

Minutes of the KIDS Committee  
September 27, 2007  
7:00 p.m.  
Carson Valley Middle School

**Minutes Approved  
October 10, 2007**

**In attendance:**

John Louritt  
Thomas Moore  
Holly Luna  
Carol Lark  
Jennifer Ripplinger, JNA Consulting Group, LLC  
Approximately 9 community members

**1. Introduction/Welcome**

Mr. Louritt began introductions of District staff, and the JNA Consulting Group, LLC representative at 7:15 p.m. Announcing that approximately thirty five persons had been invited to attend the Special Committee Meeting tonight, he noted the desire was to have ultimately, about twenty people participating. Mr. Louritt stated the subsequent meetings would be Open Meetings, held according to the Open Meeting Law, with recorded Minutes.

Mr. Louritt stated that approximately five persons were interested in participating in the newly formed committee, but were unable to attend this evening.

**2. Committee Charge – General Overview**

Reasoning for holding this session was stated as being due to a recent Capital Improvement Presentation given by Holly Luna, Director of Business Services. At that time, the Board was informed of the need to regain funding that would be lost in 2010 when the bond would be paid off. Being notified that the funds would be lost if not addressed at this time, Trustees were asked to review the Capital Improvement Plan to identify and prioritize critical needs.

Mr. Louritt asked that the community members form a Committee in order to create a reasonable recommendation for the School Board's consideration in regards to necessary capital improvement projects throughout the system additionally, they would obtain financial information in order to advise the Board of best possible avenues to pursue the necessary funding.

A roster was passed to obtain current contact information from attendees. Individuals introduced themselves, stating the time they had lived in Douglas County, their personal involvement with the District, and professional affiliations.

**3. Rules and Regulations**

A document was provided listing the rules and regulations of the KIDS Committee. This sheet included the purpose and was reviewed by Mr. Louritt

with the attendees. Although, meetings were stated as being open and posted, it was noted Public Comment would be taken at each meeting after all discussion had taken place.

#### **4. Election of Officers**

Community members discussed ideas and suggestions regarding officers. Upon conclusion, the offices decided upon were:

Chairman – Johnelle Prado  
Clerk – Gyrene Sayer

The fact that several participating members were absent was reviewed and it was decided officers would be finalized next time.

#### **5. Future Meetings**

After discussion of time available to community members for evening meetings, it was decided the first meeting would be held Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 6:30 p.m., at Gardnerville Elementary School.

#### **6. Next Agenda**

Discussion ensued as to clarification of the committee's purpose. It was noted the District had not pursued a ballot question regarding issuance of bonds for 14 years and had promised it would be 10 years at the last occurrence in 1992.

Upon questioning, Ms. Ripplinger clarified that committee members would be charged with understanding financing options available. The specific financial recommendations would remain a School Board level decision. Through discussion the group requested the following additional information:

- 1) Obtaining site priority lists
- 2) Obtaining District priority list
- 3) Energy program being considered by DCSD with future projected financial savings
- 4) Ongoing expenses resulting from needs requested

Some community members understood the importance of not waiting to pursue the funding issue as an overall consensus of the reduced tax rate was realized, as well as, the fact that tax rates would not be raised for tax payers, but instead adjusted to include District funding.

Time and the attendance of committee members was stressed as extremely important as the window was short for community involvement.

#### **7. Public Comment**

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Carolyn Moore  
Secretary to the Superintendent and  
Board of Trustees

Approved:

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Clerk of the Board

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