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MINUTES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

MARCH 9, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Tom Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. Also in attendance were Board Clerk, Kris Ham, Board Member, David Eves; Superintendent Dr. Manuel Valenzuela, and Assistant Superintendent Scott Downs. There were 73 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Members Elaine Hall, Diana Kellermeyer, and Business Manager, Charlotte Gates were absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2011

The superintendent recommended approval of the February 23, 2011 minutes as posted. Mrs. Ham made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Eves. The motion carried.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

In Mrs. Gates absence, Dr. Valenzuela recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Vouchers 17 in the amount totaling \$933,818.35, new payroll #22 for the period ending April 29, 2011, in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 and new payroll #23 for the period ending May 13, 2011, in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. He further recommends approval of expense vouchers 1048 through 1051 in the amount of \$2,019,570.13. The motion was made by Mr. Eves and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts – Ms. Vivian Brown, Transportation

Lila Szedlus on behalf of the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts presented Ms. Vivian Brown, District Bus Driver, with a recognition plaque for her help in making the 17th Annual Car Nuts Car Show a great success. Ms. Brown served as the bus driver who transported

spectators from the parking lot to the show. She has participated in the event for two years now and was described as a "saint" in helping out. The feedback from spectators was favorable and described Ms. Brown as polite and very professional.

B. Support Staff Employee of the Month – Name to be Announced

Mr. Downs took the pleasure of announcing Mr. Claude Poe as the Support Staff Employee of the Month for March, 2011. Claude, or also known as Clyde, is currently a Plumber for the District and is a dedicated, loyal employee who has been with our organization for approximately 4 ½ years.

Clyde has been described by his supervisor, Mr. George Emerson, as an employee who has really stepped up in a department that is so crucial to our District. He not only performs the job duties of "plumber", but also performs many other jobs in the Facilities department. Clyde has completed all the required forms and met with state officials to obtain water rights for the well that is on site. Without these efforts and his hard work, the District would have major problems with the sewer system. More importantly, when the temperatures recently fell below freezing, Clyde was instrumental in fixing any water problems that occurred district wide. Clyde worked hard to repair and/or shut off water to keep the District operating. After losing the Assistant Director position in Facilities, Mr. Poe has stepped up to assume these responsibilities and continues to perform his job duties successfully. He has gone above and beyond to help the department run smoothly. Clyde has impeccable work ethics and he has willingly helped the District in any way he can.

Clyde Poe exemplifies the highest level of the SUSD core values and standards of excellence. It is a pleasure to join with the entire Facilities Department team to recognize Mr. Clyde Poe as the March Support Staff Employee of the Month.

Mr. Poe was presented with a framed certificate and a gift certificate to El Charro Mexican Restaurant thanks to the sponsors of Freeport McMoRan.

C. March "Leaders in Character" Honorees – Christopher Valdez, 4th Grade, Sopori; Valentin Maldonado, Jr., 1st Grade, Anza Trail; Ashton Varner, 1st Grade, SPS; Carmen Rivero, 4th Grade, SIS; Blayne Levy, 6th Grade, SMS; Sonia Shaikh, 12th Grade, SHS.

Dr. Valenzuela introduced the following March "Leaders in Character" Honorees – Christopher Valdez, 4th Grade, Sopori; Valentin Maldonado, Jr., 1st Grade, Anza Trail; Ashton Varner, 1st Grade, SPS; Carmen Rivero, 4th Grade, SIS; Blayne Levy, 6th Grade, SMS; Sonia Shaikh, 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. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action – None

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. RFP 2011-14 Transportation Surveillance System

