

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION • REGULAR MEETING  
District Education Center • Board Room  
1401 North Handy Street • Orange, California**

**Thursday • February 8, 2007  
6:00 P.M. • Closed Session  
7:30 P.M. • Regular Session**

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**MINUTES**

***An audio tape of this meeting is on file in the Superintendent's Office  
for three years after the meeting date.***

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Board President, Kimberlee Nichols, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established with the following Board members: Mrs. Moffat, Mrs. Nichols, Mr. Ortega, and Mr. Poutsma. Mr. Ledesma and Mr. Rocco were not present for closed session. All Board members were present for the open meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS**

No speakers.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE  
Government Code 54957
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Government Code 54957  
Title: Interim Principal, Senior High School
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code 54956.9, subdivision (a)  
Name of Case: *Californians Aware v. Orange Unified School District*
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Government Code 54957.6  
Agency Negotiators: Spencer Covert, Parker & Covert LLP  
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent of Schools

**CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION**

Mrs. Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Nichols invited the audience and staff to join the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT**

The Board of Education appointed Janet Hayes to the position of Senior High School Interim Principal assigned to El Modena High School where she has been serving as Acting Principal.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion No. 73**

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to adopt the February 8, 2007 agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

**Item 9.A. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Godley reported that Judge Clay Smith dismissed the lawsuit filed by school Board member Steve Rocco, Richard McKee and his organization, Californians Aware. Dr. Godley was in court on February 2<sup>nd</sup> when Judge Smith announced his ruling dismissing the lawsuit. Judge Smith's ruling affirmed the Board of Education's First Amendment rights to express its position regarding the importance of conducting school district business in accordance with school Board policies and state law.

**Item 9.B. Board President's Report**

No report.

**Item 9.C. Board Recognition of Students, Staff and Community**

Mrs. Nichols presented a Certification of Recognition to Jacqueline Dorrance, Executive Director of the Arnold & Mabel Beckman Foundation, in acknowledgement of the Foundation's support of inquiry-centered science in Orange County for ten years. In 2002, Orange Unified was awarded its first elementary science grant of \$50,000. Since that time, the District has received over \$300,000 in additional grants for elementary level inquiry-centered science programs from the Arnold & Mabel Beckman Foundation.

On February 2, 2007, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual OUSD spelling bee was held. Mrs. Nichols recognized the winners as follows:

Grade 6	Winner	Jared Piper	Taft ES
	Runner-Up	Danielle Kenwood	Imperial ES
Grade 7	Winner	Megan Lee	El Rancho Charter MS
	Runner-Up	Devin Lin	Cerro Villa MS

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Grade 8	Winner	Helena Pham	Portola MS
	Runner-Up	Amy Zahn	Cerro Villa MS

Mrs. Moffat noted that the District has eight nominees, two from each comprehensive high school, for the Student Leadership Awards Program, which is sponsored by The Irvine Company. This program provides scholarships to the winners.

Mrs. Nichols remarked on a letter received from parents at Orange High School in support of their daughter's teacher, Patty Williams, and the Future Farmers of America program and the positive influence this program has had on their special-needs daughter.

**Item 9.D. State of the School Report**

Annie Rice, SACBE representative from Villa Park High School, gave her State of the School Report.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**No Speakers**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Item 12.A. Orange Unified School District Legislative Coalition – Approval of Bylaws – Second Reading**

The Bylaws Sub-committee of the Legislative Coalition reviewed and revised its Bylaws, which were subsequently approved by the members of the Legislative Coalition. The revised Bylaws were presented for a first reading at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board of Education discussed the proposed Bylaws and recommended certain revisions. Those suggested revisions are indicated in italicized bold print and strikeouts. The Bylaws, as revised, were presented for a second reading.

**Motion No. 74**

It was moved by Mr. Poutsma, seconded by Mrs. Moffat and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to receive the Bylaws of the Legislative Coalition for a second and final reading.

