



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

*Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Intermediate School
Sopori Elementary School*

*Sahuarita Middle School
Sahuarita Primary School
Anza Trail School*

SUSD Early Childhood Center

Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes 6:30 p.m. – January 24, 2007 – Sub Hall B - District Auditorium 350 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Tom Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. Also in attendance were Diana Kellermeyer, Clerk of the Board, Board members Elaine Hall, Mike Lurkins, Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela and Director of Business Services Charlotte Gates. There were 69 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as it was distributed. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2007

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes from the January 10, 2007 regular meeting as they were distributed. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll voucher 14 in the amount of \$731,420.02, new payroll voucher 15 for the pay period ending January 26, 2007 in the amount not to exceed \$900,000.00 and new payroll voucher 16 for the pay period ending February 9, 2007 in the amount not to exceed \$900,000.00. She further recommended approval of expense vouchers 7544-7548 in the amount of \$1,669,995.62. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. Support Staff Employee of the Month – Rudy Mosley

Dr. Valenzuela presented Mr. Rudy Mosley, Lead Custodian at SHS, with the Support Staff Employee of the Month award. Mrs. Silman stated in a letter to Dr. Valenzuela, "Mr. Rudy Mosley exemplifies the highest levels of the SUSD core values and standards of excellence."

B. Technology Department

Mr. Bill Woodward and the Governing Board recognized the Technology Department for its role in bringing Anza Trail online.

During construction, Scott Boone and his team were always available when needed to provide technical input for the district's programs. Their knowledge was instrumental in giving the contractors details needed to proceed with their work. They were also very helpful in getting all the communications companies to deliver.

Thank you to Scott, Rafael, Jorge, Rick, Ethan and Laura for their expertise and hard work.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Information Only

1. Fall High School AIMS Update – Jack Lehmkuhl

Jack Lehmkuhl, SHS Assistant Principal, presented a summary of student achievement results as measured by the Fall HS AIMS administration. The preliminary indication is that the SUSD students did very well, as measured by the fact that there are only less than 10 students in the Class of '07 who have not met the AIMS graduation requirement.

Dr. Valenzuela explained to the members of the audience that the State of Arizona has an AIMS high school graduation requirement. The students are allowed up to 5 chances to pass the AIMS test. He introduced Mr. Lehmkuhl, Assistant Principal of SHS.

Mr. Lehmkuhl reported that the statistics he will be presented will show both the student population to include special education students and student population not including special education students. His presentation is as follows and included graduation years of 2007 and 2008.

AIMS Percentages Grad Year 2007 – Include Special Education Students

Reading – SHS exceeds Pima County and Arizona in the meets category

Writing – SHS exceeds Pima County and Arizona in the meets category

Math – SHS exceeds Pima County and Arizona in the meets category

AIMS Percentages Grad Year 2008 – Include Special Education Students

Reading – SHS exceeds Pima County and Arizona in the meets category

Writing – SHS exceeds Pima County and Arizona in the meets category

Math – SHS exceeds Pima County and Arizona in the meets category

2. Gifted Education Law Update – Dr. Barbara Smith

Dr. Barbara Smith was not able to attend the meeting this evening due to an illness in her family. This item will be on a future agenda.

3. Presentation on Curriculum for SHS and NHS – SHS Staff

Dr. St. John and Dr. Valenzuela have been meeting regularly with a committee of teachers and administrators from SHS regarding a curriculum direction for both high schools. That includes SHS and the new high school (NHS).

Dr. St. John introduced the members of the committee which included: Larry McKee, Stephanie Silman, Lynda Robinson, Carole Leonard, Paul Huppe, Carolyn Torres and Kent Thompson. He also reintroduced Ron Esley from Emc2 Architectural Firm. Dr. St. stated that the information presented at the Board meeting this evening will drive the design of the new high school. For this reason, Mr. Esley was invited to the meeting.

Dr. St. John stated that this is uncharted territory again; the district has never had a second high school. There are curriculum decisions that need to be made for the new high school. The current high school is a comprehensive high school. It has an auto shop, wood shop, culinary arts kitchen, television production studio and it has competition athletic fields. Under the current School Facilities Board formula, many of those spaces will not be at the new high school. The committee had to think about how to design a curriculum that meets the needs of all the students. So, rather than looking at the new high school, the committee looked back at what is going on in Sahuarita High School and began designing around the idea of a high school curriculum for the district as a whole. Their first priority is to meet the needs of all the students first. They also have to meet the graduation requirements. They also have to meet the needs of their community partners. There are some fairly significant partners currently in the community and coming into the community. The high school staff that Dr. St. John met with is very interested in interdisciplinary studies. The restrictions of the new building budget have to be met and that budget is pretty tight. The district has historically had campus style buildings, but we are not sure at this time whether we will be able to have a campus style building. The District needs to meet the challenge of producing skilled graduates. The committee presented its plan to the Board as follows:

Dr. St. John stated that the committee is going to request that the Governing Board endorse a broad-based career pathway curriculum that:

1. culminates in a District-wide capstone graduation requirement
2. includes a Professional Internship Experience (P.I.E.)

