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MINUTES

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2010– 6:30 P.M. SOPORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – LIBRARY
5000 W. ARIVACA ROAD, AMADO, AZ 85645

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mike Lurkins called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M. Also in attendance were Board Clerk, Tom Murphy, Members Elaine Hall, Diana Kellermeyer, and Kris Ham, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 38 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

The superintendent recommended approval of the agenda as it was revised. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2009

The superintendent recommended approval of the November 4, 2009 minutes as posted. Mrs. Ham made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Vouchers 15 in the amount totaling \$931,408.63, new payroll #19 for the period ending March 19, 2010, in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, new payroll #20 for the period ending April 2, 2010, in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 1048 through 1053 in the amount of \$831,053.94. The motion was made by Mrs. Ham and seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. Sopori Students – Music Performance

Sopori's music class gave a small performance to the Governing Board.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of the 2010-2011 Teaching Calendar

Included in the Board packet was a copy of the proposed 2010-2011 teaching calendar. The calendar was posted on the District webpage and there were no comments or recommendations presented. The District did not receive comments back from teachers.

Dr. St. John recommended the instructional calendar as presented. The motion to approve the 2010-2011 Teaching Calendar was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

A. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of the SFB Energy Grants for Lighting Upgrades & HVAC Control at SHS, SIS, & SMS.

Included in the Board packet was information regarding the SFB Energy Grants for Lighting HVAC Controls at SHS, SIS, & SMS. Dr. St. John reminded the Board that at the last Board meeting Ed Magnum shared information regarding the Energy upgrades as information only. Dr. St. John stated at the last Board meeting that the District had been funded by SFB for three energy grants. He stated that all three schools will be funded for a brand new energy management system that will give the District control that facilities will be able to monitor temperatures in every classroom and make adjustments in controls accordingly. In addition, the high school and middle school gymnasiums will receive all new lighting. The District plans to add new sky lights in the high school gymnasium to help eliminate the usage of electricity in the gymnasium. The grants will also include the lighting for the auditorium and the art room in the middle school. The grant will cover \$400,000 in the high school, intermediate school, and the middle school. Dr. St. John stated that the total project cost is approximately \$400,000 for the total project. SFB will fund nearly \$118,000 and the District would need to come up with the remainder 70%. The superintendent recommended approval of the SFB Energy Grants for Lighting Upgrades and HVAC Control at SHS, SIS, and SMS. The motion to approve the SFB Energy Grants for Lighting Upgrades & HVAC Control at SHS, SIS, & SMS was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

2. Approval for RFP for Energy Management

Included in the Boards odds and ends was a copy of an RFP for Energy Management Services. Dr. St. John stated that the District needs energy management help and that the District will publicize this RFP and asks companies to respond. The RFP process takes about 4 to 5 weeks to complete and a recommendation will be forthcoming. Dr. St. John requested Board approval to go out for an RFP for Energy Management Services. The motion to approve Dr. St. John's request was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Solar RFP

Dr. St. John recommended that the Board award a solar energy solution opportunity to Kennedy Partners. He stated that Spencer Smith of De Concini-McDonald has reviewed the RFP. Spencer stated that there is no risk to the school district and he will monitor details to see that the district incurs no risk. Kennedy Partners will find the funding. Dr. St. John does not think the District will ever be energy neutral but if we can keep energy the same as it is now than the District would be successful. A motion to award Kennedy Partners the Solar RFP #2010-4 was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

John Kennedy of Kennedy Partners was present and stated the he was excited to do this project and work with the school district. He stated that Kennedy Partners would work together with TRICO and Tucson Electric Company. The companies will bring forth the cost and Kennedy Partners will find federal funding for 30% for the District

Mr. Murphy stated that he was aware that Kennedy Partners is currently working with Continental School District and asked John how long they have worked with Continental. John stated that Kennedy Partners has been working closely with Continental School District for approximately a year. In addition, Kennedy Partners has been working with TRICO to get established.

B. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of New Transportation Director – Name to be Announced.

Mrs. Gates stated that after review of numerous applications and the interview process of possible Transportation Director candidates, she would like to recommend Harold Ramsey as the District's new Transportation Director.

Mr. Ramsey worked for Sun Tran, Transit Management for Tucson for 33 years. The last 19 years, Mr. Ramsey has held the position of Director of Operations.

Harold Ramsey believes in providing a safe, dependable service to our students. Mrs. Gates quoted an excerpt from his application, "As the Director of Transportation, my most important functional area would be student safety. Children's safety has to be paramount when tasked with the responsibility of student travel. I believe you can never worry about being too cautious in creating a safe environment. Safety of our children is not a function but must be a way of life in the transportation arena."

Dr. St. John recommended Harold Ramsey as the District's new Transportation Director. A motion to approve Harold Ramsey as the District's new Transportation Director by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

The Governing Board welcomed Mr. Ramsey.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. St. John reported total District enrollment at 5,060 with Anza Trail at 1,314; SHS at 1,433; SIS at 610; SMS at 687; SPS at 806 with 106 at ECC; Sopori at 208.

Past events for Dr. St. John included the Ground Breaking of the high school, a McGee Ranch Override Meeting, Counselor Symposium, and a U of A South Resume Presentation.

Upcoming events for Dr. St. John include a meeting with Dress Code Committee, pool meeting, a meeting with TOS, Sharpe, and the SUSD Governing Board. He has several ongoing construction meetings, Foundation meetings, Parent Advisory meetings scheduled. In addition, Superintendent's meeting to include Rich Crandall, Continental Foundation Dinner, and CFWE Open House.

