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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
FEBRUARY 25, 2009– 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B  
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Elaine Hall called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. Also in attendance were Board Clerk, Mike Lurkins, Members Tom Murphy, Diana Kellermeyer, and Kris Ham, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 131 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes – None**

**IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers**

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Vouchers 19 and 20 in the amount totaling \$948,783.61. She further recommended approval of expense vouchers 9055 through 9058 in the amount of \$551,404.44. The motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

**V. Call to the Public - Jeanine Applegate –** A freelance writer in Sahuarita who does a lot of work with the Sahuarita Sun. Ms. Applegate is particularly interested on what's going on with the student body. She asked to be contacted for events such as "Leaders in Character", cheerleading, band, honor roll, ect. Ms. Applegate stated that she can be reached at wordwizard@cox.net. She invited everyone to contact her with information regarding the District's student body and/or to expect a call from her.

**VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community**

**A. February "Leaders in Character" Honorees**

Dr. Valenzuela introduced the following August "Leaders in Character" Honorees" - Brenda Vasquez, Kindergarten, Sopori; Chandler Olof, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Anza Trail; Kayla Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, SPS; Jacob Ontiveros, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SIS; Alvaro Quintero, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, SMS; Samantha Garbini, 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**B. Optimist Club of Green Valley/Sahuarita** to publicly donate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to SHS Athletic Department. ++

The superintendent introduced Bill Woodward Vice President of the Optimist Club of Green Valley/Sahuarita. Mr. Woodward mentioned that there was a serious accident on the high

school varsity baseball field last year. There was a collision between two of the players in the outfield and one of the players got up. The other player did not get up and was in full cardiac arrest. He stated that luckily there were two heroes present, Sam Gelardi and Charlie Glover who administered CPR for a short time while Rural Metro arrived. At that point, the patient was airvaced to the hospital and there was a happy outcome. Mr. Woodward stated that after they read this in the paper, the Optimist Club saw the need for a Defibrillator to be on the bench and be available at all times. After researching models, the Optimist Club contacted Rural Metro who recommended the model that was donated. This model is interchangeable with Rural Metro's equipment. Rural Metro will show up on scene, plug in the machine with theirs, and it will transfer all data seamlessly. Mr. Woodward stated that Rural Metro will provide training and certification if the school and staff decide to. The Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was presented to high school athletic department in hopes that they will never have to use it. Dr. Neish, principal of Sahuarita High School accepted the donation.

Mrs. Hall thanked the Optimist for their support and stated that they are always big supporters of our District. She stated that anyone who has been to our school open houses, the Optimist is usually selling food there for the benefit of our students.

Mr. Woodward stated that their motto is, "Helping the kids' one link at a time"

### **C. Sahuarita High School Band – Cotton Bowl Recognition++**

**SHS Band Members:** Chris Bickerdike, Cassandra Lejoly, Dylan Carpenter, Lauren McCaslin, Brianna Melvin, Emily Osbourn, Kim Valdez, Kara Veracke, Kandice Weaver, Johnathyn Anderson Felice, Melissa Dosemegan, Helena Gonzalez, Lauren Herd, Juan Dominguez, Justin Lanaman, Colton Kruezer, Alli Ordaz, Katie Tingle, Ryan Velasquez, Dakota Chapman, Christin Crouse, Helena Gonzalez, Lauren Herd, Devon Hull, Kris McKlimate, Mary Kate Ribotto, Frankie Fontes, Ashley Bradshaw, Josh Deitrich, Angel Enriquez, Deidre Hayes, Dimitre Haynie, Joe Dominguez, Cassie Herran, Daniel Lopez, Brianna Nay, Merillee Steely, Mckinley Hughes, Stephen Bazzanella, Alex Bosse, Deidre Hayes, Dimitre Haynie, Taylor Carol, Tyler Johnson, Garrett Lilly, Kristen Martin, Taylor Ordaz, Roger Melendrez, Stephanie Studevan, Drew Ortega, James Kushner, Logan Mitchel, Abigail Ngayan, Paloma Phelps, Clarissa Quiring, Antonio Vizzerra, Erin Twargal, Kayla Velasquez, Erica Acosta, Haley Barter, Zhanique Carty, Ashlynn Goff, Brandon Beverly, Shenming Wang, Kayla Velasquez, Kendall Hoback, Vickie Pomeroy, Sandy Reyes, Supranee Soontornprueksa, Jamie Swindle.

