



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

Sahuarita High School

Sahuarita Middle School

Sopori Elementary School

Sahuarita Primary School

Sahuarita Intermediate School

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2005 - Sub Hall B District Auditorium 6:30pm

350 W Sahuarita Rd. - Sahuarita AZ

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

In the president's absence Board member Martin McGee called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Also present were Board members Diana Kellermeyer, Tom Murphy, Superintendent Jay C. St. John and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. Board members Elaine Hall and Mike Lurkins were absent. There were 24 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as it was distributed with one removal of one item on the consent agenda. Item A. Employment, #6 Mary Annett, English Teacher – SHS – Replacement – Effective 08/01/05 Ms. Annett has declined the position. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 3-0.

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 23 in the amount of \$490,067.86. She further recommended approval of Expense Vouchers 6043 thru 6045 in a total amount of \$646,652.12. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 3-0.

- V. Call to the Public

- VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

- VII. New Business
 - A. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action
 - 1. Discussion of New Administrative Staff at SHS

Dr. St. John asked the Governing Board to open discussions regarding a new assistant principal at SHS. The request was previously turned down. Based on the amount of discipline and the fact that the freshman class is at 325 without any new enrollees, he asked the Board to reconsider the position. Mr. Murphy made the motion to add a new assistant principal to SHS and Mr. McGee seconded the motion. Discussion followed: Mrs. Kellermeyer asked how many administrative positions there are at this time as SHS. Dr. St. John responded that there are two full time administrators and one teacher who has been on special assignment, which includes 19 hours a week performing administrative duties. Mrs. Kellermeyer asked if the position would be reclassified or if it would be a new position. Dr. St. John stated that it would be a new position. Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that on February 23, 2005 the Board reviewed requests for positions throughout the district including all sites and sections. They went through a tedious and painful task of determining, within the budget recommendation from the Superintendent's, which positions at that time should be approved and which would not be approved pending a change within the district such as additional monetary change. Mrs. Kellermeyer asked if there had been any additional funding. Mrs. Gates stated that the district would be getting additional funds. With the retirement of an administrator who was high on the salary scale, district will save funds. Mrs. Kellermeyer's concern is that all sites and all departments made their requests and the Board determined

which positions would be approved and which would not be supported at that time. She felt that it is not fair or reputable to approve one site's additional request for one position when all the other sites are not getting the opportunity to increase their staff, salaries or their positions that they have also requested. She thinks that in the fall when the district has a positive outcome to the election that all requests should be brought back to the Board for review. The Board made the directive on February 23 and now three months down the road this request has come forth, she feels it is too soon. She stated that the Board should stick to its directive. Mr. Murphy disagreed with Mrs. Kellermeyer, he stated that when the Board asked the administrators to provide a list of their requests, the only administrative position that wasn't approved that was requested was the high school and this was number one or number two on that principal's list. The Board has always kept it open for all sites and all positions to be revisited. Mr. Murphy stated that what should be done should be best for the students and by adding administrative staff this would be what is best. The district asks more from a high school administrator than that of an elementary administrator. The motion carried 2-1.

2. SPS Assistant Principal

Dr. St. John, Dr. Ross and Mr. Downs interviewed several candidates for the SPS and SIS Assistant Principal positions. Dr. St. John recommended Ms. Tina Anderson as the new SPS Assistant Principal and Mrs. Carol Salica as the new SIS Assistant Principal. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 3-0.

3. SIS Assistant Principal – This item was included in the previous motion.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. St. John stated that the promotion and graduation ceremonies were very successful. He was very pleased with Project Graduation. It went very smoothly. It is an outstanding event.

Dr. St. John shared a card that was sent to the Board from Dr. Valenzuela thanking them. He will be in the office for a short time next week and he will begin on July 1.

Dr. St. John distributed a copy of the new SUSD publication that was supported by advertisers throughout the community. The publication includes information regarding the district; it will be distributed throughout the community.

Dr. St. John wrote an article for the Sahuarita Times, which is distributed in Rancho Sahuarita. The article he wrote was regarding zero tolerance. He thanked Lara Abend for asking him to do the article.

Ron Essley from EMC2 and Kurt Wadlington from Sundt Construction participated in the GEO fair that was held at the middle school. They taught practical geometry to the students.

Mrs. Gates, Mr. Rawson and Dr. St. John will meet next week to discuss capital projects for FY2006. There are several items around the district that need to be done such as moving portable classrooms, repairing air conditioning units and roofing projects.

IX. Consent Agenda - Action

Dr. St. John recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda, as they were revised at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 3-0.

A. Employment

1. Billie Gilmore, ELL Teacher – SMS – New Position – Effective 08/01/05

2. Cynthia Lynch, 2nd Grade Teacher – SPS – Replacement – Effective 08/01/05
3. Judy Fisher, Special Education Teacher – Project Inspire – SMS & SHS – New Position – Effective 08/01/05
4. Robert Soto, Maintenance Supervisor – Facilities Department – Replacement – Effective 05/17/05
5. Kent Thompson, Social Studies Teacher – SHS – New Position – Effective 08/01/05
6. Jack Bond, CTE Auto – SHS – Replacement – Effective 08/01/05
7. Brittany Hyatt, 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher – SMS – New Position – Effective 08/01/05

B. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. Leroy Cutler, P.M. Technician – Facilities Department – Termination Effective 06/30/05
2. Jennifer Beeman, 2nd Grade Teacher – SPS – Resignation Effective 06/05

C. Gifts & Donations

1. Mrs. Matilda Page - \$100.00 – SMS Band Program
2. American Legion Aux #66 – 100 Tickets to the Arizona Sidewinders Games - SMS

D. Volunteers

1. Kathy Rieman – SMS – Effective 05/25/05

E. Student Travel

1. Girls Basketball – SHS – San Diego, CA – July 21-July 24, 2005

X. Board Communication

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that the graduation ceremony was a delight.

Mr. Murphy seconded Diana's statement regarding the graduation ceremonies. The efforts on behalf of the administration are appreciated.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – June 8, 2005 – District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session

Mr. Murphy moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to hear the appeal of Long-term Suspensions/Expulsion Hearings and to hear the request of a student/students in the middle/high school Alternative to Suspension Program to return to the regular classroom setting. – Discussion and possible action and pursuant to A.R.S. 15-342(11) - - review of the decision of a teacher to fail a student in a high school class.*

*The parent has the right to demand that this discussion occur in open meeting.

If the parent so demands, then the review will take place in open session.

The time was 7:02pm. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Board returned to regular session at 7:45 and adjourned the meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board