



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

***Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Intermediate School
Sopori Elementary School***

***Sahuarita Middle School
Sahuarita Primary School
Anza Trail School***

SUSD Early Childhood Center

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2006 - Sub Hall B District Auditorium
350 W Sahuarita Rd. - Sahuarita AZ - TIME: 6:30 pm

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Michael Lurkins called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Also in attendance were Tom Murphy, Clerk of the Board, Board members Elaine Hall, Diana Kellermeyer, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 30 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as it was revised. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2006 Regular Governing Board Meeting

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes from the April 26, 2006 regular Governing Board meeting as they were distributed. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 23 in the amount of \$599,892.56 and new payroll Voucher 25 for the pay period ending June 2, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00. She further recommended approval of expense voucher 7060 through 7064 for a total amount of \$2,644,985.78. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

Dr. Ross and the Governing Board recognized Mr. Jim Garnett. Mr. Garnett begun a special art event with the SIS 3rd graders this year teaching and showing students the art of Oragami! Jim has given of his day off from the Post Office to give his time to share his talent with the students and staff of SIS. A Big Bobcat Thank You to him!!

Dr. Ross and the Governing Board recognized Deborah and Bill Wozniczka. Deborah and Bill have taught their “Catch-Up Reading Program” to 3rd grade students most in need of help in reading. Deborah and Bill took the 2nd lowest students in each of nine third grades twice a week for small group sessions. They gave more than 180 hours of volunteer time this past year! SIS is blessed to have had them serve the students and the school community with their dedication, experience, and cheerful spirits. Thank you Deborah and Bill!

“Friends of Sahuarita” Award – Raytheon and STOP Committee

Dr. Valenzuela stated that there are two wonderful groups in the community that truly exemplified that spirit of community that makes our neighborhood very special. The first “Friends of Sahuarita” Award was presented to the Sahuarita Team Offers Prevention also know as the S.T.O.P committee. Dr. Valenzuela had the opportunity to attend the “Grad Nite” celebration. He was incredibly impressed with the collaboration and cooperation amongst local organization such as the police department, school district, the Town of Sahuarita and local community services groups. They provided a wonderful experience for the students.

The second “Friends of Sahuarita” Award was presented to the Raytheon Hispanic Employees Association. The group recently held their annual Science & Technology Fair. Dr. Valenzuela was impressed with the items that were being taught to the students. The group participates in many programs such as tutoring and the Wright Flight program throughout the district. The students are always engaged and motivated by this group. Bob and Laura Acosta accepted the award for the committee.

VII. New Business

A. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Executive Session

Mr. Murphy moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.5 Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee

organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits to employees of the public body. The time was 6:40pm. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Board returned to regular session at 6:59pm and made the following motions:

- a. Support Staff Salaries & Benefits for the 2006-2007 School Year –Discussion and Possible Action

Dr. St. John recommended a 3% increase in wages; an additional paid vacation day and the district will assume the 7% increase in health insurance costs for the individual with eligible employees who opt for the coverage. If the legislature designates a part of their final budget as a relief from the Arizona State Retirement contribution on that part of individuals that it is past on to the classified staff just as agreed upon with the certified staff. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried 5-0.

- b. Administrative Salaries & Benefits for the 2006-2007 School Year - Discussion and Possible Action

Dr. St. John recommended a 3% increase in wages for school administrators. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

2. New High School Assistant Principal

Dr. St. John introduced Stephanie Silman and recommended Mrs. Silman for the Assistant Principal position as SHS. Dr. St. John recommended offering a one-year contract. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. JTED

Dr. St. John stated that over the past year the Governing Board has been following the Joint Technological Education District. All school districts are calling for the election to benefit all students of Pima County. Dr. St. John recommended the Governing Board adopt the resolution to call for the JTED Election. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0

2. Awarding of RFP 2006-09 Speech Therapist Services

Dr. Smith recommended awarding of Speech Therapist Services to STARS. Speech Therapists are difficult to employ and this is the answer to this situation. Dr. St. John agreed with her recommendation and recommended approval. Mrs. Hall made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Awarding of RFP 2006-10 Professional Engineering Services – Testing & Inspection

Bill Woodward recommended Terracon be awarded a contract for Professional Engineering Services – Testing and Inspection. Dr. St. John agreed with his recommendation and recommended approval. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Capital Outlay Override

