at for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Stokes reminded the Board that the Tentative Budget is due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. There is the possibility that Legislators may have the revised budget to Districts by April 17<sup>th</sup>. The projections made by the State are consistently changing.

By statute, the District is required to have Letters of Intent to staff by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The final budget hearing is required to take place by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in May. The Legislative session is planned to be complete by June 1<sup>st</sup>, with the possibility of Special Sessions.

Mr. Stokes commented that the District has four employee groups, where negotiated agreements are in force. The District is of the understanding that the Governor has asked for a 6% salary reduction along with a reduction for benefits. Mr. Stokes believes the District should continue to follow the contractual obligation already in place with the employees. As of today, there is no increase of revenues for salaries and benefits.

The District continues to see a decline in student enrollment. In FY 2003, enrollment was at 8,834 students and currently the enrollment is 7,908, for a difference of 926 students. With the declining enrollment, the District has tried to leave positions vacant. The current projected estimate to cut for FY 2010 is \$7.2 million dollars; however the number may still change. The District has approximately \$11 million dollars in the ending fund balance.

Mr. Stokes proposed several options for consideration:

OPTION A:

- Close an elementary school with a projected savings of \$3.5 million dollars; with additional items for thought:
  - Elementary attendance areas would require re-zoning
  - There would be a reduction in staffing
  - Number of students per classroom would increase
  - District wide traditional school calendar
  - Variances limited, if classroom space allowed
  - Savings for utility expenses
  
- School Utilization; Capacity for each elementary school vs. 2009 Enrollment (which includes 76 out-of-county variances):
  - Bordewich Elementary – Capacity is 720; Enrollment is 601; Utilization is 83.4%
  - Empire Elementary – Capacity is 640; Enrollment is 554; Utilization is 86.5%
  - Fremont Elementary – Capacity is 720; Enrollment 597; Utilization 82.9%
  - Fritsch Elementary – Capacity is 720; Enrollment 587; Utilization 81.6%
  - Mark Twain Elementary – Capacity is 720; Enrollment 616; Utilization 85.5%
  - Seeliger Elementary – Capacity is 720; Enrollment 631; Utilization 87.6%
  
- Impact on Remaining Schools given the current enrollment and the number of classrooms and teachers required throughout the District if a school were closed:
  - Kindergarten – Projected Enrollment 600; Classrooms/Teachers – 14; Average number of students – 22
  - First Grade – Projected Enrollment 597; Classrooms/Teachers – 34; Average number of students – 18
  - Second Grade – Projected Enrollment 591; Classrooms/Teachers – 34; Average number of student – 18
  - Third Grade – Projected Enrollment 597; Classrooms/Teachers – 27; Average number of students – 23
  - Fourth Grade – Projected Enrollment 597; Classrooms/Teachers – 20; Average number of students – 30
  - Fifth Grade – Projected Enrollment 621; Classrooms/Teachers – 21; Average number of student – 30

The numbers represented by Class Size Reduction for First Grade is 15:1, with current class sizes at 8:1. The working conditions may change if the District decides to close a school.

#### OPTION B:

- Elimination of Portable Classrooms with a projected savings of \$363,616, with additional ideas for consideration:
  - Reduced capacity at Empire Elementary, Seeliger Elementary, Eagle Valley Middle School, Fritsch Elementary and Mark Twain Elementary School.
  - Empire Elementary School would become a K-3 school; students able to walk to school, reducing transportation costs
  - Increased number of students per classroom
  - Possibility of elementary school attendance area re-zoned
  - Staff reduction
  - District wide traditional school calendar
  - Possibility of staggered school start times
  - Utility savings

#### COMBINING OPTION A AND B:

- Stagger the School Schedules with a projected savings of \$332,000. The following is an example of a schedule:
  - 3 Elementary Schools – 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  - 2 Elementary Schools – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - Middle/High Schools – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
  - Reduction in transportation with fewer drivers and buses; portion of the bus fleet could go into reserve, suspending the current bus purchase plan

#### OTHER POTENTIAL COST SAVING MEASURES:

- Suggestions from the community and staff on other items for consideration with the possibility of saving \$467,000:
  - No overtime – Emergencies Only
  - Limit extra duty pay; could impact some after school programs
  - Limited Summer School; consolidate to one location for credit deficient students
  - Increase Class Size
  - Eliminate Buy-Outs for an estimated savings of \$180,000
  - Limit Field Trips
  - Suspend bus/vehicle replacement plan
  - Variety of ideas for High School Athletics
  - Limit the number of after-school activities
  - Unauthorized electric appliances removed from the classrooms
  - Reduce optional staff development by 50%
  - Close the Gleason Building
  - Reduce the amount of school supplies
  - Modify the staffing ratio; look at filling all classrooms

#### Board Member Comments:

Mr. Lemaire inquired, given the current 9:1 staffing ratio and the decline in student enrollment, how much would the District save by staying with the 9:1 ratio? Mr. Anderson explained the difference of current enrollment vs. the hold harmless ratio; same count day information for the next year. Mr. Lemaire inquired as to the number of students the District anticipates losing from this year to next year. Mr. Anderson explained there are several variables in making that determination; combining the elimination of variances with the proportionate reduction in student enrollment; there is the possibility of 250 fewer students in the District next year. Mr. Anderson suggested staffing the District using the Distributive School Account (DSA) formula. At this time, if the DSA formula is used, the District has sixteen more employees.