**Item 12.B. Orange Unified School District Legislative Coalition Proposed 2007 Platform – First Reading**

The Legislative Coalition presented the attached proposed 2007 Platform for a first reading. The Legislative Coalition will continue to receive input from school sites regarding the specific wording of the individual initiatives included in the Platform. The Platform will be presented to the members of the Legislative Coalition for a final vote on February 21, 2007. Following the

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vote, the Platform then will be presented to the Board of Education for a second reading at the February 22, 2007 meeting.

**Discussion**

The Board discussed the proposed platform and suggested certain revisions be made. The Legislative Coalition will meet on February 21<sup>st</sup> to consider the recommended changes and take a final vote. The revised platform will then be presented to the Board for a second reading at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Motion No. 75**

It was moved by Mr. Ortega, seconded by Mrs. Smith and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to receive the proposed Legislative Coalition Platform for 2007 for a first reading.

**Motion No. 76**

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to move Item 13.A., Video Report of the Progress of the Hands-On Inquiry-Centered K-6 Science Program ahead of Item 12.C. due to the anticipated lengthiness of the board policies.

**Item 13.A. Video Report of the Progress of the Hands-On Inquiry-Centered K-6 Science Program** (See Motion No. 76)

A video report of the progress of the Hands-On Inquiry-Centered K-6 Science Program was presented. The Hands-On Inquiry-Centered K-6 Science program, funded by the Beckman Foundation with matching District funds, began in the fall of 2002. The video highlighted the progress made during the last four years. Highlights included teacher training, classroom use, refurbishment of science kits, the partnership with Canyon Hills' job workshop program, Fletcher Elementary School Science Night, and the 2006 Community Science Night at Santiago Canyon College.

**Item 12.C. Proposed Board Policy Revisions – 5000 Series, Students – First Reading**

Educational Services staff members have been working with the law firm, Parker & Covert to update and revise the 5000 series of Board Policies pertaining to students. The 5000 series were presented for a first reading. Because of the number of the policies to review, the intent is to return for a second reading at the first meeting in March.

It was recommended that the Board receive the 5000 series for a first reading with the deletion of Board policy 5131.61. That particular policy requires additional review by staff, advisory groups, legal counsel and parents before being brought back with a recommendation.

Dr. Jones suggested that the Board members provide their suggested revisions, comments or questions to him. He would incorporate them and send the revised policies back to the Board within the time period. The policies could be brought back for a second or more readings, as needed.

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**Motion No. 77**

It was moved by Mrs. Smith; seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to receive the proposed Board Policy Revisions for the 5000 series, Students, for a first reading with the deletion of 5131.61, and to provide Dr. Jones with comments, questions and/or suggested revisions.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Item 13.A. Video Report of the Progress of the Hands-On Inquiry-Centered K-6 Science Program** (See Motion No. 76)

**Item 13.B. Actuarial Valuation of Retiree Health Benefits as of January 1, 2006**

The Epler Company has completed an actuarial valuation of retiree health benefits as of January 1, 2006. This actuarial valuation is in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements Nos. 43 and 45 (GASB 43 & 45) in regard to unfunded liabilities for retiree health benefits. The objective of GASB 45 is to improve financial reporting of governmental entities regarding other post-employment benefits (OPEB) including retiree health benefits. This financial information is required to be disclosed as part of June 30, 2007 financial statements for all governmental entities with budgets exceeding \$100 million.

Governmental entities, including the State of California and many counties, cities and school districts, have significant liabilities in this area. The District Fiscal Solvency grant included in the state budget for 2006/2007 provides some funding to develop a plan to deal with OPEB liabilities. Long term solutions and alternatives to deal with this issue are beginning to emerge as this becomes a major budget issue. Once alternatives are identified, a recommendation that meets the needs of Orange Unified School District will be brought to the Board of Education for approval.

It's anticipated that a plan will be completed this year for Board approval. This is a challenging issue for the District since lifetime health benefits were provided for employees in the past. Even though lifetime benefits were discontinued during 1991 and 1992, the liability continues until all eligible employees have retired and received benefits due. The actuarial liability for the District's retiree health plan, as of January 1, 2006, is \$150.2 million.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**PULLED ITEMS**

**Item 14.D. Contract Services Report – Business Services**

Pulled by Mr. Ledesma.

**Item 14.Q. Plan for Discretionary Block Grant – School Site**

Pulled by Mrs. Moffat.

