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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to ARS §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Board and to the general public that the Governing Board will hold a meeting open to the public as listed below.

MINUTES

STUDY SESSION

School Start Time Discussion

February 26, 2020

5 p.m.

District Auditorium

350 W. Sahuarita Rd. Bldg. #21 – Sub Hall B

Sahuarita, AZ 85629

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

February 26, 2020

6 p.m.

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GOVERNING BOARD

Mrs. Shari Lowell	President
Mr. Kevin Opalka	Clerk
Mrs. Elaine Hall	Member
Mrs. Denise Reis	Member
Dr. John Sparks	Member

REVISED AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Present:

Absent:

Governing Board:

Governing Board President – Shari Lowell

Governing Board Clerk – Kevin Opalka

Governing Board Member – Elaine Hall

Governing Board Member – Denise Reis

Governing Board Member – Dr. John Sparks

District Administration:

Superintendent – Dr. Manuel Valenzuela

Assistant Superintendent – Scott Downs

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Assistant Superintendent – Brett Bonner
Chief Financial Officer – Lizette Huie

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion Type	Board Motion	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result	Vote	
Approval	Approval of the February 26, 2020, Agenda	D Reis	J Sparks	Passed	S. Lowell K. Opalka E Hall D. Reis J. Sparks	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

III. Approval of Minutes

■ Board Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2020

Motion Type	Board Motion	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result	Vote	
Approval	Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2020	J Sparks	K Opalka	Passed	S. Lowell K. Opalka E Hall D. Reis J. Sparks	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Motion Type	Board Motion	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result	Vote	
Approval	Approval and Ratification Vouchers	J Sparks	K Opalka	Passed	S. Lowell K. Opalka E Hall D. Reis J. Sparks	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

V. Superintendent Reports

The superintendent may present reports at this time.

Dr. Valenzuela reviewed the enrollment report showing a loss of 8 students, but up 100 over last year.

Dr. Valenzuela mentioned that Anika Mazeika was a National Merit Scholar Finalist.

Dr. Valenzuela also mentioned that ATS and CVES are going through the A+ School of Excellence final phase.

Dr. Valenzuela recognized Hayden Schellhorn, CVES 5th Grader, who was the winner of the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest. This program has been around for years building sportsmanship and citizenship. This student has won at the State level and is going to Las Vegas.

Dr. Valenzuela said that the SHS Girls Soccer Team, last Saturday, lost a heartbreak to Gilbert Christian. It was a tough played game. Dr. Valenzuela showed the news video of the game highlights.

Dr. Valenzuela read a letter that was sent to him regarding the excellent customer service that Mr. John Flannery provided her during her visit to the SUSD Auditorium.

Dr. Valenzuela recognized Kim Smith who is a reporter for the Sahuarita News, will be covering a different area.

VI. Governing Board Reports

The Governing Board may present reports at this time.

Denise Reis said that she attended the Winter Guard performance, it was a neat event. Sahuarita definitely shined that night.

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John Sparks spent a day at the state Capitol with the ASBA lobbying for items that impact our funding. It was a good event there was 62 school districts represented. It is interesting spending the day at the State Capitol. This year there is a big issue on SPED funding. He was at the indoor percussion performance. He is biased because his son is on the team. Sahuarita has the second highest score in the State. Last night was the WGHS and ATS music night, he really enjoyed it. To have multiple grades of students play the Walden Grove fight song. Dr. Sparks also mentioned that he will miss Kim Smith, the Morenci, Douglas & Willcox will benefit from her expertise. He is grateful for her and the papers efforts to support the District.

Kevin Opalka said that there was a Board lunch at SMS. He said that he helped at ATS for the Fun Run and \$24,000 was raised, he appreciates all those that participated and donated money. He got to see a little bit of basketball at ATS. He appreciates everyone's efforts around the District.

Elaine Hall said that she read to middle school students and she enjoyed it. She said that she will be attending the Equity Conference in Phoenix next week.