Mr. Reynolds inquired as to the number of possible retirees the District could have this year. Mr. Stokes commented, at this time the District is not anticipating any teachers retiring.

Mrs. Wilson asked if any of the suggestions heard tonight would take place for the 2009 School Year. Mr. Stokes explained that in order for the District to have a balanced budget and address the fiscal issues, he would like to proceed with reductions for 2009. Mrs. Wilson asked if Empire

Elementary School were to become a K-3 school, would that be District wide or just the Empire Elementary zone. Mr. Stokes explained, if the portables were removed from Empire Elementary School, the number of classrooms would be fewer. Mrs. Wilson asked for an example of overtime for emergencies only. Mr. Stokes provided the following example; a flood or emergency on a holiday. Mrs. Wilson inquired as to the possibility of part-time or shared contracts for employees. Mr. Stokes explained, if an employee works 20 hours, they are considered a benefited employee.

Mr. Scoggin asked if the District would survive if half of the ending fund balance were used. Mr. Stokes believes that if no costs saving measures are taken, more than half of the ending fund balance would be used.

Mrs. Conrad asked for an explanation on cost savings if all schools were on a traditional (universal) schedule. Mr. Stokes commented on the savings for the following items; transportation, utilities, duplication of services and conflicts for scheduling training for staff. Mrs. Conrad asked about the possibility of eliminating early release days. Mr. Stokes explained that teacher training was one of the requirements with "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB).

Mr. Enge asked about the hold harmless numbers for the coming year. Mr. Anderson believes that it's a good possibility that the one year "Hold Harmless" will remain in effect. Mr. Anderson explained the meaning of "Hold Harmless"; use the current enrollment number for staffing purposes, then one year to adjust for staffing. Mr. Enge asked about job sharing for hard to fill positions. Mr. Stokes commented that the idea of job sharing would have to be negotiated.

Mr. Lemaire inquired as to the number of long-term subs the District is employing this year. At this time, the District has less than a dozen. Mr. Delfin commented that Administrators at each site is looking at staffing.

#### Public Comment:

Ms. Denise Gillott shared some research information regarding the maximum number of students in an elementary school should be 500. Ms. Gillott believes that having 700 students in an elementary school is far too many and children potentially lose their identity. Ms. Gillott would like to see additional research completed before an elementary school is closed. She also shared her thoughts on Team Teaching. Ms. Gillott asked if ample time had been taken to talk with staff and Administration at the sites. She also suggested talking with representatives from Carson City on ideas of sharing; transportation, maintenance, etc.

Mr. David Lowe Special Education Teacher at Fremont Elementary School spoke briefly about some of the advantages of teaching on a "Year-Round" School calendar. In Mr. Lowe's opinion, a "Year-Round" calendar is better for Special Education students and students learning English as a Second Language (ESL). It would be appreciated, if the schedule at Fremont Elementary School could be preserved.

Mr. Joe Cacioppo, father of three children enrolled in the Carson City School District and spouse of a District employee addressed the Board on items not addressed in the presentation; discretionary spending, suspending training, travel, etc. Mr. Cacioppo asked if training has to be done annually or can it be done every couple of years. He also suggested looking at the top and working your way down, not starting with the teachers. Mr. Cacioppo suggested exhausting all means prior to cutting any positions and before making any decisions, seek input and support from the community.

Mr. Enge asked Mr. Stokes, if teachers do not use their personal leave days in the year, do they lose them. Mr. Stokes explained that teachers are allowed to accumulate as many personal days as they want. They are permitted to use five in a calendar year.

Ms. Joanna Kizer addressed the Board on making decisions that would affect class sizes. She also feels that larger class sizes would have a negative impact on the students in the classroom.

Mr. Dan Bowler spoke about Education in the World. He commented that everything he learned was in a small classroom and bad behavior was learned in a large classroom. Mr. Bowler pleaded with the Board not to close a school.

Ms. Lori Browning, Fremont Elementary School Teacher, presented another option; 4 day school schedule vs. 5 day school schedule. Ms. Browning received information on the following; savings of 8% to 13% depending on a full or partial closure, increased graduation rates, with a decrease in discipline problems, drop-out rates and truancy rates. Ms. Browning shared some of the concerns found in her research; child care problems, students get home later and teachers had to make adjustments to their lessons. Ms. Browning will provide additional information to Board Members.

Mr. Enge asked if a 4 day school schedule would work due to the number of days vs. minutes in a day. Mr. Stokes explained that the number of minutes per day could be used regarding student contact.

Ms. Irene Huntington wants her children to be in a safe place and receiving a good quality education. She believes class sizes should remain small. Ms. Huntington shared some ideas on professional development, scheduling issues; change scheduling and have teachers that have already completed the training, mentor new teachers and do the training.