Dr. St. John announced that love of reading week is coming up soon and encouraged people to read to the students at the schools. The Green Valley Elks will be recognizing Joe Rieman as Teacher of the Year. Dr. St. John stated that the District has submitted a grant for \$60,000 to help with the remodeling of a preschool and filed a grant titled Community Development Grant to help with the construction for expansion of the Swetland Center totaling \$300,000.

Dr. St. John provided the Board with an update from the School Facilities Board. He stated that the funding for the second high school is a little shaky. The plan for phase one is to move forward on the new high school with bond money.

Mrs. Gates reported that the Foodservice Department was audited and had a few findings. However, the auditors stated that our District was the best audit thus far. Mrs. Gates complimented Joann Harris for a job well done.

Mrs. Gates presented the Changes to the Classroom Site Fund (Prop 301) Budget Impact for FY 2011 to the Board. She stated that she will be visiting all the sites to make the same presentation to inform staff regarding these changes. Mrs. Gates shared the by March

30th the Joint Legislative Budget Committee shall determine per pupil amount for the budget year. The changes include new language "Adjusted for any prior year carry forward or shortfall". The shortfall for FY 2009 is as follows:

- Original Estimate \$499.3 million
- Actual \$332.7 million
- FY2009 Shortfall \$166.6 million*
- Estimate of \$128 per weighted count
- FY 2010 Shortfall??? (Original Est. \$244 per student)

Mrs. Gates stated that \$24 million from endowment earnings collected in FY2009, but distributed in FY2010. Mrs. Gates provided an example of the impact as an example only in order to give the Board an idea of how this change for FY 2011:

- FY2011 - \$230 per weighted count
- FY2010 - <\$20> Shortfall
- FY2009 - <\$128> Shortfall
- FY2011 Amount = \$82 per weighted student

SAHUARITA EXAMPLE

• FY 2009-10	Currently	Example
• 011 Base	\$ 750	\$ 300
• 012 Performance Pay	\$1,540	\$ 700
• 013 Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 740

- FY2010 Estimate – \$244
- FY2011 Example – \$82
- FY2011 33% of FY2010

Mrs. Raulston reported that she will be joining the students tomorrow for a field trip to the renaissance festival. Spring pictures take place on the 12th of February. The 5th and 6th grade dance is next week. Spirit week will take place at the end of the month. The Cowboy Cookout is on the 24th of February. Sopori will be participating in the Jump for Heart contest. Sopori students are gearing up for the positive paw store as the students have been saving as part of the positive paw program.

Mrs. Steward welcomed Harold Ramsey to the District. She reported that the lighted schoolhouse and spring pictures is tomorrow. SPS is celebrating Valentine's Day with a 1st grade music performance. All is well at SPS!

Mrs. Roman reported that things are calm and quiet at SIS. Kids are headed to the Desert Museum for a field trip.

Mrs. Shiba reported that the jump for heart was today at Anza. Love of Reading Week is this week and welcomed everyone to read to the classrooms. Galileo Testing is from February 8 – 9, 6th Grade field trip is tomorrow with the Sopori students. Middle School class picture day is February 12th, Jazz Festival will be on February 12th, elementary class picture day is February 16th, and spirit days will be from February 22 – 24th.

Mrs. Carlton thanked Mrs. Raulston for hosting the Board meeting and welcomed Harold Ramsey to the team. She reported that Galileo testing starts this week. Orchestra day is this Friday. SMS will have a cupid's Valentine's Day dance sponsored by PBIS and student council. Love of Reading will take place next week for SMS.

Dr. Neish reported that winter sports are rounding up and spring sports are underway. He stated that the wrestling tournament was very well organized and the students took 2nd and qualified for the state tournament. Band is having a spaghetti supper on Saturday.

IX. Consent Agenda – Discussion and Possible

The superintendent recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda as posted. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Nora Bridgewater, Inclusion Health Assistant, SIS – Effective 02/04/10
2. Erika Lara, Inclusion Health Assistant, SIS – Effective 01/27/10
3. Donald Nixon, High School Night Custodian, SHS – Effective 02/28/10
4. Jennifer Nolan, Substitute, Anza Trail – Effective 02/01/10
5. Michael Prisco, Custodian, SMS – Effective 01/29/10
6. Porfirio Rivera, Custodian, Facilities – Effective
7. John Stofko, Inclusion Health Assistant, SIS – Effective 01/27/10
8. Michael Moreno, Wrestling Assistant Coach, Status Change – Effective 08/04/09
9. Roman Quihuis, Sports Aide, SHS, Status Change – Effective 08/04/09

B. Addendums

1. Christine Garcia, CPR Training for SMS Coaches, SMS – Effective 01/21/10

C. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Angilo Poli, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 01/29/10
2. Margaret Richardson, Instructional Aide, SHS – JTED, Resignation – Effective 02/15/10
3. Manuel Roman, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 01/28/10
4. Jennifer Sturzenegger, Health Inclusion Assistant, SIS, Resignation – Effective 02/03/10
5. David Swigert, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 05/21/09
6. Martin Meltz, Substitute Teacher, SMS & SHS, Termination – Effective 01/28/10

D. Leave of Absence

1. Marisol Metzler, Kindergarten Teacher, Anza Trail – Leave of Absence Extension from April 9 – July 30, 2010.

E. Volunteers

1. Laura Acosta, SHS
2. Norberto Acosta, SHS
3. Joel Felix, Anza Trail
4. Gene Haak, Admin.
5. Mary Hart, SMS
6. Dale Hukari, Admin.
7. Lynn Ilq, Admin.
8. Adam Lamoreaux, Anza Trail
9. Erica R. Prodollet De Fritzer, SIS
10. Saturniro Santa Cruz, Anza Trail
11. Darius Vasquez, Admin.

