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REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2008– 6:30 P.M. SUB HALL B – SAHUARITA AUDITORIUM
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Tom Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Also in attendance Clerk of the Board, Diana Kellermeyer, Board Members Elaine Hall, Mike Lurkins, Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela, Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 96 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

IA. Reorganization of the Governing Board

1. Election of President – Discussion and Possible Action

Governing Board President Tom Murphy stated that the nominations were now in order for the office of president.

Mrs. Hall nominated Mrs. Kellermeyer as Board President.

Mr. Murphy asked if there were any other nominations.

Mr. Lurkins moved the Board to close the nominations and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

A vote was taken with all members voting aye to elect Diana Kellermeyer as President.

2. Election of Clerk – Discussion and Possible Action

President Diana Kellermeyer stated that nominations were now in order for the office of clerk.

Mr. Lurkins nominated Mr. McGee as Clerk of the Board.

Mrs. Kellermeyer asked if there were any other nominations.

Mr. Murphy moved the Board to close the nominations and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

A vote was taken with all members voting aye to elect Martin McGee as Clerk of the Board.

II. Approval of Agenda

The superintendent recommended approval of the agenda as it was distributed. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2007 & December 5, 2007

The superintendent recommended approval of the November 14, 2007 & December 5, 2007 minutes as distributed. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

III. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Vouchers 11, 12, and 13 in the amount totaling \$2,362,875.24, new payroll 15 for the pay period ending January 25, 2008 and new payroll 16 for the pay period ending February 8, 2008 in the amounts not to exceed \$2,000,000. She further recommended approval of expense vouchers 8135 through 8143 in the amount of \$999,526.08. The motion was made by Mr. Lurkins and seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public

No call to the public.

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. "Friend of Sahuarita" Award – Ryan & Jim Hoffman of RYNO Enterprises

On behalf of the Governing Board, Superintendent, and District Administrators, Dr. Valenzuela recognized Ryan & Jim Hoffman of RYNO Enterprises. He stated that this award is in recognition of a "true act" of support for our schools and the spirit of volunteerism and collaboration.

Clint Carlton, assistant principal of Sahuarita High School, had originally asked RYNO Enterprises to provide the school with a bid for masonry work around the student council memorial plaque. In the process of the bid, RYNO Enterprises stated that they would like to donate their masonry work to the district.

On behalf of the Sahuarita High School and the Sahuarita Unified School District, Mr. Carlton recognized Ryan and Jim Hoffman of RYNO Enterprises. Ryan and Jim Hoffman were unable to accept the award in person as they are currently working on job in New Mexico. Mr. Carlton thanked RYNO for their contribution of materials and labor in the construction of the masonry surrounding the SHS student council donated engraved stone that was placed at the northeast corner of the SHS Gymnasium. The total amount of labor and supplies of the donation by RYNO Enterprises was \$3,885.00. A picture of the project was attached to the Board packets.

B. Special Staff Recognition:

Kathy Shiba, principal of Anza Trail recognized the following staff members for their dedication and commitment to the staff and students of Sahuarita Unified School District.

Mrs. Shiba stated our staff members have put in a lot of extra work in organizing a spelling bee program at Anza Trail. She recognized Maricruz Wilson for a phenomenal job communicating with over 70 teachers in order to get this done.

Mrs. Shiba also thanked her first grade staff, Caroline Kappes, Darby Downs, Janice Laos, Raye Nelson, and Nancy Burch of Anza Trail for an incredible job with the Anza Trail book fair. The first grade team brought in over \$4,500.00 profit to contribute to the Anza Trail Library. They were there in the evenings, musical programs, at lunch and before school everyday.

In addition, Mrs. Shiba also recognized Darby Downs and Caroline Kappes for helping to set up "The Giving Tree" and "Shop with a Cop". By organizing these programs, they have allowed sixteen families to have a brighter Christmas this Holiday Season.

C. Parent / Volunteer Recognition - Vince Luna

Mrs. Shiba recognized Mr. Vince Luna for his tireless volunteer dedication in helping our students cross a busy intersection at La Villita and Rancho Sahuarita Blvd. every morning. We thank you for creating a safe and caring environment to the students of Sahuarita Unified School District.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Attendance Policy

The superintendent was asked by one Board member to review the attendance policy for the district. He mentioned that the excused absences are always a problem. The excused absence policy is statutory. The only excused absences that the Arizona Department of Education will recognize as excused absences are (1) the student's participation in a school-related activity; (2) the student being suspended for misconduct; (3) the student being absent due solely to illness, accident, or disease when the student's absence is certified by a health care professional licensed under A.R.S. 32-7, 13, or 17; (4) recognized religious holidays that require the student not to attend school.