Dr. St. John reported that the committee took a field trip to the pecan grove. This is the largest pecan grove in the world! The last time Dr. St. John attended a presentation at the pecan grove, they were reporting that they produced approximately nine to thirteen million pounds of pecan meat every year. They also process approximately twenty five to thirty million pounds of that pecan meat. They employ chemists, hydrologists, geneticists, and botanists. These people work directly for them or they contract with them. It is a multi-million corporation in the community and they are a community partner who will be asked to step up and give a professional internship experience for every graduate. Special Education and English Language Learners will all be required to have a professional internship experience. This internship can be paid or unpaid. The students will have to report a committee made up of community members and educators that will drill them on their experience. When a student graduates from a high school in SUSD, they will receive an endorsement which will include a professional internship experience.

Potential Business and Community Partners could include: Santa Rita Experimental Range, Caterpillar, Raytheon, SAHBA, Phelps Dodge, Assisted Care Facilities, Carondelet, University of Arizona, Pima Community College, Town of Sahuarita, Green Valley, JTED is going to help provide some of the programs that the district cannot provide, US Board Patrol, Fire Department. The district expects the community to step up.

Possible endorsements include:

Current High School – Culinary Arts, Automotive, Habitat for Humanity, Business Technology, Robotics or Industrial Manufacturing Tech, Graphics and Media Technology and Fine Arts. The District believes they have these in place now.

New High School – Biotech, Allied Health – C.N.A., Pharmacy Tech, Sports Medicine, Agricultural, Global Systems and Humanities.

B. Personnel – Information Only

1. District Literacy Volunteer Initiative

Dr. Valenzuela stated that the District launched a major initiative to develop a comprehensive and systematic literacy volunteer program to recruit, train, and place and support volunteers who are working with students to provide supplemental support and targeted intervention. To date, the district has over 160 volunteers. The district is partnering with the Volunteer Center of So. AZ and the federal Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program. Debra and Bill Nicholls-Woczniczki, the VISTA team members, did a brief program summary and progress report.

C. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Facility Rental

The Board was given a copy of a facility rental agreement from a church named the Common Ground Church. They also received a copy of a letter from Tim Olof representing The Rock Church of Sahuarita. Both churches are asking to rent space at Anza Trail School. Since the District doesn't have a Certificate of Occupancy for the Cafeteria building, Dr. St. John recommended that the District withdraw any support for either church until Anza Trail construction is completed.

Ben Barfield, District Patron and Pastor of the Common Ground Church, read a letter to the Governing Board and thanked them for its consideration.

Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion to support Dr. St. John's recommendation and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

2. Capital Outlay Update

Dr. St. John and Daryl Rawson will be visiting a local water company facility to look at their approach to the arsenic solution. They feel that if there are capital funds to spend on any of the gymnasiums, it needs to be used at the SIS gym.

Daryl is looking into the cost to replace the swamp cooler with an HVAC unit so that SIS can make better use of that gymnasium during the warmer times of the year.

3. Loan Information – Charlotte Gates

Mrs. Charlotte Gates met with SunTrust Leasing Corporation. SunTrust financed the Auditorium HVAC project. She discussed several Capital Outlay needs for the district with them such as: need to buy, at a minimum, six busses and continued improvements to the SIS gymnasium, SMS gymnasium roof that needs to be replaced, SMS gymnasium floor, Sopori portable needs to be restructured, and arsenic filtering. Total amount for these projects is approximately \$1,350,000. Financing this amount at 4.37% with a five year term and quarterly payments of \$75,509.00 comes to a little over \$300,000 per year. The funds would be deposited into an escrow account and whatever interest accrues can be used to buy down the debt or spent on another project. Mrs. Gates asked the Board to approve at least a loan of \$600,000 for busses. Mr. Murphy asked what the District would do without the busses. Dr. St. John reminded the Board of what he said when the Capital Outlay Override was lost, the district cannot continue to support Capital projects; the funds are not there. The District asked the community to step up and they didn't do this, his recommendation is to not borrow any funds. The bus payment would be approximately \$135,000 and the district will not have those funds to spend next year. The district cannot afford to do this.

Mrs. Gates recommended borrowing the fund for the busses only at this time. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion was denied.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Jay St. John – Next Thursday he will be attending the SFB meeting to hear the presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan.

The administration would like the Governing Board to recommend a date for a retreat to discuss staffing for next year. Wednesdays are the best days for the Board.

Congratulations to the Board on the Lou Ella Kleinz Award.

JTED/Larry Williams, Interim Director, was involved in a serious car accident.

The District has instituted a Time Track system.