F. Gifts and Donations

1. Various, \$280.00 – Anza Trail
2. Optimist Club of Green Valley, \$250.00 – SMS Robotics
3. Raytheon - Ronald J. Desellier, \$105.00 – SIS
4. SMS PTO, \$100.00 – SMS Success After School Program
5. Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, \$500.00 – SMS Robotics
6. Raytheon – Tony Aguilar, \$70.00 – District
7. Raytheon - Chandra Purnell- Bond, \$120.00 – District
8. Raytheon – Lori M. Garmus, \$40.39 – District
9. Raytheon – Laurie J. Newton, \$28.00 – SMS Girl Sports
10. Optimist Club of Green Valley, \$250.00 – Career Tech Trip
11. Ronald J. Desellier, \$150.00 – SMS

G. Use of School Facilities

1. My Church has requested to use the SPS Gym for Church Member's children, while parents attend a church banquet. This event would be on 3-5-2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
2. Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior DBA Gracepoint Lutheran Church has requested to use the SHS Cafeteria for Vacation Bible School. This event would be on Monday, June 7, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8 & 9 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
3. Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior DBA Gracepoint Lutheran Church has requested the use of the Sahuarita High School Cafeteria for Sunday Services, starting January 12, 2010 through December 26, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
4. Green Valley Fire District has requested the use of Pod B at the Main Auditorium for a Public Hearing on North Sahuarita Block Annexation into the Green Valley Fire District. This event would be on Tuesday April 13, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
5. Compass Health Care, Inc. has requested the use of Sopori Cafeteria for Parenting Classes for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, Wednesday, March 24, 2010, Wednesday, April 28, 2010 and Wednesday May 26, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

H. Out of State Travel/Student Travel

1. Music Department - Lou Rodriguez, Marsha Wilber & Melissa Ackerley and 80 Students to perform a program in a festival in Fullerton, CA from April 29 – May 2, 2010.
2. Stephanie Silman & Kerri Carlton to attend the ASA Conference in Flagstaff, AZ from June 6-9, 2010.
3. SHS - CTE Culinary FCCLA (19 students & 3 adults) to attend a FCCLA Spring Leadership Conference and Competition in Glendale, AZ from April 13-April 14, 2010.

I. Student Fund – Raising Activities

1. Sahuarita Robotics Team is requesting approval for a McDonald's Fundraiser on Monday February 8, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the McDonald's in Sahuarita, AZ.

J. Approval of Student Activity and Auxiliary Accounts Revenue and Expenditure Reports – Month Ended 1/31/10

X. Board Communication

Mr. Murphy thanked Mrs. Raulston for hosting the Board meeting and welcomed Mr. Ramsey to the District. Mr. Murphy thanked the Country Fair White Elephant for their collaboration with the District.

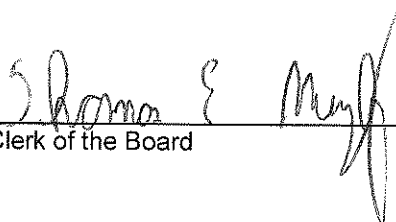
Mr. Lurkins stated that today was a fun day as he read Walter the Farting Dog to the students of Anza Trail. He stated that we have the best students and teachers!

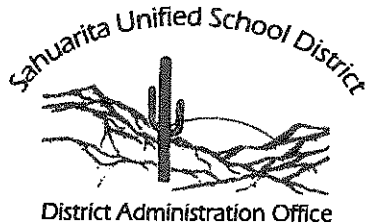
XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – February 24, 2010 – 6:30 P.M. – SUSD District Auditorium

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

Respectfully,


Clerk of the Board



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REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2010 – 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mike Lurkins called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Also in attendance was Board Clerk, Tom Murphy, Member Kris Ham, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. Elaine Hall and Diana Kellermeyer were absent. There were 71 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

The superintendent recommended approval of the agenda as it was revised. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2009

The superintendent recommended approval of the November 18, 2009 minutes as posted. Mrs. Ham made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommends ratification of previously approved payroll Vouchers 16 in the amount totaling \$957,214.09. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 1054 through 1055 in the amount of \$410,251.06. The motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public

Conor Eavey – 1825 N. Old Ranch Road, Tucson, AZ – 2nd Grade Anza Teacher and a member of the Anza Trail PTO. Presented Board members with Anza Trail PTO polo shirts as a gift from the Anza Trail PTO and asked Board members to email him if another size is needed. He thanked the Board for their continued support to the students, staff, and community of Sahuarita.

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. Community Recognition: Anne Marie Braswell and the Rural Metro Firefighters from Station #79

Mrs. Kathy Shiba recognized Anne Marie Braswell of Rural Metro and the Rural Metro Firefighters from Station #79 for reading to the Anza Trail classes during Love of Reading week. In addition, Rural Metro Firefighters spoke to students about fire awareness, joined Anza Trail's assemblies, and participated in Anza Trail's water days during the school year.