Dr. Valenzuela stated that one of our District's Core Values is creating a culture of safety. Additionally, the District continues to seek out new initiatives that allow us to integrate modern technology to make us more effective in what we do and this RFP exemplifies that. Dr. Valenzuela thanked Charlotte Gates, Director of Business Services, and Harold Ramsey, Director of Transportation, for leading the charge to identify a high quality, durable, state of the art transportation surveillance system. They have been working diligently for several months and have gone through the entire RFP project to select the best product service with the best value. Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation incorporates all those attributes including a negotiation with the company to bring down the price to a manageable, appropriate, and affordable amount. He stated that he is satisfied that the process has been completed in compliance with all requirements. Dr. Valenzuela recommended approval to award RFP 2011-14 Transportation Surveillance System to Fire Security Electronics and Communications, Inc., also known as FSEC, Inc. The motion to approve Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation was made by Mr. Eves and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Mr. Murphy asked if there were any upgrades or differences versus the past surveillance system we had. Mr. Ramsey stated that there are differences and upgrades than before. They plan to install three cameras in each bus with inferred technology. The upgrades include video, audio, professional installation, and the ability to single in on a specific subject and blocking out others in the video. The product has a three year warranty instead of a one year warranty without sacrificing price. Mr. Boone added that the system is far superior to anything we had before.

Mrs. Ham asked if there were more companies who responded to the RFP. Mr. Downs stated that he was present on opening day and there were two companies that had bid the project. He stated that one company was eliminated because they do not do the paperwork properly. Mr. Ramsey stated that the company who was eliminated failed to meet all the criteria.

C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. ASBA Proposed Action Agenda Items for FY 2012 – Information Only ++

Dr. Valenzuela stated that as members of the Arizona School Board Association and they have a process for member Boards to propose possible action agenda items for the next year which include issues of importance or deemed to be particular priorities for School Boards. Included in the Board packet were the proposal forms for Board members to submit proposals for ASBA consideration for the 2012 Political Agenda. Dr. Valenzuela informed the Board that if the Board wished to submit proposals, they would have to take action as a Board by April 15, 2011. He stated that if any Board member has any particular topic or area that they would like to put forth to please submit the form to Lizette who would add the submission as an agenda item for the April 13, 2011 Board meeting and then channeled to ASBA for their consideration. No action was taken for this item.

2. Election of Delegate & Alternate Delegate to attend the ASBA Delegate Assembly on June 25, 2011. ++

Dr. Valenzuela stated that ASBA holds its Delegate Assembly which is where they review issues and topics that have emerged and make determinations as a body about positions

that the organization is going to take. It is allowed for every member Board in good standing to submit a delegate and an alternate.

The Board agreed and requested to move this item to the next Board agenda as two of the five Board members were not present at the Board meeting and would like to allow their input on the selection of a delegate and alternate. Dr. Valenzuela acknowledged the request and will plan to include this item on the next agenda.

D. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action - None

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Valenzuela congratulated the Math Counts team from Anza Trail School. He explained that Math Counts is a very rigorous mathematics competition among schools in the area and is recognized nationally. Our team was recognized for their achievement and growth. They have improved eight spots from their previous participation. The group is sponsored by Leigh Mount. It has been reported that the Anza Trail team beat the very highly regarded team from Basis School and two of the campuses from Sonoran Science Academy which are schools that have a very stellar reputation in the area of mathematics and science.

Dr. Valenzuela shared that latest ASBA Journal Winter 2011 edition with the Board. He explained that the ASBA Journal is distributed across the state and the winter edition is their special and very prestigious edition that highlights the annual awards that ASBA presents. In this edition, our Board was recognized for various awards. Dr. Valenzuela shared that Mrs. Hall was one of five Board members in the state to receive the All – Arizona School Board Award. The All Arizona Award is the highest honor the Arizona School Boards Association bestows on individual Governing Board members. Mrs. Hall was also recognized with the Master Boardmanship with Clusters Award. This award recognizes a select group of Board members who, after attaining the level of Master Boardmanship, continued to develop their skills with additional hours of training. Mrs. Hall one of two individuals who received her Fifth Cluster pin for her completion of 400 CEU's or more.

In addition, Mr. Mike Lurkins was highlighted as receiving the Honor Roll Award. The Honor Roll Award recognizes retiring Board members who were nominated by their boards for outstanding service and have served for at least two consecutive terms on their boards.