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**Motion No. 78**

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Poutsma and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to approve the consent agenda items minus Items 14.D. and 14.Q.

**Item 14.A. Purchase Orders List**

The Board approved the Purchase Order List dated December 18, 2006 through January 28, 2007 in the amount of \$5,812,358.30. See attached Purchase Orders List.

**Item 14.B. Warrants List**

The Board accepted the Warrants List dated December 18, 2006 through January 28, 2007 in the amount of \$8,939,299.42. See attached Warrants List.

**Item 14.C. Gifts**

The Board accepted the donation(s) as listed on the attached list and a letter of appreciation will be forwarded to each benefactor.

**Item 14.D. Contract Services Report – Business Services**

*This item was pulled for discussion and separate action. See Motion No. 79.*

**Item 14.E. Acceptance of Completed Contract(s) and Filing of Notice(s) of Completion**

The Board accepted the contract(s) listed below as complete, authorized staff to file appropriate notice(s) of completion and released the retention payment(s) to the contractor(s).

**BID #566 – Asphalt – Installation, Repair and Replacement – Unit Price Bid**

Project(s):	Paving for installation of portables for interim housing Esplanade Elementary School - Modernization
Original Board Approval:	December 8, 2005
Original Purchase Order:	702932
Completion Date:	January 9, 2007
Contractor:	Universal Asphalt
Original Project Amount:	\$27,668.71
Change Order(s) Amount:	\$ -0-
Total Project Amount:	\$27,668.71
Fund:	Special Reserves (40)

**BID #569 – Unit Price Contract – Restroom Alterations**

Project(s):	Orange High School
Original Board Approval:	August 24, 2006
Original Purchase Order:	700847, 607086, 910847
Completion Date:	January 18, 2007
Contractor:	Osowski Construction Co.
Original Project Amount:	\$49,101
Change Order(s) Amount:	\$ 2,482 (tiling upgrade)

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Total Project Amount: \$51,583  
Fund(s): Deferred Maintenance Fund (14)  
General Fund (01)

**BID #570 – Unit Price Contract - Plumbing**

Project(s): Jordan Elementary  
Original Board Approval: August 24, 2006  
Original Purchase Order: 702133  
Completion Date: December 13, 2006  
Contractor: Verne's Plumbing  
Original Project Amount: \$17,971  
Change Order(s) Amount: \$ -0-  
Total Project Amount: \$17,971  
Fund(s): Deferred Maintenance (14)

**BID #577 – Unit Price Contract - Electric**

Project(s): La Veta Elementary  
Original Board Approval: March 23, 2006  
Original Purchase Order: 702652 & 703904  
Completion Date: January 9, 2007  
Contractor: Stone Electric, Inc.  
Original Project Amount: \$98,337  
Change Order(s) Amount: \$ -0-  
Total Project Amount: \$98,337  
Fund(s): State School Building Fund (35)

**BID #577 – Unit Price Contract - Electric**

Project(s): El Modena High School  
Original Board Approval: March 23, 2006  
Original Purchase Order: 703605  
Completion Date: January 19, 2007  
Contractor: Stone Electric, Inc.  
Original Project Amount: \$15,950  
Change Order(s) Amount: \$ -0-  
Total Project Amount: \$15,950  
Fund(s): General Fund (01)

**Item 14.F. Modernization of Prospect Elementary School, Change Order No. 1, Bid FC6004**

The Board ratified Change Order No.1 to Purchase Order No.702208, Bid No. FC6004 to AMD Construction for the modernization of Prospect Elementary School.

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**Item 14.G. Approval of Contract Awards for Modernization Project Testing and Air Balance Services for Esplanade and Jordan Elementary and Portola Middle Schools to Precision Air Balance**

The Board awarded RFP for Test and Balance Services for modernization projects at Esplanade and Jordan Elementary and Portola Middle Schools to Precision Air Balance, and authorized staff to enter into appropriate test and balance consulting agreements.

**Item 14.H. Liability Claim No. 06/07-012**

The Board rejected Liability Claim No. 06/07-012.

**Item 14.I. Personnel Report**

The Board approved the attached Personnel Report.