The superintendent asks that parents call the attendance office and send a note if the student is ill but not ill enough to take the student to the doctor and obtain a doctor's excuse. He stated that this issue is more of a concern at the high school level. If a student has ten unexcused absences in a course per semester you lose credit. If the student has ten unexcused absences and the student/parent appeals their loss of credit then the administration at the high school will look at the student's file for notes and telephone calls from parents. If notes and calls from parents are present in the student's file then the student will be given the credit for the class. The student will receive two days for every day missed to make up work, excused or unexcused absences. This applies to all schools in the district. The superintendent recognizes that the attendance policy is negative because it automatically does not believe the parent. He added that the policy is not intended for the parents who send the notes and call in; it's for the parents who don't. The appeal process begins at the building level and the appeal of last resort is at the superintendent's office.

The superintendent spoke with Mr. Gates in terms of state aide and student absences. If a student has ten unexcused absences in a row, the district needs to drop the student's enrollment and the student will need to re-enroll. Our policies in practice reflect state statute. Dr. St. John and Dr. Valenzuela have talked about other school districts that have a different attendance policy. Other districts automatically give you ten excused or unexcused absences. The superintendent mentioned that if the Governing Board would like the district to review or make changes to the policy, he would do so. He stated that if parents read the handbook and do what is asked to do, it is never a problem.

Mrs. Gates added that on the financial side, the state does not recognize the excused or unexcused, they classify it as an absence and the district will not receive funding for the student who was absent. If the district has less than 96% attendance rate then the district's state aid is adjusted. The state will only look to see if there are ten consecutive unexcused

absences to withdrawal the student. At a financial standpoint, ten absences are ten absences whether they are excused or not.

Mrs. Hall mentioned that she has always had an issue with the policy, ever since she was a secretary in the school district. From experience, the policy is not always administered uniformly and equitably among the students. There has always been a small number of teachers who have ignored the policy and no matter how many unexcused absences the student had, the teacher would always give the student a passing grade.

Mr. Murphy asked for clarification and provided an example. If his daughter has the flu and he is aware that his daughter has the flu but does not take her to see the doctor and writes a note to her school, under statute, the absence will still not be considered excused.

The superintendent stated that the district has never asked the parent to take the child and see the doctor to excuse an absence. The district asks the parent to write a note and call but not to expect the absence to be excused. The confusion is in the wording. As we prepare students for the world of work you don't have ten days excused or unexcused in the work field. If you miss ten days of work in 90 days the job will more than likely not be secured.

Mrs. Hall pointed out that she felt it was good to bring this issue up. She felt that we need to stress with those who are in the front lines that they be as diplomatic as they can and make every effort so that the parents understand that the district does not doubt their word.

Mr. Murphy wanted to know where the principals stand on the attendance policy because they are the ones that deal with it on a day to day basis.

Mr. McGee stated that this has been an ongoing issue. The issue is that there is no consistency within teachers; the principals have to be involved. From personal experience, he has had problems with the attendance policy. If the parent makes the call and writes a note then the student will still receive the grade. The issue comes in place on the tenth day that the student is absent and does not receive credit for classes that the parent is not aware of absences.

Mr. McGee shared a contract from Raytheon that states employees get 120 hours a year to use. Once you use the 120 hours that's all you get, anything thereafter, no matter if it's excused or unexcused it does not matter.

The Governing Board requested that more research be conducted and return with a recommendation.

2. Research Protocol

Dr. Valenzuela stated that there is tremendous value in building strong community partnerships and collaboration. One example is in collaboration with institutions in higher education such as Universities and Colleges. As we grow we've worked to nurture those relationships and one way that it shows itself is in request to conduct research in our campuses with our students or staff. In general, the research is a very mutually beneficial idea because it provides meaningful information for the district on how to improve our practice and effective research that has been done on quality instruction and things that impact what we do. Likewise, it benefits the Universities whose goal is to conduct scholarly research.

