



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Primary School

Sahuarita Middle School

Sopori Elementary School
Sahuarita Intermediate School

Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes 6:30 p.m. – February 09, 2005 – Sopori Elementary School 5000 W. Arivaca Rd., Amado, AZ 85645

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Elaine Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Also present were Board members Michael Lurkins, Diana Kellermeyer, Thomas Murphy, Martin McGee and Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 26 guests.

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 Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2005 Regular Governing Board Meeting

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes from the January 12, 2005 regular Governing Board meeting as distributed. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommends ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 16 in the amount of \$480,735.90 and new payroll Voucher 18 for the pay period ending February 25, 2005 in the amount not to exceed \$550,000.00. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 6028 through 6029 in a total amount of \$370,537.84. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried 5-0.

v. Call to the Public

Tony Bruno of Amado spoke in favor of keeping the Sahuarita District Swimming Program. He stated that since the program has been in effect, no drowning has occurred. He also stated that the swimming program is instructional time.

Ryan Young of Sahuarita spoke in favor of keeping the district's swimming program.

John J. Sullivan of Sahuarita spoke in favor of keeping the swimming program.

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community – Ray Escondon

The Staff at Sopori Elementary asked the Board to recognize Ray Escondon.

Sopori Elementary School has a new maintenance employee by the name of Ray Escondon. Since Roy has been at Sopori, he has done a wonderful job at keeping the grounds and outside the grounds nice and clean and free of trash. He always asks if we need anything done during the day and is always busy. I don't remember seeing the school grounds look so groomed and well taken care of before. He's just the nicest guy.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction

1. 2005-2006 Teaching Calendar – Discussion Only

The Board discussed the three options for the 2005-2006 School Year. The Board directed Dr. St. John to distribute the calendars to the staff for their feedback. The item will be on a future agenda for Board approval.

2. Sahuarita School District Swim Program – Discussion and Possible Action

The Board received information from Ms. Barbara Lewis, Physical Education Teacher at SIS, who would like the District to continue the Swimming Safety Program. Dr. St. John stated that based on conversations held last year with administrators, he believes that the program should be eliminated. The number of students that the district would have to cover and the cost of additional staff are not available. The time is also taken away from the student's instructional time. With more students using the pool, the district would also take on more maintenance and supply costs. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the program. The Board would like to keep the program if possible, but would also like to see the community provide such programs either at Anamax Park or Rancho Sahuarita. The Board would like to see the program continue for the 2005-2006 school year. It should be offered to all 3rd and 4th graders. They would also like to see the program continue for the 3rd graders during the 2006-2007 school year. At that time they would like to have the issue brought back to them. The motion to eliminate the program was denied.

B. Business

1. School Facilities Board Update – Information Only

The district received three pieces of information within the last week that the Governing Board was made aware of and therefore the public.

1. SFB has granted permission for the district to move a portable classroom from the SIS to SPS, as the moving does not affect the K-5 capacity.
2. SFB staff would not recommend to the SFB that keeping 6th grade students at Sopor School as it will affect 6th, 8th, & K-5 capacity.
3. SFB will not be recommending that the district receive a K-5 building to open in August of 2006. That was a building that was originally suppose to be placed on the new middle school site. They also will not be recommending that the district received a high school to open in August of 2007.

They indicated that the district's growth numbers do not call for those particular buildings to be built on the current three-year timetable. The district is vigorously preparing a presentation to SFB to try to get that recommendation changed.

Dr. St. John has a scheduled appointment with Bill Woodward, Daryl Rawson and SFB next week. They will be pleading the district's case to them at this time. The Long Range Planning Committee has offered to visit the SFB to try to change their minds. The SFB would not like this, but something needs to be done.

The high school addition is under way and will be on target.

2. Parks & Recreation Update – Information Only

Dr. St. John spoke with Joe Barr from Pima County Parks and Recreation about the possible acquisition of Kay Stupy Park and Sahuarita Park. Mr. Barr will be providing Dr. St. John with some information about who to write to and how to start that process.

The district has always been interested in Kay Stupy Park, they are willing to lease it to the district, but the district is not interested in leasing, they want to buy it. Sahuarita Park is 45 acres and it has state land right next to it. Dr. St. John will follow up on getting a letter to Mr. Huckleberry to plead the case.

3. Additional Resources for the District – Discussion Only

Dr. St. John presented a couple of pieces of information that were not discussed at the last meeting to give the Board a clearer understanding of what the dilemma is in terms of additional resources for the district.