Shari Lowell said that she was at the band concert with ATS and WGHS. It is great to see it on social media, please add both high schools to your feeds. She said that one of her co-workers told her that at her school district fine arts is being cut, she told her to move to Sahuarita. She is very grateful for the community we live in to have so many kids on stage. She is also grateful for our volunteers, she mentioned Dr. Sparks and Elaine Hall to be active at a State level. She is very grateful, and thankful.

VII. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

Staff, students and/or members of the community will be recognized at this time. Special announcements may be presented at this time.

A. Community – None

B. Staff – February Team Staff Member – Tabitha Christopher – ECC – Classroom Lead

C. Students

1. January Leader In Character Student Honoree:

Anza Trail School	Sebastian Serrano – 6 th Grade
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2. February Student Honorees:

Sopori Elementary School	Diana Miles – 3 rd Grade
Anza Trail School	Isabella Britton – 5 th Grade Kaiya Christy-Cunningham – 8 th Grade
Sahuarita Primary School	Aaliyah Gonzalez – 1 st Grade
Sahuarita Intermediate School	Ava McDuffy – 5 th Grade
Copper View School	Matthew Bolin – 4 th Grade
Wrightson Ridge School	Daisyana Juan – 4 th Grade Kristhian Martinez – 6 th Grade
Sahuarita Middle School	Alizay Price – 6 th Grade
Sahuarita High School	Anika Mazeika – 12 th Grade
Walden Grove High School	Xochitl Gaxiola – 12 th Grade

VIII. Call to the Public

Consideration and discussion of comments and concerns from the public. Those wishing to address the Governing Board on items not on tonight's agenda may do so at this time or at the Board's discretion at the time the item appears on the agenda. Speakers are requested to hold their comments to two (2) minutes or less. In accordance with the Arizona Open Meeting Law, board members may not respond, comment, or ask questions of speakers regarding issues not on the agenda.

IX. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Curriculum Associates – Reading Comprehension Supplemental Resources K-8

Motion Type	Board Motion	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result	Vote	
Tabled	Review of Curriculum Associates – Reading Comprehension Supplemental Resources K-8	D Reis	K Opalka	Passed	S. Lowell	Yes
					K. Opalka	Yes
					E Hall	Yes
					D. Reis	Yes
					J. Sparks	Yes

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Expenditure Report

C. Governing Board - Discussion and Possible Action

1. Policy Revision – KHC – Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials (First Reading)

Motion Type	Board Motion	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result	Vote	
Tabled	Review of Policy Revision – KHC – Distribution/Post of Promotional Materials (First Reading)	K Opalka	D Reis	Passed	S. Lowell	Yes
					K. Opalka	Yes
					E Hall	Yes
					D. Reis	Yes
					J. Sparks	Yes

D. Personnel - Discussion and Possible Action – None

X. Consent Agenda – Discussion and Possible Action

All items listed below are routine consent matters and will be considered by one motion at this time. Any Board member may remove an item from the consent agenda by request. All items not accepted and approved as part of the consent agenda will be considered individually.

Motion Type	Board Motion	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result	Vote	
Approval	Approval of the Consent Agenda	J Sparks	D Reis	Passed	S. Lowell	Yes
					K. Opalka	Yes
					E Hall	Yes
					D. Reis	Yes
					J. Sparks	Yes

A. Employment / Change of Status / Transfers

1. Robert Alvarez, Asst. Baseball Coach (.5), SHS, Hire – Effective 02/10/20
2. Crystal Cecena, Inclusion Assistant, CVES, Replacement – Effective 02/18/20