Anza Trail staff thanked the firefighters by giving them books and poster to hang in appreciation. Dr. St. John , Dr. Valenzuela, and Mike Lurkins were also given books to thank them for reading to Anza Trail students on Dr. Seuss' Birthday.

B. Staff Recognition:

1. Trina Zimmermann, 3rd Grade Teacher at Anza Trail

Mrs. Kathy Shiba recognized Trina Zimmermann for organizing Love of Reading week at Anza Trail. She has made it a true tradition and thanked her for all she does for the school and for love of reading week. In addition, Mr. Murphy stated, on a personal note, that the first year that Mrs. Zimmermann became a teacher; Mr. Murphy was a parent volunteer with his daughter in Mrs. Zimmermann's classroom. He stated that she started with wisdom beyond her years and has only begun to grow. Mr. Murphy stated that it is nice to see this type of recognition because she's reflective of all of the great teachers and will always has a special place in his heart and appreciates all that she does for students.

2. Meribeth Bosse & Cindy Homant of SMS

Mrs. Silman stated that on Thursday, February 18, 2010, the SMS 6th grade was returning via bus from the Renaissance Festival field trip. A student in one of the buses in which Social Studies Teacher Ms. Homant was riding experienced a medical emergency. The student lost consciousness, and Ms. Homant swiftly assessed the situation, had an ambulance called, and had the student drink water, as she appeared to be dehydrated. Ms. Homant traveled with the student in the ambulance to the Casa Grande hospital and waited there with her for six hours while she received treatment until the student's mother was able to arrive. Social Studies Teacher Meribeth Bosse supervised the parent pick-up at the school for over 200 6th graders while Ms. Homant was at the hospital and then drove to Casa Grande to pick up Ms. Homant at 9pm and drove her back to school.

These teachers went above and beyond the call of duty in their demonstration of caring and attention to student safety. They ensured the safety of over 200 students while attending to the medical needs of a student in an emergency. They are the epitome of the Sahuarita Unified School District core values that make this district great. Mrs. Stephanie Silman recognized Sahuarita Middle School teachers with a certificate for going above and beyond the call of duty in their demonstration of caring and attention to student safety.

C. Student Recognition: ++

1. **February "Leaders in Character" Honorees** – Yaritza Sotelo, 2nd Grade, Sopori; Peighton Carpenter, 2nd Grade, Anza Trail; Jose Guevara, 2nd Grade, SPS; Brittany Apodaca, 5th Grade SIS; Madyson St. John, 6th Grade, SMS; Jonathan Kalm, 12th Grade, SHS.

The Governing Board recognized the above students for their excellent display of leadership and service among their peers at each of their perspective schools. Each student received a framed certificate and a gift certificate to Borders thanks to the sponsors of Freeport McMoRan. Dr. Valenzuela thanked Freeport McMoRan for sponsoring the program.

VII. New Business

A. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval for Minor Changes of the Public Improvement Easement for the Pedestrian Underpass

Included in the Board packet is information from George Cardieri of Tierra Right of Way Services. Dr. St. John stated that there have been two minor changes to the previously approved Easements. Two additional legal descriptions have been included as part of the Public Improvement Easement; both of these are for areas that the Town of Sahuarita needs to place poles for traffic signals. These poles were overlooked and were not included in the plans that were delivered to the District in October 2009. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the Final Public Improvement Easement and the School Board Resolution. The motion to approve the final public improvement easements and the school Board resolution was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

2. Naming the New High School

Included in the Board packet are suggested names for naming the new high school from members of the community. Dr. St. John stated that the District set up a voicemail box and an email for members of the community to offer their suggestions for naming the new high school. Dr. St. John stated that the colors and the mascot will be voted by the students. The names are suggestions only and no recommendation was made. Dr. St. John requested that the Board review these suggestions and he will come back to the Board and request that a name is selected at the next Board meeting.

3. SFB Appraisal of Anza Trail

Dr. St. John stated that in February of 2004 the School Facilities Board (SFB) completed two appraisals one was \$3,048,000 and the other appraisal was \$3,900,000 and the SFB chose the lowest appraisal. SFB gave the District \$600,000 which is the donation factor of 20% from the \$3,048,000 appraisal. Dr. St. John stated that the administration was not happy with the fact that the SFB took the lowest appraisal. Dr. St. John spoke to the District's attorney and the attorney stated that the statute says that it's the responsibility of the donee at the transfer of the title to establish the fair market value of the piece of property that is being donated. In December of 2005, the District completed an independent appraisal which was valued at \$4,375,000 so the District requested 20% which equates to \$875,000. The District felt that SFB owed the District the difference between \$600,000 and \$875,000 which is the 20% donation factor. The District requested that the SFB give the District the \$875,000 and turned us down. The District sued the SFB and the case was assigned to an administrative law judge who ruled in favor of the SFB. At the direction of the Board, the District took the case to Superior Court. The Superior Court judge ruled and remanded the case back to the SFB and ordered a retroactive appraisal because SFB actually accepted their appraisal at their September 2005 meeting which was 18 months after the appraisal was done. The SFB recently went back and ordered a retroactive and came in at \$2,750,000 which was lower than the original. The SFB decided to offer the District an additional \$44,075 above the \$600,000 that they already donated. The District countered with an additional offer to solve the situation at \$147,000. SFB rejected the District's counter offer and the SFB will make some decision at the March 3rd SFB meeting. Dr. St. John has given the School Board a couple of weeks to study the situation and requested direction from the Governing Board on how to proceed with this situation. He stated that there are several options. One, The District can accept the \$44,000. Two, the District could go back to Superior Court and tell the judge that the appraisal makes no sense because it's actually less than the one before. Dr. St. John recalled the only reason the District went out for an appraisal was because the District felt that the \$3,900,000 was inappropriate and received an appraisal of \$4,375,000 from the appraisal the District received. Dr. St. John stated he needs direction from the Board. He stated that this is an action item and would like the Board to let him know what direction for him to go. Dr. St. John stated that the Board already knows where his stance is

always going to be and feels that the District needs to force them to own up to their responsibilities and again stated that it is entirely up to the Board.