The superintendent mentioned that right after Christmas he spoke with Lizette to arrange the band to be present at a Board meeting to be recognized. The high school band has been very busy and therefore could not attend an earlier Board meeting. The Sahuarita High School Band is being recognized tonight because for the first time in the fifteen years Dr. St. John has been with the District the high school held a homecoming parade the day before the White Elephant parade. The high school band played in the high school parade and the homecoming football game on the same night. The next morning the high school band participated in the White Elephant parade and on the same day the band also participated in "Band Day" at Flowing Wells High School. The Sahuarita High School Marching Band was asked to play a military medley at the Battleship Arizona December 7<sup>th</sup> memorial at the U of A. During their busy schedule they prepared for their performance in the Cotton Bowl where they were the #1 High School Band among 13 high school bands that performed at the Cotton Bowl. They not only performed in the Cotton Bowl parade but they played in the pre-game festivities at half-time. The superintendent recognized the Sahuarita High School Band for all the things that they do because not only are they excellent band members and

students but they are also really great kids and scholars. The Sahuarita High School Band was given a plaque to thank them for their outstanding service to the District and the community. Dr. St. John invited all band members and anyone remotely associated with the band to come down and shake the Board members hand to congratulate the band members on a job well done.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action**

1. Weighted Classes at SHS

The superintendent has asked Dr. Neish to present the weighted classes at SHS and expand to include the grading system so that we can understand how some of it works and he will describe changes that will be forthcoming for next year.

Dr. Neish presented information regarding Weighted Grading and Other Academic Program Adjustments. He began with the general concept and stated that weighted grades are used in order to allay student fears about taking classes that are of a more difficult nature, by modifying the grade points assigned to letter grades. In this manner, students are rewarded for taking on the more challenging work.

Dr. Neish explained the calculation for weighted grades as follows:

	<u>Standard grading</u>	<u>Weighted grading</u>
A=	4.0	5.0
B=	3.0	4.0
C=	2.0	3.0
D=	1.0	2.0
F=	0.0	0.0

Currently the high school offers the following weighted classes:

- A.P. Calculus
- A.P. U.S. History
- A.P. Government
- A.P. Biology
- A.P. English Literature
- A.P. Spanish
- Pima CC Intermediate Algebra (dual credit)
- Pre-calculus (weighting to be eliminated as of the 2009-2010 academic year.) – Dr. Neish has spoke with the department chair, Mr. Tingle and has asked him about the history of this and he is not even sure. Mr. Tingle thought that at some point in time some administrator thought it should be done. Mr. Tingle’s opinion is that pre-calculus should not be a weighted course. Dr. Neish stated that this will be the last year that pre-calculus is a weighted course.

Dr. Neish explained the move from honors to A.P. and dual credit and the rationale. He quoted the A.P. website that states that Honors classes often offer the same curriculum as regular classes, but are tailored for high-achieving students — covering additional topics or some topics in greater depth. He explained that A.P. courses cover the breadth of information, skills, and assignments found in corresponding college courses. They meet peer-

review standards set by top educators in conjunction with the College Board and are designed for any student. The College Board is committed to an open-enrollment program and to expanding access to AP for all students. Most U.S. colleges and many international ones have an AP Credit Policy which allows students who have taken AP courses or exams to earn college credit, placement, or both. He explained that we want the A.P. and Dual Credit courses to be open to as many students as possible. Keeping Honors courses, into which the students are subjectively selected, has a segregating and limiting impact in terms as to who will be "eligible" to take A.P. and Dual Credit Courses.

Dr. Neish stated that we must elevate our expectations for all students, not just those who have been deemed to be "bright" or "gifted". He explained that there will be changes to the A.P. protocol beginning this spring; students will be required to pay for the A.P. exam. With the financial situation, in which we are currently, the school can no longer afford to pay for such. He stated that students have already been informed of this by our counselors. Beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year, In order to have an advanced placement course noted as such on their transcript, a student must complete both semesters of the course and take, at their own expense, the A.P. Exam. The course will then be listed as an A.P. course on their transcript. What will happen is that the weighting will stay the same it will not change the weighting scoter, but the A.P. designation will not be there. Dr. Neish explained that this is a problem he encountered at the last district he was at. All scores on the A.P. exam will be accepted for this to occur. Those students, who do not complete the entirety of the course or do not take the A.P. exam, shall have the course listed on their transcript without the A.P. denotation.