Dr. Valenzuela mentioned that it is important that there be a consistent process and protocol for measuring these requests against specific criteria. Included in your packets is a letter and screening form. When a request is received we know before we approve the request, it has

to have meaning to our practice and what we do. For example, things to consider, Does the research focus on specific district initiatives? What kind of impact does that research have on academic learning time? Is there proper notification and safeguards to parents? What level of involvement is there on part of the student? Is there a disclaimer? How much time does it take? How much potential benefit is there for us to participate? Will the researcher give us follow up results so that we can implement what he or she has been studying? .

The superintendent recommended approval of the research protocol that would be used with any University professor or researcher who wishes to conduct research on any of our campuses. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. EMC2 Presentation

Richard Clutter of EMC2 Architect conducted a presentation to the Governing Board based on the design of Anza Trail School. Every year EMC2 Architects selects what they feel is one of the most exemplarily schools that the firm designs. The selected school is then submitted to the American School and University. The 2007 submission to American School and University was Anza Trail School. The submission was published in the annual American School and University portfolio of schools in which they feel are exemplarily of educational design in the United States of America.

Mr. Clutter presented a plaque to the district representing that Anza Tail is recognized as an example of exemplarily architecture and educational design. Two plaques were given to the district, one for the school and one for the district office. In addition, Mr. Clutter provided the district with three magazines that have Anza Trail's publication. He stated that in the design process the district was involved in the whole process. The recognition was not only to recognize EMC2 but the Sahuarita Unified School District in their initiative and involvement in the design process.

No motion was made.

Mr. Murphy extended a great thank you to the voters because without that bond money the district would not have been able to design such a wonderful school.

2. School Facilities Board Web Site Demonstration

The superintendent provided the Governing Board with a demonstration of the School Facilities Board web site. He explained that the district has to file a building renewal report and it states the certain amount of dollars per year from the SFB to keep our buildings up to date. The funds are usually 50% of what is promised. All district, facilities, and financial reports that need to be filed are all available online.

Provided on the SFB website is information about each school's building capacities, building renewals, budgets, and additional pertinent information regarding Arizona school facilities.

The SFB website is <http://www.azsfb.gov/sfb/sfbweb/sfbaays/home.asp>

3. SMS Gymnasium Update

The superintendent stated that the Sahuarita pool is no longer functional and the leaking caused the pool to lift itself above the ground. Now it appears that the same leaking

problem is undermining the rest of the SMS building as he suspected it might. It appears that the boy's locker room shower floor dropped about an inch and a half and cracked the walls of the locker room. The boy's locker room is located on the east side of the building at the middle school. A forensic engineer, who was sent by our insurance company, apologized to Dr. St. John because he had indicated that there was no way the swimming pool leak could be undermining the middle school building. After borings diagnostics they determined that the ground is saturated nine feet underneath the middle school gymnasium. He recommended that the middle school does not use the middle school locker room until the problem is solved.

Daryl, Richard Clutter and Dr. St. John revisited the middle school gymnasium today and are now in the process of hiring the district's own for forensic engineer. The superintendent stated that the gymnasium is a mess and we have to straighten this out as quickly as possible. We may have to speak with the community generally about what do. This also impacts the discussion of were the swimming pool will be located.

Dr. St. John stated that the problem is that you can't move the middle school gymnasium, dig up the ground, dry it and put in proper foundations then put the gym on top. If the locker rooms are taken out from the gymnasium the superintendent is not sure if we are spending good money after bad money. The insurance company has already told the district that they are not going to help us regarding the swimming pool.

The superintendent informed the Board that the boy's locker room is currently not in use. The girl's locker room has been split in two. Maintenance has changed all the locks so that no one is allowed in. The superintendent mentioned that the gymnasium is under close watch. He is not concerned about the children's safety; if he was no student would be allowed in the building.

No action was taken

4. New High School Update

The superintendent stated that Mr. Metz from Park Corporation has suggested another site with which Richard Clutter and the superintendent are somewhat interested in. The superintendent and Mr. Clutter are meeting with Mr. Huckleberry from the county about Sahuarita Park and have an idea of what it might cost to make that site better. The superintendent has not pulled the trigger on condemnation with the Park Corporation site. He will attend the SFB meeting tomorrow in Phoenix where they will, theoretically, approve our Capital Improvement Plan. An application for another site may be submitted. He informed the Board that he will keep them up to date with what is going on.

The superintendent explained that south of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints a company went in and took about four or five pieces of property and added a subdivision for houses. The lots are not selling and the property is currently for sale. The property has water, sewer, a road, and all the archeological work has been done. An application for this site may be placed.