Mrs. Ham asked what Dr. St. John's best guess to what the SFB will do at the March 3rd meeting? Dr. St. John stated that he thinks they will let it die. He thinks that the SFB will say we already offered \$44,075, the District turned it down, and we are not going to do anything else and then just let it go. It seems to Dr. St. John like SFB deliberately put the ball in the District's court and the District deliberately has put the ball back in their court. Dr. St. John stated that he thinks that a court is the only way that we are going to settle this. He stated that this decision is entirely up to the Board and feels that it is a state agency that the legislature put in effect and feels that you need to make those organizations face up to their responsibilities.

Mr. Murphy stated that this is almost insulting that the court turned it back to the lower court and they came in with a lower estimate appraisal than the original low appraisal which has been found to be unacceptable.

Mrs. Ham asked what court does it go to next? Dr. St. John stated that the District would have to go back to the Superior Court judge that this does not make sense and he would have to agree with the District that it does not make any sense.

Mr. Murphy asked if Dr. St. John knows the estimated cost to move forward is? Dr. St. John stated that he did not.

Mr. Lurkins stated that in his opinion the counter offer was also a slap in the face. He feels that the District should go get them.

Mr. Murphy stated that the system was designed to help the administration to go out and contact stakeholders to try to get donations for land. No one has done more work on trying to obtain land for future school sites than our administration. He stated that it seems like they are one of the entities that does not have to play by the rules. The high school was approved for funding in 2006 and it is now 2010 and we still can't get clarity on the funding of the next high school and it does not seem fair on the face of it. He agrees with Mike that it is a slap in the face insulting. His personal opinion is to pursue it.

Mrs. Ham stated she agreed but is concerned about the cost and if the District will end up in a negative situation by the time we are done.

Mr. Murphy asked Dr. St. John if he could go back and find out what it would cost before we go back to the court. At least peruse it to a point and find out how much it would cost to take this back to Superior Court.

Dr. St. John stated that he would find out how much money was spent thus far. He suspect that one of the first things the attorney will direct the District to do is to ask for SFB to give us a copy of the \$2,750,000 appraisal and have another appraisal of the appraisal to see if it makes any sense because the SFB staff had indicated to Dr. St. John that they had gotten a comparable sale that proved their \$2,750,000 and does not know that it is true or not. He suspects that the District may need to have another appraisal done and thinks it is relatively inexpensive. However, he does not know how much the legal cost would be to go back to court.

Mrs. Ham asked what the lawyers thought. Dr. St. John stated that good attorneys' never state what to do they just know how to do it.

Dr. St. John stated that he and Elaine Hall went to a SFB meeting in Vail in 2003 and asked the SFB to accept the land donation from Rancho Sahuarita, the same piece of land, and they turned us down the first time. It has not been 5 years it's been 7 years since the District has been dealing with this mess. Dr. St. John apologized for not having any cost estimates.

Mr. Murphy asked if it would be okay to pursue it and find out what the next steps would be and approximate cost to pursue it to the next step.

Dr. St. John stated that he could gather the cost but it can affect your decision tonight and the next Governing Board meeting is actually after the SFB meeting. Depending what SFB does it doesn't end it necessarily for us.

Mr. Murphy stated that his personal opinion is to go to SFB and say this is unacceptable to us and we would like to pursue it further and do it with no cost.

Mr. Lurkins stated that it's like pouring water on a ducks back and obviously it's not going anywhere.

Mrs. Ham stated that the District could go back and state that we will not accept this and then take it from there.

Mr. Murphy stated that it seems like they are trying to run out the clock on us and it just does not seem fair on the face of it.

Mr. Murphy made a motion that Dr. St. John and the administrative staff go back to the SFB and reject the offer and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Mr. Lurkins asked Dr. St. John if this allows him enough direction. Dr. St. John stated that it did.

Dr. St. John will come back at the next meeting with facts and figures on how much this may end up costing us and the Board may reverse the decision if they wanted to.

4. Proposed School Site ++

Dr. St. John stated that he was presenting a proposal for the Board to consider tonight from Rancho Sahuarita. Rancho Sahuarita is offering to do is to donate 17.60 acres located in the grey shaded area (See Exhibit A). The donation is for an elementary school site and a pool complex. Dr. St. John feels that this is in the best interest of the District to do this. He provided the Board with a cost summary for the proposed site. Dr. St. John stated that in order to develop that site and get roads in and out, get sewer and water connections to the school site and to the pool complex totals \$3.7 million. Dr. St. John stated that the exchange agreement has not been done yet. He feels that the District should contribute half of that money, basically \$1.8 million to improve that school site. That includes a road that connects from Rancho Sahuarita Blvd past the school site and up to the pool site. That road is a part of the \$1.8 million and the District will have to extend the sewer line from the corner of the Town Complex down to the school site down south and bring in potable water. The 17.6 acres will basically end up being a donation to the District and the cost to improve that property so that we can actually operate a school there and operate a pool there would be approximately \$1.8 million which will be the District's contribution to that site.