Dr. Neish stated that they would like to keep expanding their offerings for additional A.P. courses dependent upon an economic recovery and additional staffing, if so the following classes may be added:

- A.P. Chemistry
- A.P. English Language
- A.P. Statistics
- A.P. Physics
- A.P. Computer Science

In addition, Dr. Neish stated that there has also been Valedictorian/Salutatorian Adjustments. Beginning this spring, class rank and the selection of the class Valedictorian and Salutatorian shall be based on the grades from all 8 high school semesters. This information has also been given to the Senior Class of 09 by the high school counselors. He stated that the rationale is when schools across the nation are concerned with making the senior year meaningful, it makes no sense to, in essence, tell our seniors that half of their senior year will not count for class rank and the honors associated with such.

The superintendent provided Dr. Neish and the Governing Board with a bit of history as to why the District pays for the test. Fifteen years ago when Dr. St. John was hired as Director of Curriculum the District did not offer any A.P. classes. There was a direction from the Superintendent at that time, Dr. Don Wright, that we have A.P. classes. Dr. St. John approached the high school staff and asked what teachers would be interested in offering an A.P. class. Mr. Tingle, Mr. Dorgan, and Mr. Boone volunteered to take the necessary training to be able to teach the A.P. classes. Dr. St. John ran into a road block with the counselors office at the time who had indicated that the students wouldn't take it because they could never afford it and the District volunteered to pay for the test and it has been done ever since.

The superintendent stated that the reason for paying for the classes was to move the rigor of the curriculum at the time forward.

Mr. Murphy stated that he has an 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader in the District who started early in 5<sup>th</sup> grade with advanced English. He asked Dr. Neish what happens if his daughter is ahead of her grade level now, how do they determine the placement when she gets to ninth grade if she is already ahead in Math or English?

Dr. Neish stated that she will be taking freshman English. The idea is not to draw people back but it is to move people forward and we would hope that the school can challenge your particular student well enough and still have good success there while not drumming out the other students. Dr. Neish stated that he knows that it is quite possible and he knows that it is quite possible to be successful as a student without the A.P. classes.

Mr. Murphy asked if all the English and Math classes in 9<sup>th</sup> grade would be a restart over of the same level.

Dr. St. John stated that if Mr. Murphy's daughter has taken algebra as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader she will not take algebra again. If she already took algebra as a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader she would not have to repeat it as a freshman.

Dr. Neish pointed out that they are not going to restrict some of these classes if the student has the prerequisite done then they can take the A.P. course.

Mr. Murphy asked if it was up to the student to try to test into an A.P. class. Dr. Neish stated that if they think they can try it, to do so. One of the keys to this is explaining it well up front as far as the level of work involved.

Mrs. Kellermeyer asked if this is something that the Board needs to take action on?

Dr. St. John stated that this is not any action needed.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she fully agrees that those who can afford to take the test to pay for it but hopes that the District has a process in place for people to apply for stipends or financial assistance so that we don't restrict anyone from the ability to take the test.

Dr. St. John stated that this has never changed in Sahuarita and we never turn away a student because they can't afford it.

Mrs. Ham asked how much the test costs?

Mr. Carlton stated that the test cost \$85.00 per test.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she did not mind paying for hers but feels that we need to have some type of criteria to determine if the District will pay for those students who can't afford to pay.

Dr. St. John stated that the District would take care of it.

Parent in the audience asked, "Where do these students take the test?" "Are they administered at the school?" She mentioned that she as a student that is in an A.P. class right now and will the parents be notified of the fee for the test?

Dr. Neish stated that the test is taken during the class schedules. There is not a separate day dedicated to A.P. testing. The test fee will be in effect this spring. The counselors have informed the students that this will be taking place.

The parent stated that she has not been notified and her student is currently in an A.P. class. There has not been any communication to the parents of this taking place.

Mrs. Hall stated that the parents should ask their students or call the counselors office and talk to them regarding some sort of scholarship to take the test.

Dr. St. John stated that we will communicate with the parents. More than likely we made an unfortunate mistake, counselors might have told the students and whether the students told their parents is another story. He stated that we will send the information to parents this time.

Dr. Neish stated that this information can be placed in their school newsletter to parents.

Mrs. Hall thanked Dr. Neish and stated that his presentation was very straight forward and understandable.

Another parent asked if the school is going to be offering the A.P. classes to sophomores and they take the A.P. classes as a sophomore than what does the school have to offer their junior and senior year since currently we only have one A.P. English class?

Dr. Neish stated that we are currently trying to add more if funding permits.

