

**KIDS Committee Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2007
Gardnerville Elementary School**

**Minutes Approved
October 23, 2007**

Members

In Attendance:

Johnelle Prado – Chair
Cheryl Blomstrom – Vice Chair
Gerene Sayer – Clerk
David Brady
Linda Gilkerson
Lawrence Howell
Kevin Kjer
Carol Lark
Holly Luna
Thomas Moore
Jim Park
Sherry Smokey
Claudette Springmeyer
Fred Stodieck
Gary Thurm
Jason Tollman
Cynthia Trigg

JNA Consulting:

Marty Johnson
Jennifer Ripplinger

1. Introduction/Welcome – Johnelle Prado

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m. with Ms. Prado welcoming all attendees.

2. Approve Minutes of the September 27, 2007 Meeting

Ms. Prado invited all members to take a moment to review the Minutes from the first meeting of September 27, 2007.

Mr. Park moved to approve the Minutes of September 27, 2007, seconded by Mr. Stodieck.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee members introduced themselves and provided background information, including time they had lived in and been involved with the District.

3. Election – Vice Chairman

Ms. Prado made an inquiry as to who might be interested in the Vice Chair opening on the KIDS Committee. Cheryl Blomstrom offered to volunteer. The group was happy to accept her into the position.

4. List of District Wide Needed Projects –Holly Luna

Mrs. Luna explained projected expenditure and revenue sheets, noting that revenues overall, had fallen off by 68%. The result of this being Capital Projects were reduced accordingly.

Mrs. Luna noted recent budget adjustments/additions included the following:

- 1) The consolidation remodel necessary due to the closing of Kingsbury Middle School. This amounted to the addition of three classrooms to accommodate additional students at George Whittell High School.
- 2) Radon mitigation currently underway at Zephyr Cove Elementary School
- 3) George Whittell High School science lab improvements due to additional HSPE requirements and increasing credit requirements from two to three years of science. It was noted that all DCSD science classes were lab courses.
- 4) Increase in expense incurred for roof replacement at C. C. Meneley Elementary

Next, Mrs. Luna stated a number of projects that had been removed from the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan including:

- 1) Permanent facility for ROTC at Douglas High School
- 2) Gardnerville Elementary building phasing – No improvements since 2004, and only 2 of 5 phases planned were completed, to date. Phases 1 and 2 were completed, phases 3 and 4 are currently listed on the Capital Improvement Plan, and Phase 5 has dropped off the Plan.
- 3) Historical Building needs
- 4) Pod's (8 classrooms in one addition) for either MES or PHES

Various projects at school sites were discussed. This discussion included the many buildings at the airport facilities.

Mrs. Luna reviewed revenue means available to the District. This included the Residential Building Tax that had decreased with less building permits being issued for new construction and the Motor Vehicle Tax decreasing to zero upon payoff of current bonds. Through discussion, she noted redevelopment revenues were not included in revenue sheets provided at this time, although one time revenues had been received for JVES slated for a new parking lot on the east side.

Basic maintenance allotments were noted as not keeping up with increasing inflated maintenance expenses. Some discussion took place relating to the bidding process and how vendors were contracted by DCSD.

5. Principal Presentations

A. Cris Etchegoyhen, Principal Gardnerville Elementary School

At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Etchegoyhen provided a tour of Gardnerville Elementary School (GES). The group saw classrooms in need of improvement; accommodations to be added for technology to old classrooms; bathrooms needing repair; HVAC inadequacies; outside lighting needs; telephone lines missing from classrooms; etc. A complete list of projects needed at GES was provided to the Committee.

B. Kerry Pope, Principal Carson Valley Middle School

At 8:10 p.m., Kerry Pope, Principal at Carson Valley Middle School (CVMS) provided a PowerPoint slide show of capital improvement needs at their site. Projects shown were tight hallways; leaking roof on the old gym; fire alarm systems in disrepair; deteriorating concrete around the outdoor track; leaking pipes with damaged ceiling tiles; inadequate classroom door locks; science lab needs; non-ADA access to nurse's office; lack of storage; drainage and window problems, among others.

Various building architecture was reviewed and noted to have been changed over the years. An example given was at C. C. Meneley the dirt berm that arose to block windows outside the structure had been removed. The design initially was to have that berm help insulate the building.

6. Committee Receives Information About School District Financing – Marty Johnson, JNA Consulting Group, LLC

A. Presentation about School District Financing

Marty Johnson of JNA Consulting hired by the District, stated that districts throughout the State of Nevada were looking at similar funding problems as DCSD. The tax rate for current bonds was stated as dropping to zero upon the fiscal year 2009-2010, creating a significant decrease in revenue at that time. Voter approval would be necessary in order to maintain funding and the opportunity to regain lost funds would be through placing a question on the November 2008 ballot. Mr. Johnson recommended a deadline of February 2008 for the Committee to arrive at their recommendation to the School Board. In order to begin the process, he stated pertinent funding and tax information would be presented. Ultimately, the bond question was noted to need to be submitted by to the county by July 15, 2008.

B. Information Given Regarding Funding Sources

The potential revenue sources including the Governmental Services Tax (Motor Vehicle), Property Tax, Residential Construction Tax and Sales Tax were presented and explained as the means for the District to acquire money for funding. Additionally, projected and overlapping tax rates were discussed.

The types of bonds, General Obligation, Revenue, and Medium Term Obligation bonds were also explained. Mr. Johnson stated that the General Obligation “Rollover” Bond had a most desirable selling point. He said what voters need to understand is whether they vote yes or not on a bond election question, the property tax rates will remain the same for taxpayers. What will change is the distribution of tax money –which County entity will get what portion of the tax rate. He said this was what the voters would need to understand. The current tax rate would remain allocated to the District should voters understand the need for the School District to obtain the revenue and vote accordingly.

C. Information Supplied About Assessed Value and Property Taxes

Tax governance including legislation and the Debt Management Commission were reviewed. Mr. Johnson stated that due to abatement, property tax can not increase over 3% in a year. He reiterated that although the District plans to work within the current tax rate and is not recommending a tax increase, if there is an increase, it is passed by voters and through the Debt Management Commission and funds would be allocated by percentages within that 3%, not on top of the tax rate.

The debt limit was stated to be of no concern due to the limit being 15% of the assessed value within the District. The District will be able to fund projects within the 15% debt limit.

D. Abatement Overview

Mr. Johnson stated he would be explaining abatement at the November School Board Meeting. Abatement was noted to be very complex and the time was not taken at this meeting to summarize it.

In closing, Mr. Johnson stated the Committee would need to determine the amount needed for improvements. The public would need to be informed that taxes would not be increased as a result of their vote, and that with a “no” vote, the district’s \$.10 could still be added to the tax rate of a County entity other than the District.

7. Address Questions From Previous Meeting

A. Committee Receives Updates on any Questions Posed At Previous Meeting

There were no questions of concern from the previous meeting.

8. Future Meetings

Committee members arrived at the following three new meeting dates:

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The location of the meetings was to be determined.

9. Next Agenda

There was no discussion related to the next agenda, other than questions that arose this evening would be answered in more detail in upcoming meetings.

10. Public Comment

Ms. Prado called for Public Comment. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Carolyn Moore
Secretary to the Superintendent and
Board of Trustees

Approved:

Clerk of the Board

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