3. Perla Chavez, Program Specialist, LINK, Replacement – Effective 02/18/20
4. Natasha Estep, Sports Athletic Aide, WGHS, Hire – Effective 02/12/20
5. Natasha Fekete, Bus Driver Trainee, TRANS, Hire – Effective 02/18/20
6. Malik Garcia, Custodian III, FAC, Replacement – Effective 02/18/20
7. Leticia Gutierrez, Classroom Aide, ECC, Replacement – Effective 02/18/20
8. Dustin Hills, Asst. Baseball Coach, SHS, Hire – Effective 02/10/20
9. Barbara Mendivil, Custodian III, FAC, Replacement – Effective 02/18/20
10. Jennifer Reichenbach, 3rd Grade Teacher, ATS, Status Change – Effective 01/16/20 to 01/30/20
11. Jennifer Reichenbach, 3rd Grade Teacher, ATS, Status Change – Effective 01/24/20
12. James Rushford, Asst. Baseball Coach, WGHS, Hire – Effective 02/10/20
13. Valeria Saenz, Inclusion Assistant, SHS, Replacement – Effective 02/18/20
14. Lacey Williams, Inclusion Assistant, WRS, Replacement – Effective 02/18/20
15. Paul Christle, Bus Driver Trainee, TRANS, Hire – Effective 02/27/20 ++
16. Brian Morton, Leade Custodian, FAC/WGHS, Transfer – Effective 02/20/20 ++
17. Jacob Walters, Vocal Instructor, WGHS, Hire – Effective 02/25/20 ++

B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Dayna Burke, 1st Grade Teacher, WRS, Resignation – Effective 05/22/20
2. Katherine Davis, English Teacher, SHS, Resignation – Effective 05/22/20
3. Alonso Martinez, Asst. Baseball Coach, SHS, Resignation – Effective 02/12/20
4. Damian Thornton, Painter, FAC, Resignation – Effective 02/10/20
5. Alicia Knable, 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher, ATS, Resignation – Effective 05/22/20 ++
6. Kayla Mullin, Inclusion Asst., ATS, Resignation – Effective 02/28/20 ++
7. Rachael Pemble, Photo Teacher, WGHS, Resignation – Effective 05/22/20 ++

C. Addendum

1. Ashton Gildea, Head Girls Tennis Coach, WGHS
2. Derek Kieninger, Asst. Track Coach, SHS
3. Pedro Morales, CTE Teacher/Sports Medicine, SHS
4. Renita Wheeler, CTE Teacher/Sports Medicine Surveys, WGHS
5. Emily Bertelsen, NMSI Saturday Session, WGHS ++
6. Ryan Blake, 21st Century Support and Enrichment, SHS ++
7. Joseph Branderhorst, 21st Century Support and Enrichment, SHS ++
8. Christopher Coelho, Head Baseball Coach, WRS ++
9. Rebecca Davis, Girls Softball Coach (0.5), WRS ++
10. Steven Jackson, Home-based Teacher, WGHS ++
11. Paloma Lizarraga, Girls Softball Coach (0.5), WRS ++
12. Tina Obert, Placement Surveys, District/CTE ++
13. Melinda Perez, Girls Track & Field Coach, WRS ++
14. Karin Rojahn,, NMSI Saturday Session, WGHS ++
15. Rene Valdez, Home-based Teacher, WGHS ++
16. Rebecca Warren, CTE/Digital Comm/Photo, SHS ++

D. Request for Leave of Absence

1. Emily Torres, Health Inclusion Assistant, ECC, Effective 02/25/20 to 03/10/20

E. Volunteers

1. Maria Guadalupe Amado, WRS
2. Angela Arrellin, SOP
3. Ronald Backlund, SPS
4. Katharine Conley, ATS
5. Emma Rose Franzone, SPS
6. Tara Ibarra, ATS
7. Eddie Ornelas, ATS
8. Xochitl Santillan Reyna, SHS
9. Zachary Blough, WGHS ++

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10. Leahana Clements, ATS ++
11. Victor Conriquez, Jr., WRS ++
12. Lucia Garcia, WRS ++
13. Devin Gibson, SHS ++
14. Elizabeth Houlihan, SIS ++
15. Mirma Sauter, SHS ++
16. Carlos Verdugo, SHS ++
17. Kyra Westwood, SPS ++

F. Continuing Education Credits - None

G. Use of School Facilities

Name of Organization	Purpose	Facility	Dates
Common Ground Church	Women's Game Night	ATS Cafeteria	February 29, 2020
Pack #357	Pinewood Derby	ATS CAFÉ	February 29, 2020/Sat
Troop #301	Swimming & Lifesaving Merit Badges	Pool	April 26, 2020
USA youth Sports	Winter 2020 Photos	SPS Gym	March 3, 2020