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the proposed site and that the Board direct the District to write a letter on behalf of the Board President to the Town Mayor indicating that the Board tentatively approved this particular site and approved the \$1.8 million and that the District

encourages the Town to be a partner in this. Dr. St. John stated that the preliminary discussions with Town staff is that the extension of Rancho Sahuarita Blvd. from the Shell station to the end of the school site would be the Town's contribution. Dr. St. John stated that it is in the best interest of the school to do this and feels that the District will be able to get the pool built and up and running depending on your definition of summer. This is a big task, we are talking about a large pool complex and is still not sure when we are going to get the school started.

Dr. St. John stated that, depending on the outcome of the Bond sale, the voters of the community approved \$3 million dollars that the community voted to build a pool with. The District has also been given by the community \$5 million of bonding capacity to begin the process of your next elementary school. If the SFB doesn't get too angry with us and fund the high school, then the District will have more bonds to begin and complete the construction of the new elementary school.

Mrs. Ham made a motion to approval for the proposed school site and direct the District to write a letter on behalf of the Board President to the Town Mayor indicating that the Board has approved this site and encourages the Town to be a partner on this site and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Included in the Board packet are the administrators written reports.

Dr. St. John – Reported total District enrollment at 5046. Anza Trail, 1322; SHS, 1416; SIS, 604; SMS, 686; SPS, 807 (ECC 107); and Sopori, 212. Dr. St. John stated that Mrs. Gates has reported that the 40th day count number has been confirmed and we are up a little bit less than 5% District wide in terms of growth.

Dr. St. John reported that Rodeo Break takes place tomorrow and Friday and there will be no school. He also reported that the majority of the District office staff will be off tomorrow as the contractors have indicated that they will be shutting off the power to our buildings sometime Thursday or Friday.

Upcoming events include Dr. Seuss's birthday is next week and he will be reading to Ms. Brelsford's class and thanked her for the Dr. Seuss book. Construction meetings go on all the time and we have a regular construction meeting on the high school and regular construction meetings on Athletic improvements. Mr. Downs and Dr. St. John had the opportunity to meet two different groups that are interested in helping the District operate the swimming pool. We feel particularly strongly about one of these groups and he believes that we can minimize the impact of operating that pool on the school District in terms of operational costs and we can get back to some of the things that we've done in the past like swimming lessons and are really thrilled about that.

Dr. St. John will be attending a SFB meeting, Foundation meetings, Parent Advisory Council, FICO meeting, BER meeting, Grand Canyon University meeting, CFWE parade and scholarship meetings, and Town Council meeting on Monday, March 8th to make a presentation. Dr. St. John reminded the Board and community that there is a very critical election coming up the second Tuesday of March.

Dr. St. John provided the Board with a diagram of the new high school site. He stated that the District is building half of building one which includes 20 classrooms called phase 1. Then had a plan of 109,000 sq. feet and were moving along until we had the discussions with the school facilities board. SFB indicated that if we expand the size we could get more

money. The District has added some space to the gym building. The District is in conversations with our architect and our construction company on how this is going to work in terms of if we do not get good news from SFB in terms of funding from the high school and we have a fallback position that the District can do with their own bond money.

Dr. St. John stated that the Board approved the solar energy proposal from Kennedy Partners. Dr. St. John stated that the District is looking at installing solar panels in at the primary school playground. The tracking solar panels will be placed on top of the shade structure and will attract the sun in two directions, up and down/ east to west. Anytime you have a solar panel the focus on the solar panel has to be directed south and thinks that this location is the best place to install the panels. The other area for installing solar panels is in the bus barn. The plan is to put a shade structure over the busses and feels that would be appropriate. Another consideration is the high school student parking lot and putting the majority of the parking lot under solar panel shade structures. The other possibility is on the parking lot of the District office. Dr. St. John stated that they will meet with engineers and architects to see what makes the most sense. He stated that Anza Trail does not orient itself very well North and South and what we are considering is to put shade structures over the basketball, tennis courts, parking along the park, and parking throughout the back and front of the school. Dr. St. John demonstrated where the solar panels will be installed at Sopori. He stated that the shade structure could possibly be placed over the pool and only needs a little over 18,000 sq. feet of solar panels and that building would be energy neutral. Kennedy Partners feels that the new high school is a slam dunk and we go ahead and put shade structures over the parking and it would be another situation where it is energy neutral. The high school location is ideal. This District project is estimated at \$30 million project and is capital neutral for the school District. If this works correctly, the administration will be able to say to the current Board is paying \$750,000 for electricity and it would be the most you ever pay for the next 20 years. That is something to be proud of. Dr. St. John stated that Kennedy Partners goes out to contact the construction company to build it and they contact the financing company and the reason that they are getting it is because they did those tax incentives. The payment that currently goes to TRICO will then go to Kennedy Partners and they will get money from TRICO to help with the construction and the finance company will pick up the rest. The finance company is interested in that because they get the federal tax incentives tax breaks for the money they invest. Dr. St. John feels that it is creative and stated that the package includes all capital investment, taking care of the system for next number of years. Dr. St. John is recommending this as he has received information from the District's attorney that there is no risk to the District. Spence Smith has indicated to us that there is no risk to the District.