**Item 14.J. Student Teacher Assignments/Agreements**

The Board approved the attached Student Teacher Assignments as presented.

**Item 14.K. Teacher Assignment/Consent – Variable or Short-Term Waiver**

The Board approved the attached Provisional Internship Permits.

**Item 14.L. Teacher Assignment/Consent – Provisional Internship Permit**

The Board approved the attached Provisional Internship Permits.

**Item 14.M. STRS Post-Retirement Request for Retired Administrator**

The Board authorized staff to submit a STRS Post-Retirement Earnings Limitation Exemption request for Janet Hayes to serve as an Interim Senior High School Principal during the 2007 calendar year.

**Item 14.N. Contract Services Report – Educational Services**

The Board approved the Contract Services Report – Educational Services as presented.

**BGE LEASING COMPANY**

The District will enter into an agreement with BGE Leasing Company to purchase an early buy-out of the current existing lease agreement for band instruments and musical equipment used by Canyon High School. This purchase will result in significant savings in interest costs to Canyon High Band Boosters and will then allow Canyon High School to be the owners of the equipment. The Canyon High School Band Boosters will transfer all rights, ownership and title in the musical equipment to the District and Canyon High School. The funding for this purchase will come from the Arts, Music and P.E. Grant recently awarded by the state.

Music and P.E. Grant . . . . . not-to-exceed . . . . . \$19,500

**SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #305601**

As the result of an IEP for a Special Education Student, the District has agreed to reimburse the parents for the cost of private speech and language therapy sessions beginning December 2006



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through June 2007 upon presentation of appropriate billing statements and proof of payment.  
Special Education . . . . .not-to-exceed . . . . . \$5,500

**SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #332767**

As the result of a settlement agreement in OAH Case No. N2006040565, where the District is named as a respondent, the District agrees to reimburse the parents for educational services during the 2006-2007 school year upon presentation of appropriate billing statements and proof of payment.

Special Education . . . . .not-to-exceed . . . . . \$5,200

**SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #284262**

As the result of an IEP Amendment, the District agrees to reimburse parents for previously obtained educational services, including transportation, upon presentation of appropriate billing statements and proofs of payment.

Special Education . . . . .not-to-exceed . . . . . \$10,975

**KATE STUHR MACK, Ph.D.**

The professional services of Kate Stuhr Mack, licensed psychologist, are required to provide evaluation and assessment of a special education student for the Pupil Services Department during the 2006/2007 school year.

Special Education . . . . .not-to-exceed . . . . . \$4,000

**SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #284262**

As the result of a "Stay Put" ruling in November 2005, in SEHO (Special Education Hearing Office) Case No. SN04-02377, the District is required to reimburse the parents for educational related expenses and mileage during the 2006-07 school year upon receipt of billing invoices and mileage logs.

Special Education . . . . .not-to-exceed . . . . . \$35,000

**SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT #324060**

As the result of an IEP, the District has agreed to reimburse the parents of a special education student for private speech and language therapy. Reimbursement will be based upon receipt of invoices and verification of payments made.

Special Education . . . . .not-to-exceed . . . . . \$4,130

**WILDA STORM**

School districts are required to provide equitable share of federal monies to the private schools within their attendance boundaries. Wilda Storm, founder of Storm Educational Enterprises, will conduct teacher training at Trinity Lutheran Christian School for the 2006-07 school year to include teaching strategies, lesson planning, and classroom organization for writing programs to increase proficiency for entire student body. Fiscal impact will be the expenditure of restricted categorical fund monies.

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Title II, Part A . . . . .not-to-exceed . . . . . \$1,000

**CAMP FIRE USA ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Camp Fire USA – Orange County Council organization will provide the After School Education and Safety Program for students at Portola and Yorba Middle Schools. The program hours are from the end of school to 6:00 PM each day the school is in session. Fiscal Impact will be the expenditure of restricted categorical fund monies.

After School Education & Safety Program  
Not-to-exceed . . . . . \$276,900

**YMCA OF ORANGE**

The YMCA of Orange will provide the After School Education and Safety program for students at California, Esplanade, Jordan, Prospect, Sycamore and West Orange Elementary Schools. The program hours are from the end of school to 6:00 PM each day the school is in session. Fiscal Impact will be the expenditure of restricted categorical fund monies.