No action was taken

5. Arizona Energy & Water Savings Grant Resolution

Mrs. Gates stated that the district has hired an energy consultant to help us to apply for several Arizona Schools Facilities Board energy grants that has become available. A resolution is needed to be approved by the Board so that the district can proceed. The

district has an opportunity to be able to receive approximately \$100,000 per project for the project implementation grants and up to \$40,000 for project development grants. Mrs. Gates recommended that the Governing Board adopt the resolution. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

6. Chandler Unified School District No. 80 Intergovernmental Agreement

The superintendent stated that there was a pilot program many years ago for a career ladder. The career ladder is a performance pay plan that several districts applied for except for our district. The superintendent was employed with this district at the time and does not know why the district had not applied. The pilot was a program instituted by the state legislature to give school districts an opportunity to have 5 ½ percent more in their M & O to implement a performance pay plan called, "career ladder". Since the state did it as a pilot program, they ran out of funding and stopped the pilot program. Those who don't have the career ladder in place are at a disadvantage. The superintendent recommended the approval of the Intergovernmental agreement with the Chandler Unified School District No. 80 to hire a lobbyist to take our case to the state legislature. Mr. Murphy made the motion and seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

7. To consider and, if deemed advisable, to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of school improvement bonds and certificates of ownership of supplemental interest payments of the district.

Fred Rosenfeld, the districts bond council presented the bond resolution to the Governing Board. The resolution that the Board had before them authorizes the issuance not to exceed nine million dollars in bonds and certificates of supplemental interest or certificates of supplemental interest payments. The certificates are unique in that they depend on the actual market at the time the bonds are sold. What the certificates do allow under the state law is a premium that can be expressed in the form of supplemental interest payments. The interest rate that the bonds bear with the supplemental payments is sufficiently above the market but not under any circumstances higher than 2% of the par value of the bonds. Those are generally used to pay the cost of issuance of the bonds and anything that is left over from that goes into the interest fund and becomes interest that you don't tax at the first interest payment.

Mr. Rosenfeld explained that the resolution authorizes up to \$9 million dollars in principal amount. It sets the parameters under which the bonds may be sold. The bonds cannot go longer than July 1, 2022. The bonds cannot be sold at an interest rate exceeding 6%. The bonds may have, but is not required to the districts advantage, the right to redeem the bonds in advance of their payment date. When you go to the sale of the bonds it depends again on the market at the time the bonds are sold. It also provides for an underwriting by Stone & Youngberg, as your underwriter it means that they would hold a public offering of the bonds. They make it available to the individuals in the United States acting either as customers of Stone & Youngberg or customers of other dealers to purchase the bonds. An official statement was included in the Board Packet and is now in a position that it is final for the preliminary offering. When the final numbers are provided, the numbers are put in to what is called the final official statement. The final official statement under the resolution, the president of the Board and Mrs. Gates has the authority to deem it final. Mr. Rosenfeld advised to always ask the Board members to feel free and read it because it is the Boards statement as to the financial capabilities of the district to pay back the bonds.

Mr. Rosenfeld continued to explain that the Sahuarita School District has had the luxury and in some cases to have a large mind in tax base. It also concentrates the tax base and approximately 40% of the tax base is provided by two taxpayers, Phelps Dodge and ASARCO. The bond buyers need to know the facts of past taxpayers in the area. Mr. Rosenfeld continued to invite the Board to read the resolution. By reading the resolution it gives a feel for how the investors look at the school and provides a feel of how the district is doing.

Mr. Rosenfeld stated that we may see a little delay. We are currently in an age where housing plays a big part in the national economy. Unfortunately, there are a large amount of housing bonds, both in tax exempt and taxable. Most of all the sub-prime loans and good loans are now packaged into taxable or tax free bond issues and are sold when almost all of those were guaranteed by the bond insurers. Now, looking at the Bond insurers the rating agencies have second thoughts and have put a lot of them on credit watch or on a negative outlook. Right now the district is looking for insurance through Assured Guaranty which is one of the ones that have escaped. It is to the district's advantage to purchase bond insurance, but it is not to the district's advantage to purchase bond insurance for an insurer that has a lower credit rating than the district does. The resolution does authorize the district to purchase bond insurance, but it does take a determination that it is in the districts best interest.

Mr. Rosenfeld stated that there are two other agreements that the Board is authorizing. One is called a registrar and paying agent, this is with the bank and the bank takes the responsibility to send the district a notice each six months that interest is due or have principal due. The bank will then take it upon them to pay the principal and interest on the bonds for the district as the district's paying agent. Stone & Youngberg canvassed the market and recommended Wells Fargo as the bond registrar and paying agent. Mr. Rosenfeld's recommendation is to follow Stone & Youngberg's recommendation.

