

**INFORMAL SESSION
March 13, 2006**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Informal Session at 10:00 a.m., March 13, 2006, in the Board of Supervisors' Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman, District 2; Andrew Kunasek, District 3; Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Absent: Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman, District 1. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Cassandra Harris, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Manager; Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney and Chris Keller, Chief Counsel, Civil Division. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

Chairman Stapley welcomed everyone and clarified that a portion of item #2 would be considered after the Executive Session.

ASSISTANCE PACKAGE RATIFICATION

Item: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.05, ratify the action taken at the March 2, 2006 Emergency Session Meeting, regarding the Maricopa County Regional School District #509. In this action, the Board of Supervisors approved the Assistance Package Agreement as a result of the financial situation of the Maricopa County Regional School District #509. [Clerk's Note: This is not an official part of the Minutes. A copy of this Assistance Package Agreement is available at the Clerk of the Board's Office, 301 W. Jefferson, 10th Floor, Phoenix, and can be found in the minutes of the March 2, 2006 Emergency Session.] (ADM3814-002)

Motion was made by Supervisor Kunasek, seconded by Supervisor Wilson and unanimously carried (4-0-1) to ratify the action taken at the March 2, 2006 Emergency Session Meeting regarding the Maricopa County Regional School District #509.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #509

Item: The Board of Supervisors, pursuant to its authority granted in A.R.S. §15-1001, will consider for approval vouchers presented by the County School Superintendent of Maricopa County to draw warrants on the County Treasurer against Maricopa County Regional School District #509 School District funds for necessary expenses against the school district and obligations incurred for value received in services as shown in the Vouchers. (ADM3814-003)

The Board of Supervisors may also consider ratifying any Maricopa County Regional School District #509 vouchers and or warrants approved in accordance with the procedures of A.R.S. §15-321 since the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors may hear staff reports on the vouchers and warrants being considered. The vouchers are on file in the Maricopa County Clerk of the Board's office and are retained in accordance with ASLAPR approved retention schedule. (ADM3814-003)

Supervisor Wilson requested clarification of the amounts for line item 001, Maintenance and Operation, for vouchers #5152 and #5153. Shelby Scharbach, Deputy Finance Director, stated that the vouchers were two different documents with amounts that were separate from each other. Voucher #5152 was previously approved by three of the Supervisors and #5153 is what four Supervisors signed off on last week. She indicated that these are Accounts Payable vouchers that would be reviewed each week.

LeeAnn Bohn, Budget Administrator, responded to a question from Supervisor Wilcox reporting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is currently working on getting a budget from the Regional School District #509 and entering it into the Maricopa County budget system in the standard budget format.

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Ms. Scharbach stated her understanding was that the District did have a budget, for at least some of their funds, in their own separate budget system - which she had not seen. OMB is in the process of obtaining that information, which would be transferred into the Maricopa County budget system. Mr. Keller interjected that the District did not have a line item budget which would have specifically spelled out these items. What they did have "is more of a lump sum in various categories, which OMB is reviewing," while awaiting a determination from counsel as to whether any of these funds – contractually or administratively - are necessary for the operation of the school for the next week or month. That is why you see a number of these items broken down into either monthly payments or weekly payments, and some might be payroll.

Mr. Keller stated that is why the Board will continue to see these types of numbers every week, albeit some may change, some may not reoccur, some may be new accounts that will hit as they go through the process and some may be new invoices that come due. Finance and OMB are conducting a review to make certain that the items are appropriate and necessary for payment.

Supervisor Wilson indicated that he would like to know what the payroll would be for each week, as well as other standard items, so that the Supervisors could have those numbers in advance. Ms. Bohn replied that these were Accounts Payable vouchers that would be presented on a weekly basis and does not include any payroll. She stated that the "District payroll is bi-weekly and runs about \$330,000 per payroll" and that the Supervisors would be presented with the details later in the week - in addition to the number of students at each institution.

The Supervisors questioned two of the line items on Voucher #5153 entitled "Insurance Proceeds" and "Soft Capitol Outlay". Ms. Bohn stated that she would research the items and report back to the Board.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilcox, seconded by Supervisor Wilson and unanimously carried (4-0-1) to ratify Voucher #5152 for \$70,737.59 and Voucher #5153 for \$82,090.74.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Wilcox, and unanimously carried (4-0-1) to recess and reconvene in Executive Session to consider items listed on the Executive Agenda dated March 13, 2006, pursuant to listed statutory authority, as follows.

LEGAL ADVICE; CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION – ARS § 38-431,03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

Concession Agreement for Facilities and Booking Management of the Maricopa County Events Center

Wes Baysinger, Director, Materials Management
Dennis Lindsey, Manager, Real Estate Services
Otis Smith, Deputy County Attorney
William Riske, Deputy County Attorney
Karen Stewart, Management Analyst
Julie Schweigert, Maricopa County Stadium Assistant Director

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LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)

Legal advice regarding implementation of pre-screening process for new Ryan White Planning Council Members.

David Smith, County Manager
Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager
Elizabeth Yaquinto, Deputy County Attorney
Richard Matens, Department of Public Health

LEGAL ADVICE; PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION; CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) AND (A)(4)

Advice regarding legal issues and options concerning County Regional School District/Accommodations School funding, management and audit issues.

Chris Keller, Chief Counsel, Civil Division
Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager
Bruce White, Deputy County Attorney
Brian Hushek, Deputy Budget Director
Shelby Scharbach, Deputy Finance Director
Dean Wolcott, Outside Counsel
Tom Manos, Chief Financial Officer
Ross Tate, County Auditor
Tom Irvine, Outside Counsel
Fred Rosenfeld, Outside Counsel
LeeAnn Bohn, Budget Manager

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Chairman Stapley recessed Executive Session and Reconvened the Open Meeting.

STAFF UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON REGIONAL SCHOOLS OPERATIONS AND FINANCES. (ADM3814-005)

Mr. Smith reported on the progress toward resolving financial issues since the last Board meeting. There have been discussions between OMB staff and the Superintendents' staff regarding a budget for next year. The Request for Information (RFI) outlined in the previous Board directive has been issued asking for ideas or proposals to assist in finding quality educational services within a balanced budget. He reported that about 14 entities had responded, which included public school districts, charter schools and national educational companies, advancing ideas for education services, accounting, and business services. A report will be provided to the Board. A committee of qualified individuals will review these proposals and make recommendations to the Superintendent and to the Board with respect to possibly utilizing some of these services in the next fiscal year.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board