Dr. St. John provided the Board with an update on the high school bleachers. The bleachers are approximately 95% done and now have on the east side of the football field places to seat an additional 2400 people for high school graduation. The bleachers are updated in terms of handicap access. There will be a more appropriate sound system that will be installed next week.

Dr. Valenzuela stated that he is always very proud to let you know about some of the wonderful things that continue to happen around our schools and in our community. Thanks to Mr. Carlton, we appear that we are in process to completing another successful administration of the AIMS high school test which is a logistical and organizational challenge. Dr. Valenzuela stated that Scott Boone and the IT Department was featured in a publication from our partners Simply Bits. One of our 5th Grade Anza Trail students was named SUSD#30 Spelling Bee Top Speller and County Spelling Bee Top Ten Speller. Dr. Neish informed us that our high school has been selected to host next year's Southern Arizona honor music festival which is a huge event with dozens of schools that will be coming to our District for an event and a concert. Lastly, Dr. Valenzuela informed the Board that our school

District was selected to make a presentation at a National School Board Association Four State Regional Conference on how we are using assessment data and data driven structures to improve instruction and intervention for students and instructional planning. We continue to have a lot to be proud of.

Mrs. Gates stated that the Business Office is preparing to issue an RFP for insurance benefits for Dental, Life, and Medical. Mrs. Gates stated that she has been attending several meetings on ADM and budget and still do not know anything yet, they are still discussing. The furniture for the new administration office has been ordered. The new addition mural was painted by Cathy O'Conner who did a wonderful job. Larrissa Laine and her students painted the mural in the new conference room and invited the Board to come and see the murals and they did a great job. She thanked the facilities department as they have hassled to get things done for us in their heavy schedule. The facilities department was able to assemble the desk modules that were donated to the District.

Mr. Downs stated that his department is still working on the new online application system.

IX. Consent Agenda – Discussion and Possible Action

The superintendent recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda as they were posted and distributed. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Jennifer Huwiler, Substitute Teacher, District, Re-Hire – Effective 02/04/10
2. Christian Lawton, Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 02/05/10
3. Mildred "Millie" Musson, Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 02/04/10
4. Anna Crystal Norzagaray, Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 02/15/10
5. Scott F. Percy, Substitute Teacher, District, Re-Hire – Effective 02/05/10
6. Pauline Reyes, Classroom Assistant, ECC, New Hire – Effective 02/22/10
7. Bradley Roberson, JROTC SNSI, SHS, New Hire – Effective 01/04/10
8. Denise Webb, Inclusion Health Assistant, ECC, New Hire – Effective 02/19/10
9. Taryn Felix, LINK Program Specialist, LINK, Status Change – Effective 02/08/10
10. Randall Allen Harkson, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 02/12/10
11. Leigh Lundberg, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 02/03/10
12. Brittany Schleis, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 02/12/10

B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Christine E. Conner, Health Inclusion Assistant, ECC, Resignation – Effective 02/19/10
2. Melanie Goodnow, After School Enrichment, SPS, Resignation – Effective 02/11/10
3. Angela Humphries, Health Inclusion Assistant, ECC, Resignation – Effective 02/04/10
4. Dorothy Leal, Health Assistant, SIS, Resignation – Effective 02/24/10
5. Jessica Rodriguez, School Counselor, SIS, Resignation – Effective 05/21/10
6. Esther Salazar, Aide, ECC, Resignation – Effective 02/19/10
7. Sean Sexton, Monitor, Anza Trail, Resignation – Effective 02/04/10

C. Non-Renewal of Teaching Contract ++

1. **David Rudnick, CTE Teacher, SHS – Effective 05/21/10**

D. Volunteers

1. Pablo Cueto, SHS

E. Gifts and Donations

1. Pima County Treasurer, \$11.99 – SMS Escripts Rebate
2. Pima County Treasurer, \$59.00 – Anza Trail G&D Trip
3. Various - \$73.00 – Anza Trail
4. R.M. & M.L Sharp, \$400.00 – Sopori
5. Jesus M. & Mary E. Camacho, \$250.00 SMS Wrestling
6. Kroger, \$500.00 – SMS
7. Julian Dresang, 115 copies of *Those Amazing Engineers* during National Engineers Week – Sopori 3-6 Graders.
8. Jeffrey's, \$200.00 – SMS ++

F. Use of School Facilities

1. Copper Hills Little League has requested the use of the South baseball field at Sahuarita Park from April 1, 2010 to June 15, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., Monday through Friday to hold children's baseball and softball games.
2. USA Youth Sports has requested the use of SMS Gym on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Basketball Games for children 5-12 years old.
3. Green Valley Concert Band has requested the use of the Main Auditorium on Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a rehearsal. ++

G. Out of State Travel/Student Travel

1. Chandra Eves and Anza Trail Student Council are requesting approval to travel to Fountain Hills, AZ from May 5th – 6th, 2010 to attend a AAJHSC State Convention.
2. Skills USA - Mr. Bond, Mr. Condra, Mr. Santa Cruz, Ms. Hermes, and Mr. Marshall are requesting permission to travel to Phoenix, AZ from April 12-13, 2010 for a state championship competition. ++
3. Charlotte Gates is requesting approval to travel to Phoenix, AZ to attend an ASBAIT/AASBO Event on March 9-10, 2010.
4. SMS Student Council – John Haas & Deborah Ramirez (24 students & 6 Adults) are requesting approval to travel to Fountain Hills, AZ from May 6-7, 2010 to attend a Annual AAJHSC Convention. ++
5. SHS Robotics Team (9 students & 3 Adults) are requesting approval to travel to Phoenix, AZ from March 11-14, 2010 to participate in the First FRC Robotics Tournament. ++
6. SHS CTE Robotics Team (8 Students & 3 Adults) are requesting approval to travel to Dallas, TX from April 22-24, 2010 to participate in the Vex World Championship Robotics Tournament ++
7. SHS Varsity Baseball Team is requesting approval to travel to Safford, AZ on March 3-6, 2010 to attend Safford Baseball Tournament. ++