Mr. Rosenfeld explained that you annually submit the audited financial statements each year, which the district will file with the Nationally Recognized Municipal Information Repositories. What this means is that each year the districts audited financial statement and comprehensive annual financial report gets filed through a filing agency in Texas called, "The Central Post Office" and is filed by February 1st each year. If the audit is not received until after February 1st then the district will have to file a notice that states as soon as the district receives the audit the district will file it. This agreement is required by the Securities and Exchange Commission in order to allow the underwriters to sell the bonds. The underwriters cannot control the school district directly but they control the market through the underwriters and the underwriters cannot market municipal bonds unless they have this continuing disclosure agreement that was included in the Board packets.

Mrs. Gates recommended the approval of the resolution and the elements as outlined in the presentation. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

B. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. ADE - Teacher Evaluation System Verification FY 2008-2009 General Statement of Assurance

A.R.S. § 15-952.A.3 Specifies that local Governing Boards must submit evidence to the Sate Board of Education that the evaluation system originally approved by the Board continues to meet all requirements set forth in A.R.S. § 15-537. The superintendent recommended approval of the Teacher Evaluation System for the FY 2008-2009. He stated that the district

has a Qualified Teacher Evaluation System in place that worked well and recommended approval of the general statement of assurance. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried.

C. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Reclassification of “Administrative Assistant to Business Manager” Position.

The job of the Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager has evolved over the past five years and currently involves much more complex duties than originally intended.

The superintendent recommended that the position be given more appropriate title of “Business Office Specialist” and converted into a salaried, exempt position with an annual salary of \$36,000 per year. He will also recommend that the incumbent in the Business Office Specialist position be compensated at the new rate, retroactive to the beginning of this fiscal year, since she has been performing the job since and before that time. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Valenzuela informed the Board that a film crew from the Cox Cable Vision Program spent about four of five hours filming the class, interviewing Caroline Torres, Dr. Valenzuela, and students. “After the Bell”, is a statewide news magazine type of program. There will be a news magazine segment across the state which not only provides wonderful recognition for Mrs. Torres but also provides positive validation of our district, our school, the community, and the good things that we are trying to do together. As soon as Dr. Valenzuela finds out when the program will air he will let the Board and district know.

Mrs. Gates included several reports in the Board packets. One was the expenditure budget balance report by funds up to now along with a balance sheet of the auxiliary and student activity funds for the Boards review. Mrs. Gates also provided the Board with a tax credit report. The district received \$170,417.50 in tax credits compared to last year at \$158,589.46 with an increase of approximately \$11,000. The breakdown is as follows:

- Anza Trail - \$13,280.00
- SHS - \$85,782.84
- SMS - \$33,321.33
- SPS - \$6,800.00
- Sopori - \$17,225.00
- District - \$6,925.00 with \$600.00 to be used for the Catch Up Literacy program.

Scott Boone explained that he has been working with a company called Simply Bits from Tucson. Simply Bits is a company that works behind the scene and deals primarily with businesses and are looking to do business south of Tucson. Mr. Boone spoke with the company and initially thought about better connectivity at Sopori that provides higher speed internet. Currently there is no one to provide higher internet speed at Sopori, the wires are too old and are extremely expensive. After speaking with Simply Bits there is not infrastructure to do that until the district is part of the infrastructure. Mr. Boone was able to have Simply Bits connect their equipment to the districts auditorium so that the district can become a part of the infrastructure. The benefit that this provides to the district is wireless connectivity and can provide Sopori with high speed internet at no cost to the district. The district is still in need of another tower at Sopori.

Dr. Barb Smith announced that the door locks at the Early Childhood Center are officially working after insallation from the facilities department. Parents now have an entrance code

for the keypads and cannot go in unless you know the code. Today we had the Arizona Department of Education English Language Learner Program monitoring; they have been visiting our district for three days. Dr. Smith reported that they had a really nice visit and many wonderful things were said about the school district. They visited every site, classrooms, and talked with teachers. ADE looked over all of the districts files that pertained to English Language Learners and were very pleased with what they saw and experienced. Dr. Smith thanked all the schools for all the hard work they do in the ELL area. She stated that there are a few technical items that need to be cleaned up but overall it was a pleasant experience. Dr. Smith will conduct a presentation regarding the new four hour English Language Learner model at the next Board meeting.