Ms. Tracy Carroway addressed the Board about teachers at Fremont Elementary School receiving no pay or insurance for 6 weeks, if they go to a traditional school calendar. She also suggested keeping Fremont Elementary School on a year-round schedule, but with the same start day as a traditional schedule. Ms. Carroway reviewed some of the benefits of having a year-round schedule.

Ms. Karri Couste is the parent of a special needs child that attends Fremont Elementary School. Ms. Couste explained that she removed her son from Bordewich Bray Elementary because he could not handle the traditional schedule. She placed him in Fremont Elementary School for the year-round calendar. She believes her son needs the three week break. Her daughter attends school at Carson Middle School and doesn't care for the traditional calendar; she would like to have a year-round calendar. Ms. Couste's son is in a classroom of 32 students with 2 teachers; he is pulled out of class because he cannot handle that many students in a class.

Ms. Dee McGibbon inquired about the cost of busing for Fremont Elementary School. She also asked if costs for running a traditional school were the same as a year-round school. Mr. Stokes explained that two other schools have also increased operational costs; gas and electricity. Ms. McGibbon shared her opinion on keeping the year-round schedule; keeps students attention, keeps students focused and busy. She believes it would be beneficial to have all schools on a year-round schedule.

Mr. Dave Ruf addressed the Board with a few ideas for consideration. Mr. Ruf met with Mr. Sam Santillo, Principal of Carson Middle School and he's receptive to a year-round schedule; Bordewich Bray Elementary is also receptive. Mr. Ruf believes there are many benefits to a year-round schedule. He also made several other suggestions; closing one school and placing the elementary schools on multi-track, look at a modified year-round schedule with longer breaks during the winter and combine that with a 4 day school week. The implementations would decrease the driving time for the buses. Mr. Ruf also suggested allowing teachers to have microwaves, coffee pots, etc. in their classrooms. Mr. Ruf participates on the School Improvement Plan for Bordewich Bray Elementary, Carson Middle School and has been asked to participate at Carson High School. He also suggested postponing the Stetson program.

Mr. Dave Morgan congratulated everyone on their passion for education. Mr. Morgan encouraged everyone to take their concerns and energy to the Legislative Session during the budget hearings and meetings.

Ms. Adrienne Navarro has two students in the District; one in the Early Childhood Center. Ms. Navarro asked Mr. Stokes if the schedule for the Early Childhood Center would be affected by

any change in the schedule. Mr. Stokes explained that all schools would be on the same schedule; however some students with special needs would require the District to meet those needs. Ms. Navarro believes that children with special needs should be on a year-round schedule.

Ms. Lisa Jones is the parent of two children that attend school at Fremont Elementary School. Ms. Jones likes the schedule at Fremont Elementary School. She encouraged the Board that as decisions are made, consideration be given to the children, staff and teachers, etc.

Ms. Leann Saarem has three children in the District; one at the elementary level, one in middle school and one at the high school. Ms. Saarem is supportive of the traditional schedule at the high school level; students have the opportunity for summer jobs. She also likes the idea that her children are on the same schedule. Ms. Saarem believes that large class sizes are detrimental to students. As a volunteer, she would like to see class sizes remain the same. Ms. Saarem is supportive of a 4 day school schedule and hopes that all options will be looked at before any decisions are made.

Mr. Paul Brugger addressed the Board on some of the advantages of the year-round schedule as it applied to his family.

Mrs. Susan Keema explained that in addition to the District website and town hall meetings, the District Improvement Committee has provided surveys to teachers and parents for their input on budget concerns.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING CCSD POLICIES; SECOND READING: POLICY 541, LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT; POLICY 542, EARLY CHILDHOOD AND SPECIAL EDUCATION; POLICY 216, ADULT EDUCATION; POLICY 206, GUIDANCE COUNSELING; POLICY 516, CLASS RANK; POLICY 517, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; POLICY 523, MARRIED AND/OR PREGNANT STUDENTS; POLICY 805, EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF SCHOOLS; POLICY 204, INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE MATERIALS; POLICY 204.1, RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE MATERIALS**

Mrs. Keema reminded the Board that the first reading took place at the January 27, 2009 Board Meeting. At that time, there was a request for changes to be made to Policy 809, Nutrition Services. Those suggested changes will be brought before the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Enge asked that *or Designee* be added to the last sentence of paragraph four on Policy 204, Resource Materials. Mrs. Keema explained that ultimately it's the Principals responsibility to approve the material.

It was moved by Mr. Jim Lemaire, seconded by Mr. Steve Reynolds **that the Carson City School Board of Trustees adopt the revisions as read and approve February 10, 2009 as the revised date for the following Policies: 541,542,216,206,516,517,523,805,204 and 204.1.** Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Jim Lemaire, seconded by Mrs. Joanna Wilson, **that the Carson City School Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda.** Motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

Mr. Norm Scoggin suggested having a Board Retreat to address budget issues.

Present agenda items to Mr. Richard Stokes or President Barbara Howe.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETINGS**

The next regular meeting of the Carson City School District Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There will be no further business to come before the members of the Board in public meeting; President Barbara Howe declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Joanna Wilson, Clerk

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Date