H. Approval of Bank of America 2010 Tax Certificate ++

X. Board Communication

Mr. Murphy thanked the high school for their participation and all the staff who keeps persevering. In addition, he thanked the students for their cooperation at the Board meeting.

Mr. Lurkins thanked the staff and stated that the schools look great.

XI. **Establish Next Board Meeting – March 10, 2010 – 6:30 P.M. – District Auditorium – Only one Board meeting in March.**


XII. **Executive Session – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr. Murphy moved the Board into executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.1 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 discussion, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that such discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with such notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether such discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting Discussion and possible action. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye except for Elaine Hall and Diana Kellermeyer who were absent. The time was 7:52 p.m. The Board returned to regular session and adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

XIII. **Adjournment**

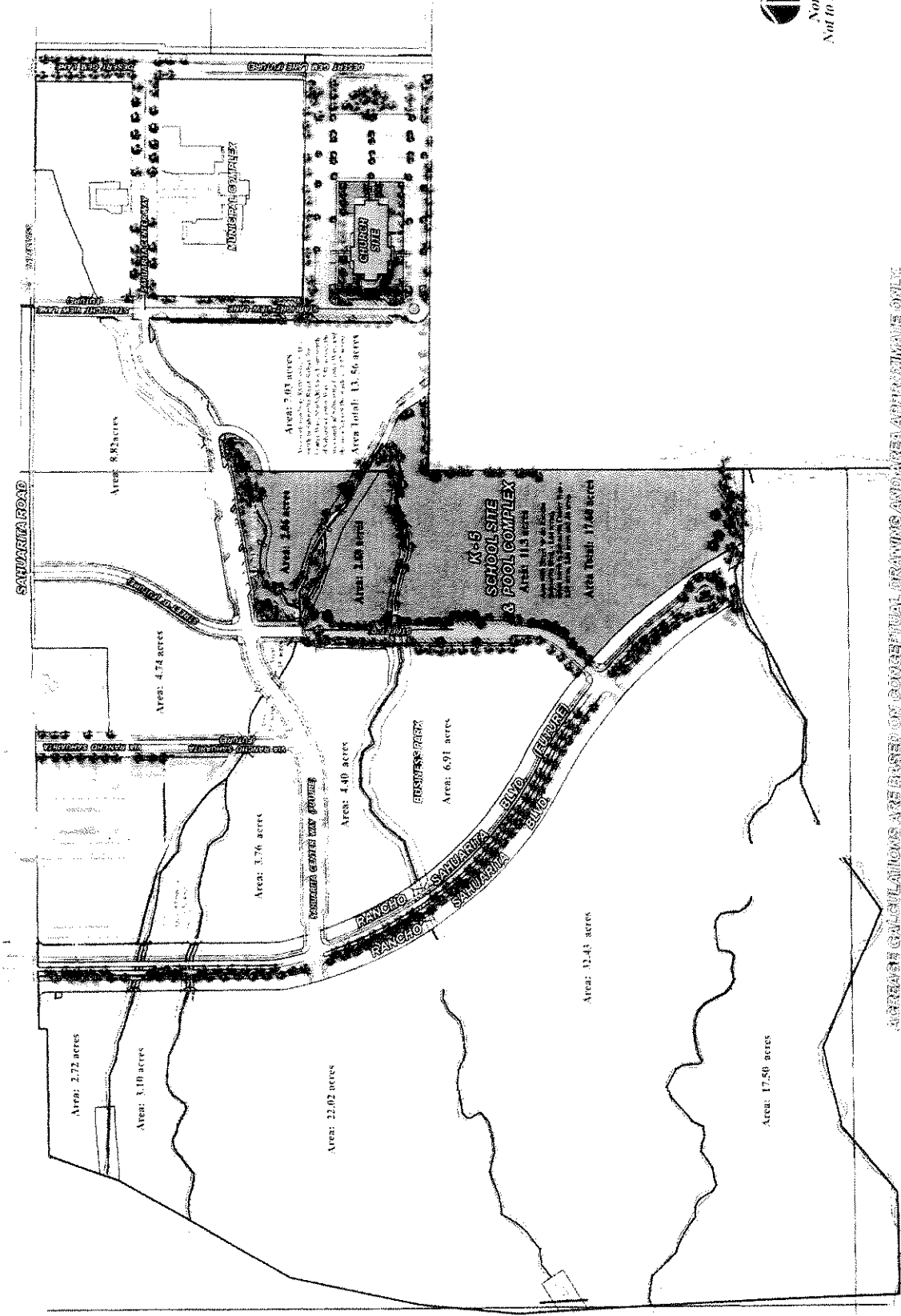
The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried.

Respectfully,



Clerk of the Board

Exhibit "A"



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SAHUARITA TOWN CENTER



February 17, 2010