Mrs. Hall stated that she did not want to make anyone feel that the Board is not listening but feels that this should be taken up with Dr. Neish and his staff rather than a public Board meeting if they have these concerns.

## **B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

### **1. Request for Advance Based on Growth**

Included in the Board packet was information regarding the District's growth. The superintendent stated that these calculations are based on 40<sup>th</sup> day data. Final growth figures will be based on the 100<sup>th</sup> day ADM and will be reflected in the District's final budget revision in May. The superintendent stated that the money will be forthcoming with the next state aide payment. Our growth was a little over 300 students which translates to approximately \$1,250, 873.06. About \$900,000 of those funds have already been spent. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the attached application as it was presented to send to the state. The motion to approve the attached application for advance based on growth was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried. **SEE ATTACHEMENT "A".**

Mrs. Hall asked if we happen to know what the total student amount?

Dr. St. John stated that the count is 4413.693 students. The weighted eligible ADM increase was 346.490 students which translate into an extra \$1,250, 873.06.

### **2. Economic Crisis Update**

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The superintendent presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the update on the current economic crisis. He stated that the Governing Board previously approved four guiding principles that if we have to make cuts within the District which are as follows:

1. Protect the relationship between the classroom teacher and the student.
2. Maintain the rigor of our curriculum.
3. Protect our current level of staffing.
4. Maintain a safe and orderly environment for students.

Dr. St. John stated that the problem is that state revenues are down now at \$1.2 billion. State revenues for next year are down \$2.0 billion. The District's current revenue for 2008-2009 is as follows:

- o M & O Budget - \$20 million
- o M & O Override - \$2 million
- o K-3 Override - \$700,000 which can only be spent in grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>.
- o Capital Outlay Override - \$1 million
- o Growth projected - \$900,000
- o Growth actual - \$1.2 million
- o Carryover - \$700k

Dr. St. John stated that right now the state of Arizona has cut our M & O by \$426,000. Our soft capital was cut a little over 10% which translates to \$96,000. The total 2008-2009 budget solution from the state of Arizona is \$522,000.

The 2009-2010 revenue is as follows:

- o M & O Budget - \$22 million
- o M & O Override - \$2.2 million
- o K-3 Override - \$700,000
- o Capital Outlay Override - \$1 million
- o Growth Projected - \$900,000
- o Growth actual is unknown
- o Carryover is unknown
- o Unrestricted capital - \$1.2 million
- o Soft capital - \$926,000

The cuts that are being considered at the state level right now are as follows:

- o Excess Utilities - \$563,000
- o Spending Limit - \$426,000
- o All day kindergarten - \$408,000
- o Soft Capital - \$925,000

The state could decide to:

- o Across the Board cuts 10% - \$2.2 million
- o Across the Board cuts 15% - \$3.3 million
- o Across the Board cuts 20% - \$4.4 million
- o Reduce school days from 180 to 170 and District will be closed for 10 days without pay for all employees of the District.

The superintendent presented another PowerPoint that he obtained from superintendent of Schools Cal Baker of the Vail School District. Dr. St. John provided the Board with the Education Overview as follows:

- Increase of \$13 billion for Title I grants,
- Increase of \$12.2 billion for special education programs
- \$5 billion allocated for State Incentive Grants, of which \$650 million can be reserved for an Innovation Fund
- STABILIZATION — provides \$53.6 billion to states to help avoid budget cuts to education. 81.8% (approximately \$39.6 billion) to support of elementary, secondary, postsecondary and early childhood education programs and services. 18.2% (about \$8.7 billion) for public safety and other government services, including education, and for modernization and repair of public school and higher education facilities at the state's discretion.

He explained that there is critical language that involves the budget cuts. The state must use the \$39.6 billion to restore, in each of Fiscal Years 2009, 2010 and 2011, the level of state support in education to the FY2008 or FY2009 level — whichever is greater.

In addition, In order to receive grants from the State Stabilization Fund, states must agree to maintain their respective funding for education at FY2006 levels or greater.

Dr. St. John stated that there is language under the State Stabilization Fund that allows state education agencies and school districts to apply to the Secretary of Education to waive or modify any requirement relating to maintaining fiscal effort. It reads as follows:

“A wavier or modification under this section shall be for any of the fiscal year 2009, fiscal year 2010 or fiscal year 2011, as determined by the Secretary. The Secretary shall not grant a waiver or modification under this section unless the Secretary determines that the State or local educational agency receiving such waiver or modification will not provide for elementary and secondary education, for the fiscal year under consideration, a smaller percentage of the total revenues available to the State or local educational agency than the amount provided for such purpose in the preceding fiscal year.”