After School Education and Safety Program  
Not-to-exceed . . . . . \$643,275

**Item 14.O. Study Trips**

The Board approved the following study trips:

Canyon Rim Elementary – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes – Oak Glen, CA - April 17 – 18, 2007

Canyon Rim Elementary School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, under the direction of the three 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, will travel to Oak Glen on April 17 – 18, 2007. Students will explore life in the colonies prior to and during the Revolutionary War time. This experience will correlate with 5<sup>th</sup> grade social science standards. Total cost per student is \$110; scholarships are available. Students will miss one day of school and no substitutes will be required.

El Modena High School – Thespian Society - Ontario, CA - April 13 – 15, 2007

El Modena's National Thespian Society will travel to Ontario to attend the 2007 California State Thespian Festival. The students will participate in workshops, scholarship competitions, and college auditions with over one thousand Thespians from all across California. The five female and four male students will be accompanied by one female adult chaperone. Transportation will be provided by the student's parents who will drive only their own child. Students and chaperone will stay at the Countryside Suites by Ayres in Ontario. The cost per student is \$250 and scholarships are available. Students will miss one school day and a substitute will be required. The cost of the substitute will be funded from the site discretionary department funds.

Taft Elementary School – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE Class – Catalina Island – March 5 – 7, 2007

Taft Elementary School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade GATE class, under the direction of Stephanie Swailes, will travel to Catalina Island to spend one night at a camp site and one night aboard the ship, Fury. Students will experience a life science lesson about organisms in the ecosystems which addresses

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the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science standards on ecology. Total cost per student is \$360; scholarships are available. Students will miss three days of school and no substitute will be required.

Taft Elementary School – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE Class – Idyllwild, CA April 30 – May 2, 2007

Taft Elementary School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade GATE class, under the direction of Jennifer Mai, will travel to Idyllwild on April 30 – May 2, 2007 to participate in their Astro Camp. Students will learn about planetary atmospheres and changes in states of matter through activities and experiments as addressed by 5<sup>th</sup> grade science standards. Total cost per student is \$200, scholarships are available. The students will miss three days of school and no substitute is required.

Villa Park HS – Junior Statesmen of America – Woodland Hills, CA – February 10– 12, 2007

The Villa Park High School Junior Statesmen of America will under the supervision of their advisor Paul Hunt will travel to Woodland Hills to participate in the Southern California Junior State of America Congress 2007. This conference is a political forum for students to express their views on the world. It teaches students about current events and how the constitution applies to us. The nine male and ten female students will be accompanied by one male and one female adult chaperone. The students will travel by district bus and will be staying at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills. The cost per student is \$115 and scholarships are available. The students will not miss any school days and no substitute will be required.

**Item 14.P. Plan to Utilize CalSTAT Funding for Special Education Students**

The Board accepted the CalSTAT funding.

**Item 14.Q. Plan for Discretionary Block Grant – School Site**

*This item was pulled for discussion and separate action. See Motion No. 81.*

**Item 14.R. Fedco Foundation Teacher Grant – Orange County Community Foundation – Orange High School**

The Board accepted funds in the amount of \$1,800.

**Item 14.S. Course Approval: Computerized Accounting I**

The Board approved the above-noted course as described below.

**Computerized Accounting I** is a comprehensive, self-contained, fully-computer integrated one-year course which gives an overview of the complete accounting process using both manual entry and industry-standard accounting software such as Excel, Peachtree, and QuickBooks. Basic theories and problems relating to a sole proprietorship are emphasized, while the partnership and corporate types of businesses are included. The accounting cycle for both service and merchandising businesses are included. The theory of double entry accounting, account classification, worksheets, and preparation of financial statements, and ethics will be discussed. This course supports the California Business Education Career Path and Model Curriculum Standards.

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**Item 14.T. Second Quarter Report of Uniform Complaints for the Williams Case Settlement**

No complaints were received during the second quarter at any District site.