Furthermore, the entire Sahuarita Unified School District Board was highlighted in the latest edition of the ASBA Journal for the Total Board Awards. The Total Board Award is part of the Board Academy and is granted to a governing board when at least a quorum of members has attained the level of Certificate of Boardmanship, which requires 36 continuing education units.

Lastly, The ASBA Journal hosts the most prestigious student photography contest in the State of Arizona and one of our Sahuarita High School senior, Jessie Kellerman, was deemed an Honorable Mention for her photograph titled, "Madera Canyon" was recognized.

Dr. Valenzuela stated that there was a local publication called, "The Trail Winds." This publication highlights athletic and outdoor endeavors in the area. Included in the April

2011 publication was a fantastic article titled, "Inspiring Others." The article is about our very own teacher, Mr. Joe Prince, who is a teacher and coach at Sahuarita High School. The article highlights his life growing up in a tough situation in East Palo Alto, CA and how he overcame adversity, going to college, becoming a world class track athlete, battling and overcoming cancer, and overcoming autism. The story is inspiring and Dr. Valenzuela provided the Board members with a copy of the article for their reading.

Dr. Valenzuela referred to an article recently published in the Sahuarita Sun written by Nick Prevenas titled, "Off and Running." The article talks about the initiation of our brand new Sahuarita stadium and it has a beautiful picture of the 100 meter dash at a four way meet. Additionally, the Sahuarita Sun published an article written by Phil Franchine, regarding the permanent appointment of Mr. Kent Thompson as the principle of Sahuarita High School. Furthermore, Dr. Valenzuela highlighted an article in the Sahuarita Sun regarding the National Fast Pitch Coach's Association named Sahuarita High School student and softball player, Yvette Alvarez, as the NFCA player of the week a couple of weeks ago. At that time, Yvette pitched 29 innings and had an earned run average of 0.29. Dr. Valenzuela spoke with coach Fanning today and he mentioned that they played yesterday and she hit three home runs and two of the three were grand slams and is doing a fantastic job.

Dr. Valenzuela shared that the District has received the first installment of payment from the School Facilities Board. Dr. Valenzuela also reported that high school AIMS testing is complete for reading and writing until April. Additionally, he stated that in our never ending effort to provide additional value added service to our community, we have been working for a while to try to find a good online payment system for parents so that they can deposit money into their child's food service account and also to make contributions such as tax credits. Through the diligent efforts of Charlotte Gates and Scott Boone we now have a system that parents can conveniently use for tax credit contributions and deposits to food service accounts. Mr. Boone provided a quick demonstration of how the new system works.

Consent Agenda – Action

The superintendent recommended approval of the items on the Consent Agenda as it was presented. A motion to approve the consent agenda as it was presented was made by Mrs. Ham and seconded by Mr. Eves. The motion carried.

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. John D. Allison, Bus Driver, Transportation, Re-Hire – Effective 03/03/11
2. Barbara Cruz, Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation, Replacement – Effective 02/17/11
3. Heidi Cote, Health Inclusion Assistant, ECC, Replacement – Effective 03/03/11
4. Rebecca L. Helvoigt, Inclusion Health Assistant, SPS, Replacement – Effective 02/28/11
5. Garrett D. Lilly, Classroom Aide, ECC, Replacement – Effective 03/03/11
6. Lila C. Bierhaus, Clerk II-Attendance, Middle School, ATS, Status Change – Effective 03/07/11
7. Melanie Bodine, Program Specialist, LINK, Status Change – Effective 02/16/11
8. Tracy N. Dailey, Driver Safety & Compliance Coordinator, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 02/28/11
9. David I. Ginsberg, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 03/01/11
10. Michael R. Jones, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 03/01/11

11. Tatyana N. Mironova, Inclusion Health Assistant, ECC, Status Change – Effective 02/28/11
12. Kelly J. Smith, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 03/01/11
13. Monica R. Stockellburg, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 02/28/11
14. Cody B. Winn, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 03/01/11