The superintendent stated that the questions that we have about the federal stabilization is:

- Does the “Maintenance of Effort” include 301 & SFB Funds?
- Will State accept conditions?
- Does the State have enough money to restore the cuts?
- How will funds be distributed?
- Will the State apply for a waiver?
- When will we know?

He stated that by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April we have to rehire certified staff and unless they tell us how much we are going to have to cut we need to make a decision on who we are going to hire. Not a lot has change since the Board last met but will keep them updated as soon as new information is available. Dr. St. John stated that we would prefer to be given an amount so that we can talk amongst ourselves as a community, school Board, and staff so we can make those cuts ourselves.

### 3. Set Open Enrollment Capacities for 2009-2010



The superintendent recommended setting open enrollment capacities for the 2009-2010 school year at zero (0) for the whole District. Anyone who is a current open enrollment student can stay but due to the financial crisis going on and he feels that we should set open enrollment to zero even for Sopori. The motion to approve the 2009-2010 open enrollment capacities to zero (0) was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ham asked, "How many students we have that are currently open enrollment?"

Dr. St. John did not have that number at the time but stated that he would send that information to the Board. He stated that the reason for the zero capacity at Sopori is that we may have to move students to that school. The building is under enrolled and they do a wonderful job. If the District needs to solve part of the economic crisis by moving students because of overcrowding, we'll do it.

### **C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action**

#### **1. Professional Development for Board Members**

The superintendent stated that at the last Board meeting the Board voted to cancel the NSBA Conference in San Diego, CA due to funding. He stated that he appreciates the Governing Board volunteering to cancel the trip. Dr. St. John stated that we have been contacted by the Arizona School Board Association about a law workshop that is going to be held in Tucson on March 7, 2009. The cost of the conference is \$125.00 per person. He asked how the Governing Board would like the administration to make decisions in terms of Board members who ask to attend. Dr. St. John asked if all requests need to be brought up to the Board, set a budget per person, ect.? He stated that we are educators and we normally approve it.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that last year the Board chose who attended and that designated person would fill the rest of the Board in on what was learned.

Mr. Murphy stated that he would have a hard time denying Kris Ham to attend a conference because she is new to the Board and feels that it is important to attend such conferences. If Mrs. Ham would attend a conference then maybe she can prepare a brief summary regarding the conference and share it with the rest of the Board.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that most of the conferences are pretty consistent from year to year and she would rather have the new Board members have the opportunity to attend. She fully supports that decision.

Dr. St. John stated that this information gives him direction and thanked the Board.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she feels that the Board needs to think about these types of items even more carefully than we ever have before. She stated that the Board really needs to look at each opportunity and ethically determine how the district is going to precede for each travel.

Dr. St. John stated that if the requests come in on time then he will bring them to their attention. The Board can make the decision on who needs to go and who does not. He stated that with Elaine being the county co-director which puts her on ASBA Board of

directors, they pick up a lot of the cost. Dr. St. John stated that he will take those items to the Board as they are available.

Mr. Murphy stated that travel and overnight travel have to be carefully looked at. If needed, get up early and come back late if that is what is needed to save money.

### **VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports**

Included in the Board packets were the administrators written reports.

Dr. St. John reported District enrollment of 4930 students in our district. Upcoming events include rodeo break the next two days off. Twelve month employees have to work tomorrow unless they take a vacation day. Next week is read across America. Dr. St. John will be meeting with Mr. Huckleberry concerning Sahuarita Park. Over the next two weeks, the superintendent will have two construction meetings. He will be meeting with a Food service company who is interested in the bid.

The District will have its traditional monthly staff office meeting for the employees who work in our building. Dr. Valenzuela will be facilitating the STAF and SCAF meetings which are with the instructional staff and support staff. Next Wednesday, the Foundation will have a meeting to talk about the Savannah Jack concert and reported that we cleared about \$5,000 for that evening event.

Dr. St. John will be attending a P-20 council meeting and a Town of Sahuarita Public Works meeting next week. He is also on the Pima Community College post baccalaureate committee which will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. Country Fair White Elephant scholarship and parade meeting will be meeting next week. Dr. St. John will be meeting with the District music teachers to discuss a few items.