**Item 14.U. Textbook Adoption – 30-Day Review by Public**

The Board placed the attached list of textbooks on display for the 30-day review period to be considered for adoption at the March 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Item 14.V. Textbook Adoptions – Final**

The Board adopted the attached list of textbooks.

**Item 14.W. Special Education Non-Public Schools & Designated Instructional Services 2006-07**

The Board authorized non-public school/agency placement for the student identification numbers listed on the attached report, as presented.

**PULLED ITEMS**

**Item 14.D. Contract Services Report – Business Services**

This item was pulled by Mr. Ledesma. He commented that he only wanted to vote separately on the Miller, Brown & Dannis contract.

**Motion No. 79**

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to approve the following business services contract:

**HARRINGTON GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING, INC.**

After the rainy season in December 2005, when several hillsides in Orange County had a few problems with the earth moving, some minor cracking was noticed at Nohl Canyon in the building ceilings and Portland cement concrete flatwork throughout the site. Harrington Geotechnical Engineering, Inc. installed several survey points, as deemed necessary, to monitor both horizontal and vertical movement within the school property. Nohl Canyon needs to have continued monitoring for the 06-07 fiscal year. Since Harrington Geotechnical is a qualified engineering firm that did the initial subsidence monitoring for the District, they need to do the follow-up monitoring.

General Fund.....not-to-exceed.....\$6,200

**HOLOPHANE, A DIVISION OF ACUITY LIGHTING GROUP INC.**

The District has a continuous need for lighting fixtures and associated electrical supplies. By contracting directly with a distributor services firm, the District will achieve a purchasing savings of approximately twenty-five percent (25%) for these items. Holophane, a division of Acuity Lighting Group Inc., is a distributor of various electrical and lighting products. It will allow the District to purchase at the special distributor services discount rate. Approval of a blanket

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discount agreement is recommended. This is not a request for additional funding. Expenditures will be made from the approved deferred maintenance budget and other department budgets as required.

Deferred Maintenance.....annually not-to-exceed.....\$68,900

**Motion No. 80**

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Moffat and carried by a vote of 5-2 (No: Ledesma, Rocco) to approve the following business services contract:

**MILLER BROWN & DANNIS**

The District has an existing agreement for legal services with the law firm of Miller Brown & Dannis dated July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. There is a need for legal services in matters pertaining to the various modernization projects currently underway in the District.

Special Reserves/Capital Projects.....not-to-exceed.....\$7,500

**Item 14.Q. Plan for Discretionary Block Grant – School Site**

In response to Mrs. Moffat's question, Dr. Jones clarified the intent of the Discretionary Block Grant totaling \$1,743,288. Dr. Jones commented that this is one-time grants for this year in the governor's budget. They will not be replicated; however, they can be carried over. Those monies were to be used by the schools with the process that was developed that is intended to include staff, parents, and the community in putting together three separate plans. The one plan that requires board approval is the site block grants. That particular grant also requires specific school site council approval.

**Motion No. 81**

It was moved by Mrs. Moffat, seconded by Mr. Ortega and carried by a vote of 6-1 (No: Rocco) to approve each schools Discretionary Block Grant Plan as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

There were no speakers.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Board/Staff Conference and Comments**

Mr. Rocco stated that the legal matters are not ended and that he would appeal his case. Mr. Rocco also stated that he would be adding an information item to the March 8, 2007 agenda.

Mr. Ledesma stated that he will support Mr. Rocco in putting his information item on the agenda.

Mrs. Moffat announced that the Orange High School information night is Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. She added that this is an excellent way for parents and students to become familiar with high school.

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Mrs. Moffat announced that Newport-Mesa Unified School District has finished work renovating all of their 27 campuses. She noted that it reminded her of what Orange Unified could do also if the bond had passed.

Mrs. Smith stated that the Board has not spoken about putting a bond forward since the last attempt was made. Never once, as an entity, has the Board brought this forward. She added that she did not know if this would occur in the future, but certainly as time passes, it will be something to be investigated for its worthiness for the District. Mrs. Smith reiterated that this issue has not been brought forward at this point in time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

By call of the chair, the regular meeting of February 8, 2007 adjourned at 9:05 p. m.



John Ortega  
Clerk of the Board