B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Jennifer A. Bruers, Inclusion Health Assistant, ECC, Resignation – Effective 02/17/11
2. Sylvia M. Chavarria, Classroom Aide, ECC, Resignation – Effective 02/24/11
3. Karina Dominguez, Clerk II - Attendance, ATS, Resignation – Effective 03/09/11
4. Christy McCoy, 3rd Grade Teacher, SIS, Resignation – Effective 05/21/11 ++
5. Devin Johnson, Teacher, SMS, Resignation – Effective 05/19/11 ++

C. Addendums

1. Conor Eavey, Boys Track Coach, ATS – Effective 03/2011 thru 05/2011
2. James Prisco, Custodian, SMS Wrestling Tournament – Effective 02/19/11
3. Michael Prisco, Custodian, SMS Wrestling Tournament – Effective 02/19/11
4. Deborah Ramirez, Athletic Trainer, SMS Wrestling Tournament – Effective 02/19/11

D. Request for Leave of Absence

1. Amanda Asaf – Effective 02/21/2011 thru 04/01/2011

E. Volunteers

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| 1. Jeff Allen, SPS | |
| 2. Dawn Bunnow, ATS | |
| 3. Geri Bustamante, ATS | 18. Michelle Johnson, SPS |
| 4. Tiffany Carrizoza, ATS | 19. Kathleen Kennedy, SMS |
| 5. Manolita Castillo, ATS | 20. Amy Legate, SPS |
| 6. Katie Cirando, SPS | 21. Carrie Meffert, SPS |
| 7. Janet Connell, SPS | 22. Eloise O'Neil, SOP |
| 8. Mary Lois Connell, SPS | 23. Jessica Pomeroy, SOP |
| 9. Amanda Cooper, SMS | 24. Carlos E. Ramirez, SHS |
| 10. Kyle Day, SHS | 25. Vivian Samaniego, ATS |
| 11. Lindsay Doskoal, SPS | 26. Catherine Sayre, SHS |
| 12. Larissa Edwards, ATS | 27. Nichole Schlemmer, SPS |
| 13. Armando Felix, SHS | 28. Jacquelyn Stonehocker, ATS |
| 14. Karen Fort, SHS | 29. Princecella Torres, SPS |
| 15. Julie Greeson, SPS | 30. Michelle Walton, SIS |
| 16. Leticia Gutierrez, ATS | 31. Kim Young, SPS |
| 17. Jesica Islas, ATS | |

F. Gifts and Donations

1. Josephine Terry, \$100.00 – District
2. AXA Foundation, \$400.00 – SPS
3. Optimist Club of Green Valley – Sahuarita, \$250.00 – SHS FBLA
4. Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, \$10.00 – District
5. Optimist Club of Green Valley – Sahuarita, \$250.00 – SHS Skills USA

6. Optimist Club of Green Valley – Sahuarita, \$150.00 – SMS After School Homework Help
7. Jaguars PTO, \$400.00 – SMS
8. Scott Arbuckle Agency, \$200.00 – Anza Trail Teacher of the Month
9. Kroger, \$500.00 – SIS
10. Raytheon, \$250.39 – District
11. Optimist Club of Green Valley – Sahuarita, \$250.00 – SHS NJROTC
12. Asian Sky Restaurant, \$50.00 – SMS 8th Grade Promotion
13. Mr. & Mrs. James Camacho, \$250.00 – SMS Wrestling Club
14. Mike and Christie Kuebler, fleece throw blankets, pens, pencils, and erasers for 2nd grade Sopori students.
15. Raytheon, \$105.00 – SIS
16. Raytheon, \$ 950.00 – SHS Japan Trip & \$ 610.00 – District – Total \$1,560.00
17. Raytheon, \$102.00 – SHS Science, \$900.00 – SHS Band, \$50.00 – SHS Math Dept. – Total \$1,052.00
18. Green Valley Masonic Lodge #71, \$20.00 – SMS 8th Grade Promotion
19. Eduard & Catherine Schroder, Non-Fiction Spanish Books – SMS Library
20. Green Valley Lions Club, \$123.63 – SHS NJROTC ++
21. Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign, \$50.00 – District ++
22. Eduard & Catherine J. Schroder, \$1,000 – SMS Spanish Non-Fiction Books ++
23. Rotary Club of Green Valley, student dictionaries for 3rd & 4th graders – Sopori ++
24. Optimist Club of Green Valley – Sahuarita. \$1,000 - SHS Robotics ++
25. ESI Service Corp - ITT Educational Services, Inc, \$2,000.00 – SHS Robotics ++
26. Robert & Michela Bennett, \$300.00 – Anza Trail NJHS DC Trip ++
27. FICO, \$500.00 – SHS Robotics ++