Dr. Valenzuela Congradulated the administration, students, and staff of Sahuarita High School. We have initiated the first steps of the AIMS high school testing. He had a chance to visit on both days and was running remarkable smooth. He stated that it is a tribute to Mr. Carlton, the counselors, and the entire team including our students who were focused and organized. In monitoring the room, it appeared and working hard and is confident that we will be successful. Dr. Valenzuela congratulated team Sopori on a very positive A+ visit granted that those visits can be somewhat stressful. He had a chance to visit the school and touch base with the judges and staff. It was really a team effort, beginning with Principal Desi Raulston, her entire faculty and staff, community members, parents, and students. Dr. Valenzuela thanked George Emerson and the Maintenance and Facilities team and stated that the place looked immaculate. The classrooms were instructionally focused and students were engaged and the feeling tone was good. He stated that he is very hopeful and positive about the work they've done. In April, the District will find out if Sopori receives the state A+ award which is a tremendous honor and prestigious recognition. Dr. Valenzuela stated that no matter what happens we know that the team at Sopori is A+.

Mr. Boone stated that as they were working at Sopori one of his newer employees stated that it is different at Sopori. You can tell that a lot of good education is going on. You can see it and feel it at Desi's campus.

Mr. Boone demonstrated the District cameras on how sensitive the cameras are in detecting movement.

Mr. Emerson reminded everyone that the Wetlands will be burning tomorrow. Rural Metro will be in for the controlled burning of the Wetlands anytime between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**IX. Consent Agenda – Action**

The superintendent recommended approval the Consent Agenda as it was distributed. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried.

**A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers**

1. Raul Alvarado, Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation, Replacement – Effective 02/17/2009
2. Randall Allen Harkson, Bus Driver, Transportation, New Hire – Effective 02/09/2009
3. Susan Carnahan, Speech Therapist, Status Change – Effective 08/01/2008
4. Gloria Colchado, Substitute, SHS, Status Change – Effective 02/09/2009
5. Cassandra Hirdes, Inclusion Health Assistant, SPED, ECC, Status Change – Effective 08/01/2008 ++
6. Veronica Jacquez, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 02/03/2009
7. Tony Logan, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 01/31/2009

**B. New Addendums**

1. Nancy Burch, Tutor, Anza Trail – Effective 02/16/2009
2. Conor Eavey, Tutor, Anza Trail – Effective 01/24/2009
3. David Watson, Assistant Baseball Coach, SHS – Effective 02/09/2009
4. Laura Watson, Girls Basketball Coach, SMS – Effective 02/23/2009

**C. Resignations / Terminations / Separations**

1. Christina Fregoso-Lesporon, Custodian, Anza Trail, Resignation – Effective 02/10/2009
2. Anita Kosik-Roden, Part-Time Custodian, Anza Trail, Resignation – Effective 02/10/2009
3. Mary Swigert, Teacher, Sopori, Resignation – Effective 07/2009
4. David Watson, Girls Basketball Coach, SMS, Resignation – Effective 02/20/2009
5. Louann Young, Teacher, SPS, Resignation – Effective 02/13/2009
6. Naomi Perez, LINK Program Assoc., LINK, Resignation – Effective 02/27/09 ++

**D. Volunteers**

1. Paul Anderson, Sopori
2. Bill Barrese, SIS
3. Mark Dresang, Sopori
4. Dustin Grissom, SIS
5. Jeri Lybarger, SIS
6. Lynn M. Theder, SIS

**E. Gifts and Donations**

1. CC of GV Kokopelli Golf Tournament, \$100.00 donated to SHS Golf.
2. Optimist Club of Green Valley/Sahuarita, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) donated to SHS Athletic Department.

3. Optimist Club of Green Valley/Sahuarita, \$325.00 donated to SHS for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program.
4. Desert Diamond Casino, 290 decks of cards donated to SIS.
5. McDonald's Restaurant, 50 mm Land & Sky Telescope donated to SIS.
6. McDonald's Restaurant, \$275.00 donated to SIS.
7. Mr. & Mrs. Warren Steurer, 1995 Nissan Maxima, SHS Auto Department ++
8. Ruth F. Becksted, 1998 Toyota Camry, SHS Auto Department ++
9. Jerry Koons, Trumpet, SMS Band ++
10. Child & Family Resources, Inc., \$1,000.00, SMS ++
11. Voices for Education, \$1,000.00, SMS ++
12. James K. Awtrey, \$400.00, SMS ++
13. Patricia E. Awtrey, \$200.00, SMS ++
14. Frederick D. Depper, \$400.00, SMS ++
15. Christopher R. Derton, \$200.00, SMS ++
16. Thomas E. Derton, \$200.00, SMS ++
17. Alex D. Espino, \$200.00, SMS ++
18. Dudley A. Fox, \$400.00, SMS ++