Fred Hall reported that last month was two weeks short and we managed to drive 46,687 miles. The district had 31 field trips. One new bus driver will be certified and another started training on Monday. Two drivers will be out for approximately six or eight weeks.

Charlotte Gates stated that Fred did obtain proposals regarding busses. The team bus will cost \$124,811 and three route buses \$106,000 each. A lift bus for special education will cost \$99,000. Total cost for all busses is \$543,000. The district has set aside \$500,000 for busses. Mrs. Gates explained that the remainder amount will be used with capital override monies. The busses will be ordered now so that they will be here in time for July 1, 2008.

Daryl Rawson provided the Governing Board with an update to the bond projects that facilities are currently working on. He has solicited and received a quote for the shade structures for school playgrounds and is in the process of soliciting a quotation for the playground equipment. He hopes to have those back in time to fast track this and get it in this spring. Facilities are also in the process of developing a scope for the fencing project. Mr. Rawson reported that the district had a pre-bid this morning for the mechanical retrofit project on the round gym at SIS. The bid will close January 23, 2008 and anticipate a time delay for equipment up to 8-10 weeks; he hopes to get the project started before the end of the school year.

Desi Raulston thanked the technology department for working extremely hard to help Sopori with their technology connections and computer lab. Enrollment is 256 students. Friday, January 18th Sopori will have an awards assembly for grades K-3 at 1:00 p.m. and 4-6 at 1:35 p.m. January 22nd is Sopori's assembly with American Heart Jump Rope. There were a lot of events in the month of December. Sopori had the operation boot straps from the Rotary Club which provided all students and members of their family and our staff with a new pair of shoes and socks. Mrs. Raulston thanked the Rotary Club, Mr. and Mrs. Eckhart of Tubac for their support. In addition, the Santa Cruz giveaway through the Amado Food Bank and the Santa Cruz United Methodist Church brought gifts to the students and teachers. Mrs. Raulston also thanked the Country Fair White Elephant for their generous donation to Sopori. On December 6th the high school orchestra performed for the Sopori students. A winter program for the students and staff was held on December 11th. As part of a new tradition the students and faculty had a pep rally on December 14th in the new gymnasium. Mrs. Raulston thanked Dr. St. John for participating as a referee and the Sahuarita Middle School cheerleaders for their support and spirit. She thanked the Sopori's custodial staff: Gloria Luz Williams, Martha Sarabe, and Blanco Lugo for their outstanding hard work and effort. They worked tirelessly to help set up and take down many events in December plus cleaning the new classrooms and the gym floor for the third quarter.

Dr. St. John stated that Tina Steward is attending a professional conference and has been excused from the Board meeting.

Scott Down reported that nine students enrolled during the winter break. Starting Friday, SIS will start their PBS program and recognized Mrs. Cieslar who was very instrumental in

helping SIS implement the program. Bobcat assembly took place this morning and Jessica Rodriguez helped in having the SHS band/orchestra attend. Movie night will take place on January 22nd.

Kathy Shiba reported that Anza Trail will be participating in the district's spelling bee on January 18th. The district is having a district music program on January 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the district auditorium. Life skills class will include teaching students how to fish so the Anza Trail students will be fishing at Sahuarita Lake on January 31st this was sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish department. Eight students will be competing in the Southern Regional Math Counts Competition on February 2nd, sponsored by Raytheon. The advance math classes took an assessment last month and competed in the American Math Competition.

Terri Noe reported that the middle school awards assembly will take place tomorrow for second quarter. Second PIP will be held soon. The wrestling tournament will be this Saturday. The cheerleaders have the opportunity during the NFL to work with NFL cheerleaders for a three day workshop, free of charge. The application through the P.E. department was awarded a \$2,500.00 donation for P.E. equipment through the NFL experience. The Science Olympia is continuing their competitions all through January and February. Recent events, Wright Flight had their first flight in December. Mrs. Noe thanked facilities for their hard work in securing the boy's locker room in the middle school gym with a skeleton crew over the winter break. She also thanked the Country Fair White Elephant for their generous donation.