H. Gifts and Donations

Name	Amount/Item	Department/School
		ATS - \$50 – Field Trips 2 nd Grade
		ATS - \$700 – Instr. Music
		ATS - \$200 – 4 th Grade
		ATS - \$200 – 7 th Grade
		WGHS - \$100 – Tennis
		WGHS - \$400 – Academic Decathlon
		SHS - \$100 – Color Guard
		WRS - \$400 - Undesignated
Raytheon	\$2,150.00	
Buckeye Land Investments Inc.	\$750.00	ATS – 8 th Grade Promotion
WeFund4u	\$681.45	ATS - Dance
		ATS – Field Trips
		\$200 – Cordova
		\$200 - Rios
Raytheon	\$400.00	
Raytheon	\$1,591.00	ATS – Instr. Music
Raytheon	\$400.00	CVES – Instr. Music
United Way	\$5,000.00	District - NMSI
Freeport Minerals Corporation	\$5,000.00	District –SciTech Festival
		SHS - \$560 – Instr. Music
		SHS - \$150 – Boys Soccer
		SHS - \$100 – Swim
		SHS - \$50 - Volleyball
Raytheon	\$860.00	
Panda Restaurant Group, Inc.	\$109.12	SHS – Math Club
Peter Comanor	1990 Jaguar	SHS – Auto Program
Canoe Hills Women's Golf Association	\$350.00	Sopori – Library Books
Raytheon	\$92.32	SPS
Raytheon	\$92.32	SPS - Undesignated
Space Science Adventures LLC	\$200.00	WGHS - Drama

Patty & Kenneth Snodgrass	\$25.00	WGHS – Law & Public Safety
Raytheon	\$250.00	WGHS – Music Vocal
Fidelity Charitable	\$1,639.00	WGHS – STEM Conrad/Jackson/Valdez
Chipotle	\$221.25	WRS - STUCO
Panda Restaurant Group	\$122.49	WRS - STUCO

I. Approval of School Clubs & PTO/Booster Support Organizations – None

J. PTO/Booster Monthly Report

1. Anza Trail PTO – None
2. Copper View Elementary PTO – None
3. SHS Cheer Boosters – None
4. SHS – Music Boosters – None
5. SHS – Power Football Booster Club – None
6. SIS PTP – None
7. SMS PTO – None
8. SPS PTO – None
9. SUSD #30 Educational Enrichment Foundation – None
10. WGHS – Grad Night Booster Club – None
11. WGHS – Red Wolves Music Boosters – January 2020
12. WGHS – Football Booster – None
13. WRS – Roadrunners PTO – None
14. WGHS – Red Wolves Cheer Booster – None

K. Approval of Student Fund-Raising Activities

Organization	Sale Item Description	Fundraiser Dates
WGHS – Softball	Online Donations We Fund 4 U	February – April 2020
WGHS – Softball	Selling Personal Pretzels	February – April 2020
ATS – Wrestling	WeFund4U	February – May 2020 ++
ATS – Wrestling	Mod Pizza, Chipotle, Texas Road House Percentage Nights	February – May 2020 ++

L. Overnight Travel

School & Names	Purpose	Travel Destination	Travel Dates
District/Facilities – George Emerson, Lucas Robinson	AASBO Spring Conference	Laughlin, NV	April 1-3, 2020
District/Board – John Sparks	ASBA Equity Conference	Phoenix, AZ	March 4-6, 2020

M. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Reports

1. Special Accounts – July 2019 – February 2020
2. Maintenance and Operations – None

N. Approval of Agreements – None

XI. Possible Future Agenda Considerations

XII. Establish Next Board Meeting – March 11, 2020, Sahuarita District Auditorium, 350 W. Sahuarita Rd., Bldg. #21, Sahuarita, AZ 85629

XIII. Executive Session – 38-431.03-A1. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.

XIV. Adjournment - 7:05 p.m.

The agenda is subject to change up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled Board Meeting. Any changes will be noted on the revised agenda that is posted 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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Governing Board Clerk

11-MAR-2020

Date