G. Out of State Travel

1. Stephanie Silman and SMS Assistant Principal to attend the ASA Conference in Flagstaff, AZ from June 5-8, 2011.
2. John Haas to attend the Counselor Conference (ASCA) & Bullying Conference in Seattle, Washington & Las Vegas, Nevada from June 24 – July 2, 2011.
3. Lizette Huie to attend the AASBO Personnel 4 Day Class in Phoenix, AZ on March 18 - 19 & 25-26, 2011 ++
4. Lizette Huie to attend the AASBO Risk Management 4 Day Class in Phoenix, AZ on April 1, 2, 15, & 16, 2011.
5. Lizette Huie to attend the AASBO Accounting 4 Day Class in Phoenix, AZ on April 29-30, 2011 & May 20-21, 2011.
6. Jill Barfield & AAJHSC to participate in the state convention in Fountain Hills, AZ from May 5-6, 2011. ++
7. SHS Marching Band to attend the Leadership Training for Marching Band Student Leaders in Flagstaff, AZ in July 2011. ++
8. SHS NJROTC to attend the Annual NJROTC Area 11/13 In Service Conference in Reno, NV from May 3-6, 2011. ++
9. Sopori Elementary Culture Program to stay at the Wyndham Canoa Ranch in Green Valley, AZ from May 6-7, 2011. ++
10. SHS Counseling Department/CTE to attend the Arizona School Counselors Association Annual Conference in Mesa, AZ from March 23 – 25, 2011 ++
11. SIS Staff (Carol Roman, Karla Clapper, Juliet Edwards, Melissa Hughes, Valerie Ramirez, Gloria Sierra, Steve Shoemaker, Jeanine Sparks, Julie Tatum, Nancy Wilde, Amanda Womack, Elisa Cruikshank) to attend the National Conference on Differentiated Instruction in Las Vegas, NV from July 11-15, 2011. ++

H. Use of School Facilities

1. The Sahuarita Police Explorers have requested the use of the SHS Football Field/Track, Gym, Parking Lot and Outside Lunch area at the Cafeteria for their Police Explorer's Competition on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2. The Town of Sahuarita has requested the use of the SIS Gymnasium on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a Dodge Ball Tournament.

I. Approval of Student Activity and Auxiliary Accounts Revenue and Expenditure Reports – Ending 01/31/11

J. Fundraising Approvals

1. SUSD#30 Educational Enrichment Foundation to raise funds for band uniforms requesting donations from community members March 1 – July 1, 2011.

X. Board Communication

Mrs. Ham stated that she used the online payment system and stated that it was very nice and appreciated having access to submit payments electronically.

Mr. Murphy stated that it is also nice to be able to send the tax credit electronically. He stated that he appreciates all of the recognition programs brought to the District because he realizes that it takes a team approach to make this District successful. Mr. Murphy wished everyone a safe and enjoyable spring break.

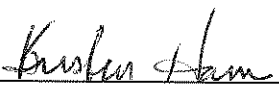
XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – April 13, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. – District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session – Discussion and Possible Action - NONE

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Mrs. Ham made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Eves. The motion carried.

Respectfully,



Clerk of the Board