Stephanie Silman reported current enrollment at the high school is approximately 1313 students. January 15th the high school band is participating in the K -12 band day and the optimist club is providing lunch. January 17th the counseling K-12 department is having a parent financial aid college planning night from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the auditorium. January 24th the student council is hosting a student appreciation barbeque and bond fire at the district parking lot from 5:00p.m – 7:00 p.m. January 25th the high school will have a winter sports assembly and the band is having a pancake dinner fundraiser from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. January 26th ROTC is hosting a massing of the colors from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the district auditorium. Winter sports are having a very successful season. Girl's basketball, girl's soccer, and wrestling competed in tournaments over winter break. Girl's basketball took 5th place in the Flowing Wells Tournament. Girl's soccer took 3rd in the Palo Verde Invitational. Wrestling took 3rd place at the Marana Duals Tournament. Mrs. Silman recognized Liz Pantoja as district's support staff employee of the month and formally recognized at the January 23rd Board meeting. The high school curriculum committee is having a meeting on Tuesday, January 15th to continue to plan the curriculum for career endorsements and the senior capstone projects that she hopes to offer in the future.

Dr. St. John reported that district enrollment is 4658. Dr. St. John and Mr. Clutter will be attending the SFB meeting tomorrow and will meet with Mr. Huckleberry on the way back in town. He continues to serve on the Country Fair White Elephant scholarship committee. The CFWE keeps twenty of our district's students in college. Total district contributions from the Country Fair White Elephant not including the scholarships is \$168,000. He stated that the CFWE is an unbelievable organization and thanked them for their contributions. Next Monday the new high school curriculum committee will be meeting. He will be attending a Superintendent's meeting next week. MEC is having a press conference on the new college access office that is available through MEC. Dr. St. John reminded the Board that this Saturday is the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts show at the Tubac Country Club; the proceeds of the car show are given to the school for grad night and scholarships. He attended the Deer Valley Foundation Annual Meeting. Bond sales conversations have been taking place very often with Mrs. Gates, and Dr. Valenzuela. Dr. St. John, Elaine Hall, and Martin McGee attended the ASBA conference. He stated that John Baracy of Stone & Youngberg sends the district a newsletter in which the newsletter states that executive John Arnold reported that

the SFB has exhausted its FY 2008 available funding for new construction. The superintendent explained that basically the sentence says they don't plan for new buildings and SFB plan new buildings based on how much money they have. The SFB does not expect to pay the payment renewal amount and what happens is that we plan on the money and it does not come in. Mrs. Kellermeyer and Dr. St. John will talk about a study session. There are several things that need to be discussed in a study session such as next years staffing, reorganization of the administrative staffing at the district level, and possibly salary adjustments throughout the district both teaching, administrative staff, and classified staff.

Dr. St. John shared with the Board the 2008 Sahuarita Capacity by Grade Level. The SFB, based on the superintendent's recommendation, make calls to home builders in the district. Rancho Sahuarita sold as many homes this year as they did last year. The superintendent shared a graph with the Board demonstrating the superintendent's prediction on ADM growth and SFB predictions on ADM forecast. SFB is predicting that in FY 2012 the district will need a new K-8. He mentioned that the last time he presented the capital improvement plan the superintendent asked the Board to approve two smaller elementary schools. He continued to explain that one school will be approved in 2012 and the other in 2015. The superintendent shared ADM history charts and square footage formulas from the SFB per school. The superintendent previously recommended that both elementary schools to be built in FY 2010 – 2011, SFB is not approving them they are going to wait one more year for one K-8 and the other K-8 will be pushed out till FY 2014-2015. The superintendent placed the projections he felt were appropriate and the SFB always approves their staff recommendation. The superintendent has also requested a third high school and the SFB will not give the district approval for his request.

The superintendent shared with the Board and community a letter that he received from the Green Valley Community Food Bank thanking the students and faculty at the primary school for 1,000 pounds of food which they donated to the Green Valley Food Bank.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

The superintendent recommends approval of those items on the Consent Agenda, as these are routine items. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

Mr. Murphy stated that we have cherished partners in our community in addition to the Country Fair White Elephant that step up time and time again. He thanked the community businesses and involvement to the district.