**G. Use of School Facilities**

1. Santa Cruz Valley United Methodist Church has requested the use of the Sahuarita Primary School Gym on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm to hold Ash Wednesday Services.
2. The Community Food Bank has requested the use of the Sopori Cafeteria and the Central Cafeteria Monday through Friday beginning May 29, 2009 and ending July 30, 2009 from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm to provide a Summer Meals Feeding Program.
3. The Town of Sahuarita Parks and Recreation Department has requested the use of the Sahuarita High School Track and Field area to hold a Hershey's Track and Field Games Annual Meet on March 14, 2009 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.
4. Southwest Youth Sports has requested use of the JV Baseball Field near the Primary School for youth baseball games on February 28, 2009, March 14, 2009, and March 21, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ++
5. The Gracepoint Lutheran Church has requested the use of the Sahuarita High School Cafeteria to hold an Easter Sunrise Service on April 12, 2009, from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. ++
6. The Sahuarita Stingray Swim Team has requested the use of the Sopori Pool from May 26, 2009 – July 16, 2009 to hold swim practice from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. ++

**H. Out of State Travel/Student Travel**

1. Charlotte Gates to attend ASBAIT Board Meeting and ASBO Bi-Monthly Meeting on March 10 – March 11, 2009.
2. SHS/ Career and Technical - Skills USA Web Design (35 students and 6 advisors) to attend a Skills USA State Competition in Phoenix, AZ on April 7 – 8, 2009. ++
3. SHS CTE Robotics Team to compete in the National Underwater Robotics Challenge (H2O Robotics) in Chandler, AZ from June 12-14, 2009.
4. SHS CTE Robotics Team to compete in First FRC Robotics Tournament in Phoenix, AZ from March 19-21, 2009.
5. SMS Student Council to attend 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual AAJHSC Student Council Convention in Mesa, AZ on May 7-8, 2009. (30 students and 4 adults). ++

**I. Approval of Qualified Evaluator – Kerri Carlton**

**J. Approval of Anza Trail NJHS Club**

**K. Approval of Student Fund-Raising Activities**

1. Sopori Elementary School Student Council has requested approval for a Scholastic Book Fair to raise funds for the school and to promote reading for all on March 25, 2009 until March 31, 2009.
2. Sahuarita Middle School Student Council has requested approval for a cookie dough sale to raise money for the SMS Student Council to attend the Student Council Leadership Institute and the Leadership classes from February 25, 2009 until March 11, 2009.

**X. Board Communication**

Mr. Murphy congratulated the Foundation on a great Savannah Jack Concert. Everyone that he talked to that attended was more impressed than what he told them they would be. He doesn't know if Savannah Jack will reach certain heights that they won't come to Sahuarita again, but hopefully we will be able to see them again.

Dr. St. John thanked everyone who was involved in it and there are some special people that we will honor at the Foundation meeting. It was a lot of fun.

Mr. Murphy welcomed Mrs. Applegate and welcomed her back. She is one of the real helpful communicators within the community with publicizing District information. Mr. Murphy congratulated Mrs. Downs for being in the paper for making a difference which was well deserved.

Mrs. Kellermeyer mentioned that she hoped that everyone noticed the overwhelming support that our leaders in character had. She stated that it was really impressive that they are bringing friends, extended relatives and parents to the Board meetings. It shows how meaningful it is to not only the students but for the families and community. She is happy that we are able to continue that program.

Mrs. Kellermeyer attended the I-19 Jazz Festival which was a lot of fun. She announced that the Sahuarita High School Cheerleaders are on their way to a competition tomorrow and they wish them the best of luck and hope that they come back with a huge trophy.

Mrs. Hall thanked everyone for a great job that they do everyday. She stated that all of our kids are awesome. She was able to go to the zoo today with a lot of 1<sup>st</sup> graders and are so full of energy but when it was time to go the students listened well and had a great time.

**XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – March 11, 2009 – 6:30 PM – District Auditorium**

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

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Clerk of the Board

## FY2009 REQUEST FOR ADVANCE BASED ON GROWTH

A.R.S. § 15-948 AND A.R.S. § 15-973

CTD # : 102030

District Name : SAHUARITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The district identified above requests advance payment of funds for Growth per A.R.S § 15-948 and A.R.S. § 15-973, as calculated by the Arizona Department of Education. We understand that these calculations are based on 40th day data submitted by the district. Final Growth figures will be based on the District's 100th day ADM and the Growth values will be reflected on page 7, line 1.(b) of the District's final budget revision which must be successfully uploaded to ADE by May 18, 2009.

Beginning with the apportionment of state aid for April 2009, advances will be based on FY2009 100th day ADM.

Signature:   
District Administrator

Date: Feb. 16, 2009

This signed original form must be sent to the address provided below. If you need additional information regarding form submission, please contact Kim Lawrence @602-542-8244 or via email [Kim.Lawrence@azed.gov](mailto:Kim.Lawrence@azed.gov).

Return to:  
School Finance, Bin 13  
Arizona Department of Education  
1535 West Jefferson  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
Voice (602) 542-3303

FY 2008-2009 Formula For Growth In Student Count

A.R.S. § 15-948 and A.R.S. § 15-973

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	PSD	K-8	9-12	Total
1. A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 40th Day or <input type="checkbox"/> 100th Day unweighted ADM for district (Do not include Charter School ADM)	17.625	3,143.274	1,252.794	4,413.693
B. Student count used to calculate FY 08-09 BSL (Do not include Charter School ADM.)	19.815	2,933.460	1,168.645	4,121.920
C. Eligible growth (Line 1A minus 1B) 1 or 2 columns may be negative. Total column must be positive to qualify for growth. If total is negative, continue to line 2A.	-2.190 +	209.814 +	84.149 =	291.773
D. Weight used to calculate FY 2008-2009 BSL (APOR55)	1.450	1.158	1.268	
E. Weighted Eligible ADM (Line 1C multiplied by Line 1D) 1 or 2 columns may be negative. Total column must be positive. (If greater than zero, use this total on page 2, Line 3A)	-3.176 +	242.965 +	106.701 =	346.490

Group B Add-Ons:

	A. Current Year 40th or 100th Day ADM*	B. Weights	C. Current Year Weighted	D. Current Year Student Count used to calculate FY 2008-2009 BSL	E. Weighted Eligible ADM
	(Unweighted)		(Column A x Column B)		(Column C - Column D)
2. A. Hearing Impairment	0.000 x	4.771 =	0.000 -	0.000 =	0.000
B. MD-R,A-R,SMR-R	17.375 x	6.024 =	104.667 -	48.493 =	56.174
C. MD-SC,A-SC,SMR-SC	6.000 x	5.833 =	34.998 -	50.455 =	-15.457
D. Multiple Disabilities - SSI	0.000 x	7.947 =	0.000 -	3.974 =	-3.974
E. Orthopedic Impairment	4.500 x	3.158 =	14.211 -	14.211 =	0.000
F. Orthopedic Impairment (SC)	0.000 x	6.773 =	0.000 -	6.773 =	-6.773
G. Preschool-Severe Delayed	2.188 x	3.595 =	7.866 -	12.223 =	-4.357
H. Emotionally Disabled (Priv)	3.000 x	4.822 =	14.466 -	9.644 =	4.822
I. Moderate Mental	11.000 x	4.421 =	48.631 -	52.610 =	-3.979
J. Visual Impairment	0.500 x	4.806 =	2.403 -	0.000 =	2.403
K. Weighted Eligible ADM Add-On (Sum of Line 2A through Line 2J) (If greater than zero, use this total on Page 2, Line 3B)					28.859

\* 40th Day or 100th Day selection must correspond to selection on 1A.



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3. A. Weighted Eligible ADM (Line 1E)		346.490
B. Weighted Eligible ADM Add-on (Line 2K)	+	28.859
4. Total Weighted Student Growth (Line 3A + Line 3B.)		375.349
5. Base Level Amount (APOR55)	x	\$3,332.56
6. Total (Line 4 multiplied by Line 5)		\$1,250,873.06
7. District TEI (APOR55, if less than 1.000, Use 1.000)	x	1.0000
8. Total addition to Revenue Control Limit (Multiply line 6 by line 7)		\$1,250,873.06

Advances based on 40-day ADM may be requested. A revised budget is not required to request an advance based on 40th day ADM. Final payments will be based on the lesser of the 100th day Growth calculation or the amount on the FY 2008-2009 Revised Budget, page 7, line 1(b).