Continue to meet with the Town of Saturate Capital Improvement Committee

Continue to meet with the STOP committee; project graduation planning is under way.

Met with Chief Harris from the Town of Sahuarita, he will be asking the Town for at least one more SRO that the Town pays for not the District.

Attended the 30 year celebration of the Friends of the Green Valley Library

Attended the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts Show

Will be attending the State of the City Luncheon with Mayor Bob Walkup

Several parents contacted Dr. Jay about their concerns regarding class size – they will be meeting again next Monday night at Anza Trail

Board/Superintendent Collaborative will be on February 19, 2007. Dr. Valenzuela will be attending since Dr. St. John has a prior obligation.

Continental Foundation will have its Annual Foundation Dinner next Saturday the 3rd of February. Sundt Corporation will be sponsoring a table of 10. Please let Debralee know if you will be attending.

Anza Trail has been given permission to use the Cafeteria/Multi-purpose room.

Received a call from the SFB Board who asked about the land and the State Land Department. SFB called the State Land Department and they will not be moving on it until after the election on the Wastewater Treatment Facility in Sahuarita.

Charlotte Gates reported on the tax credits. She is looking at setting up to receive donations online.

IX. Consent Agenda - Action

Dr. St. John recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda, as they are routine items. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

A. Employment

1. Andrea Bailey, Classroom Assistant – SUSD ECC – Replacement - Ratification to 01/10/07
2. Lizeth Soto, Technology Assistant – SIS – Replacement – Ratification to 01/17/07
3. Leonard Akers, Maintenance Technician – Facilities – Replacement – Transfer Ratification to 01/05/07
4. Ron Boyter, Head Golf Coach – SHS – Replacement – Effective Spring Season 2007
5. Jessica Rodriguez, Guidance Counselor – SIS – Stipend Ratification to 01/08/07

B. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. Joy Baldwin, Inclusion Health Assistant – SUSD ECC – Involuntary Termination Effective 01/05/07
2. Billie Gilmore, ELL Teacher – Anza Trail – Retirement Effective 01/26/07
3. Melinda Rojas-Toto, Inclusion Health Assistant – SPS Project Inspire – Resignation Effective 01/03/07
4. Becky Schiff, Campus Monitor – SMS – Resignation Effective 01/19/07

C. Volunteers

1. Kathleen Bell – SMS – Effective 01/24/07
2. Ruth D Benson – SPS/Anza Trail – Effective 01/24/07
3. Phyllis H. Buchanan – SPS – Effective 01/24/07
4. Sharon M. Chamberlin – Sopori – Effective 01/24/07
5. Hertha A. Dederich – SPS – Effective 01/24/07
6. Jenelle Ehreich – SHS – Effective 01/24/07
7. Carol A. Ferriell – SPS/SIS – Effective 01/24/07
8. Linda Houck – SPS – Effective 01/24/07
9. Cathy Kennedy – SPS – Effective 01/24/07
10. Donald Kret – SIS – Effective 01/24/07

11. Joyce Labowitz – SPS/SIS – Effective 01/24/07
12. Dale McGriff – SPS/Anza Trail – Effective 01/24/07
13. Katherine “Kim” McGriff – SPS/Anza Trail – Effective 01/24/07
14. Richard Salzetti – SPS – Effective 01/24/07
15. Alice Stalnaker – Anza Trail – Effective 01/24/07
16. Cecelia (Bonnie) Tregear Anastasi – Sopori – Effective 01/24/07
17. Helen S. Tull – SPS – Effective 01/24/07
18. Shirley Wilt – SPS – Effective 01/24/07

D. Gifts & Donations

1. Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus - \$151.51 – Project Inspire Program
2. Green Valley Lions Club - \$200.00 – SHS Cheerleaders

E. Staff Overnight/Out Of State Travel

1. Terri Noe, SMS Principal – Las Vegas, NV – National Principals Conference – February 2007

F. Student Overnight/Out of State Travel

1. SHS Band – Festival Performance in San Antonio, TX – April 2007
2. SHS NJROTC – Sea Cruise/Orientation – San Diego, CA – March 2007
3. SMS Band, Orchestra & Choir – Forum Music Festival – Anaheim, CA – May 2007

G. New Position Descriptions

1. Reading Specialist, Title I

X. Board Communication

Mrs. Kellermeyer acknowledged the hard work of the crossing guards. In particular she thanked Mr. Murphy for taking on the most hazard four way crossing. He always has a smile on his face and he is literally taking his life into his own hands every time he helps a pedestrian across the street. The students would be significantly in danger if he were not there. She volunteered her time as a stand in for him if he is not available.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – February 14, 2007 – Sopori Elementary School

XII. Executive Session

1. Mrs. Kellermeyer moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to hear a student’s request for re-admittance into the mainstream at SHS – Discussion and possible action – A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The time was 8:45pm. The Board returned to regular session and adjourned the meeting at 9:12pm.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board