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Walter Ray Draeger, 7th & 8th Grade L.A. Teacher, Anza Trail, Replacement – Effective 1/07/08
2. Vanessa Navarro, Substitute Custodian, SMS, New Hire – Effective 11/28/07
3. Mandi Patterson, Part-time Classroom Lead, ECC, Replacement – Effective 01/03/08
4. Antonio Ramirez, Custodian, Anza Trail, Replacement – Effective 12/06/07
5. Francisco Arvizu, Mechanic, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 12/06/07
6. Krystal Carrillo, L.I.N.K. Program Assistant, L.I.N.K, Status Change – Effective 08/28/07
7. Sonia Carrillo, L.I.N.K. Program Assistant, L.I.N.K, Status Change – Effective 12/26/07
8. Sally Glines, Math Teacher, SMS, Status Change – Part Time – Effective 01/07/08 – 02/04/08
9. Sean Grider, AIMS Math Teacher, SHS, Status Change – Effective 01/07/08
10. Susan Ormiston, Special Education Teacher, Anza Trail, Status Change – Effective 01/07/08
11. Christina Pizarro, Payroll Specialist, District Office, Transfer – Effective 12/17/07
12. Francisco Sanchez, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 12/17/07

13. Mary Ann Simonds, Payroll Specialist, District Office, Status Change – Effective 12/06/07
14. Cristi Trent, Instructional Aide, Anza Trail, Status Change – Effective 11/01/07

B. New Addenda's

1. Kathleen Eakins, Student Council Sponsor, Anza Trail - Effective 12/01/07
2. Eduardo Escobedo, Head Girls Tennis Coach, SHS – Effective Spring 2008
3. Amy Kueck, Yearbook Sponsor, Anza Trail – Effective 12/01/07
4. Stephanie Manuel, Boys Soccer Coach, Anza Trail – Effective 01/07/08
5. Mike Moreno, Wrestling Coach, Anza Trail – Effective 01/07/08

C. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Jeanette Ratzlaff, Student Services Assistant, District Office, Retirement – Effective 01/08/08
2. Dawn Roan, Special Education Teacher, Anza Trail, Resignation – Effective 12/21/08

D. Volunteers

1. Leno F. Bazzanella, SHS
2. Lara Maloy, SPS
3. Mark Mandel, SHS
4. Bonnie L. Tetzlaff, Anza Trail
5. Carol Thompson, Anza Trail
6. Dennis D. Van Vactor, Anza Trail

E. Gifts and Donations

1. Caterpillar Foundation, SPS, \$1,000.00
2. Country Fair White Elephant, Anza Trail School, \$35,000.00
3. Country Fair White Elephant, SMS, \$25,000.00
4. Country Fair White Elephant, SHS, \$40,000.00
5. Country Fair White Elephant, Sopori, \$23,000.00
6. Country Fair White Elephant, SIS, \$24,000.00
7. Country Fair White Elephant, SPS, \$15,000.00
8. Country Fair White Elephant, SUSD Early Childhood Center, \$1,000.00
9. Country Fair White Elephant, SUSD, \$2,500.00
10. Country Fair White Elephant, SUSD, CIMT, \$2,000.00
11. Country Fair White Elephant, SUSD Project Inspire, \$500.00
12. Green Valley Shrine Club, Anza Trail, \$100.00
13. Patricia & Ronald Holt, SMS, \$500.00
14. Life Touch, SIS, \$140.00
15. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita, SHS Model United Nations Club, \$500.00
16. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita, SHS Bowling Team, \$200.00
17. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita, SPS, Walking Club, \$100.00
18. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita, L.I.N.K., \$300.00
19. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita, SHS Creative Movement Flagline, \$240.00
20. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita, SHS Orchestra, \$200.00
21. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita, SHS Creative Writing Hodge Podge Literary Magazine, \$300.00
22. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita, SHS National Honor Society's Salvation Army Angel Tree, \$500.00
23. Raytheon Hispanic Employees Association, SIS, \$1,500.00
24. SIS PTP, SIS, \$575.00

25. Trico, SMS, \$200.00
26. Wal-Mart Foundation, Anza Trail, \$500.00
27. Wal-Mart Foundation, SPS, \$1,000.00

F. Use of School Facilities

1. Sailor Baseball, Use of JV Baseball Field, SHS, 02/25/08 – 02/29/08 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

G. Out of State Travel/Student Travel

1. Kathy Shiba, Anza Trail, NASSP National Conference, San Antonio, Texas, February 21, 2008 – February 25, 2008.

H. Approval for Bank of America Line of Credit Disbursement

X. Board Communication

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – January 23, 2007 – 6:30 P.M. – SUSD District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Pursuant to §A.R.S.15-843 Discussion Pertaining to Pupil Disciplinary Proceedings.

Mr. McGee moved the Board to enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S.15-843 as stated above and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. A roll call was taken with all members voting aye. The time was 8:26 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 8:37 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board