The district is ten dollars a square foot short on the amount of money for the new building. The Board was asked to think about what they would

like to do in the future regarding a bond election and a capital override election.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. St. John attended the City Council meeting were Martin Rousch from the Town of Sahuarita made a presentation on the traffic study. Some modifications to Sahuarita road will be made.

The next administrator/Board retreat will focus on staffing for next year.

Jack Lehmkuhl's mother passed away and he will be gone for a week or more.

Charles Oldham On the 17th the forest service will meet with 4th grade parents about the May trip to Grand Canyon.

The 23rd is the cowboy cookout between 10:50 and 11:30.

Barbara Smith – January 26th was pizza night at Pizza Hut. She is grateful to all who donated. The school earned \$640.00. The owner has agreed to have a few more pizza nights. On January 16th the Phoenix Zoo visited the school. This visited enhances the science program. On February 21st the Lions Club will present American Flags to 1st grade students.

Wayne Ross – SIS will be having a Valentine concert in February. The PIC meeting is tomorrow at 6:00pm.

SIS will participate in a nationwide testing program. Districts are selected randomly. Ninety (90) 4th graders will participate in math, reading and science tests.

Terri Noe – Academics are moving right along and they are very busy. Pima Community College assessments will be given on campus.

There will be an assembly on the 18th to honor those students on honor roll.

There will be a blood drive on March 4th. In April, the Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life at the SHS campus.

IX. Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as it was revised. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

A. Employment

1. Vicki Lundberg – Preschool Aide – SPS – Replacement – Ratification to 01/25/05
2. Eduardo Escobedo – Assistant Tennis Coach – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 02/07/05
3. Mike Moreno Sr. – Junior Varsity Baseball Coach – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 02/07/05

4. Florencio Ortega – Assistant Junior Varsity Baseball Coach – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 02/07/05
5. Steve Fanning – Assistant Softball Coach – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 02/07/05
6. Sarah Galecki – Physical Education Teacher – SMS – Replacement – Ratification to 02/02/05

B. Extra Credit Hours Supplement – Michelle Roosma

C. Sole Source Provider – Fruhauf Uniform Inc.

D. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. June St. John, SMS Teacher – Retirement Effective August 5, 2005
2. Karen Knight, Sopori Elementary Special Education Teacher – Resignation Effective 05/23/05

E. Volunteers

1. Alexis Milliken – SIS – Effective 02/09/05
2. Frank F. Barraza – SIS – Effective 02/09/05
3. Phyllis H. Buchanan – SPS – Effective 02/09/05
4. Benecia Verdugo – SIS – Effective 02/09/05
5. Patricia Isherwood – SPS – Effective 02/09/05
6. Carmen Towns – SPS – Effective 02/09/05
7. Marcos Blanco – SHS – Effective 02/09/05
8. Cindy Radford – Sopori – Effective 02/09/05
9. Peter De La Cruz – SHS – Effective 02/09/05
10. Christina Elena Malovich – SHS – Effective 02/09/05
11. Mabel Johnson – SMS – Effective 02/09/05
12. Rollin Roos – District Office – Effective 02/09/05
13. Chip Bacon – District Office – Effective 02/09/05
14. Jun Want – District Office – Effective 02/09/05
15. Hang Seok Choi – District Office – Effective 02/09/05
16. Joan Thompson – Sopori – Effective 02/09/05
17. Nancy L Berg – Sopori – Effective 02/09/05

F. Gifts & Donations

1. McMurray Publishing, Inc. – Office Equipment – Sahuarita Unified School District
2. Parent Involvement Committee – PIC - \$200.00 – SIS Science Program

G. Staff Out of State Travel

1. Larry McKee and Jack Lehmkuhl – National Association of Secondary Schools Principal's Annual Conference – San Francisco, CA – February 14 – 28, 2005

H. Approval of District Authorized Representative to the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust – Ashton Tiffany, LLC

X. Board Communication

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – February 23, 2005 District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session

Mr. Lurkins moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to hear the possible request of several students in the Alternative Suspension Program to return to the mainstream classroom setting and to hear the possible appeal of the decision of the hearing officer in a long-term suspension hearing and pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to decide whether to hold a hearing or to designate one or more hearing officers to hold a hearing to hear evidence, prepare a record, and bring a recommendation to the Board for action and whether the hearing shall be held in executive session – Discussion and possible action. The time was 8:25. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Board returned to regular session and adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board