In November 2005 the Governing Board asked the voters to approve a Capital Outlay Override and Bond Election. The voters approved the Bond, but not the Capital Outlay Override. Dr. St. John stated that the district has a certain amount of capital that is received per student. This is not like the M&O fund. M & O can be increased during the year if the district receives more students as the law allows this. With the Capital Override, the district may not do this. The district has to wait between twelve and eighteen months for the capital money for students who move into the district. The district will not receive the funds to purchase textbooks, desks, computers, playground equipment, lawnmowers and/or a seat on a bus for students moving into the district today until July 1 of 2007. From the 100th day of 2005 to the 100th day of 2006 the district grew by approximately 605 students. The district will not receive those capital funds for those 605 students until July 1 of 2006, but as they are already here, they need textbooks and desks. The district cannot continue to do this. It is impossible. The district is at the point that they may not have desks for students to sit in and that is critical. Dr. St. recommended the Board call for the election and approval of the resolution. This will have a minimal effect on taxes. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for placement of Portable Classroom at Sahuarita Park

The portable building @ Sahuarita Park that is being leased by Edge Charter School belongs to the Sahuarita School District. This IGA is an extension of the previous IGA. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the IGA. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried 5-0.

C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Appointment of Board member to serve as Co-head on the Board/Superintendent Collaborative

The Board/Superintendent Collaborative needs to replace the Board member who provides co-leadership to the collaborative. The Superintendent's have asked Dennis Deardon of Marana to provide their share of the leadership. The Board recommended Elaine Hall. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Bond Projects

Dr. St. John and Mr. Bill Woodward presented a look at the entrances and exits to the schools and how Bond money could be spent to make those proposed improvements. For the first bond project, the district is working with an engineering company by the name of AMEC. This project involves improving the entrances and exits to the main campus. The Town of Sahuarita would like the District to close the entrances and exits to the high school. The entrance into the teacher's parking and parent drop off will eventually have a stoplight. That entrance will remain open. The entrance next to this, which is the bus exit, will close. AMEC is recommending that the student entrance and exit be repositioned. The Town has will have a right-away going over La Villita. The District has to plan for this road, which will connect to the loop road. The front of the high school will be a parent drop off and some teacher parking. This should happen before school starts in the fall.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Manny Valenzuela stated that a proposal was submitted on behalf of the Governing Board a proposal to the National School Boards Association a detailed presentation title "Data Driven Structures for Success" and it highlights some the data driven initiatives that the district has in place regarding professional development, student intervention, instructional planning and other subjects as such.

As Dr. St. John alluded to early, Maribel Lopez and Dr. Valenzuela will be at the Desert Canyon Institute. It is an intensive 3-day training for all new Reading First Schools on Core Reading Instruction.

Tomorrow, 36 elementary teachers will be participating in a comprehensive education training put on by Harcourt Publishers on the campus.

There are 33 other teachers doing summer work and it is focused on curriculum mapping and instructional planning for success.

A letter has been sent out to every elementary student who is being impacted by the transition to Anza Trail. It reaffirms which school they are being assigned and communicates the tentative name of their teacher and their grade level.

Dr. Jay St. John shared a thank you note addressed to the Board from three representatives from the certified meet & confer committee. They thanked the Board for the raise that they received.

The District received notification the it will be receiving a financial excellence award. Charlotte and her team win this award for the district every year. It is appreciated. Dr. St. John passed along that Sundt Construction stated that to Sahuarita is the best school to work with as far as getting paid on time.

A letter was received from Kartchner Caverns directed to Dr. Ross thanking him for the recent field trip in which there was a medical emergency and how it was handled.

The Green Valley Food Bank sent a letter addressed to Dr. Ross thanking them for the food drive they did at the end of the year.

Information was given to the Board regarding the threat of Medicaid funding disappearing in the school.

NJROTC won a distinguished academic award.

A gentleman that works with Coach Baker at the high sent in a note with nothing but nice things to say about him.

Attended the SMS Promotion, it was very well done. Kathy Shiba and Desi Raulston did a nice job.

The high school graduation exercises were very well done, very nice job was done by Larry, Jack and Terri.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

Dr. St. John recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda as they were distributed. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

A. Employment

1. Candace Abrams, PE Teacher – Anza Trail – New Position – Effective 07/31/06
2. Justin Archer, 7th Grade Science Teacher – SMS – New Position – Effective 07/31/06

3. Arturo Balderrama, Preventative Maintenance Technician – Facilities – Replacement – Ratification to 05/22/06
4. Daniel Barry, 4th Grade Teacher – SIS or Anza Trail – Replacement – Effective 07/31/06
5. Johnny Camargo, Maintenance Technician – Facilities – Replacement – Ratification to 05/25/06
6. Lisa Gant, English/Reading AIMS – SHS – Job Share with Marcia Koshollek – Effective 08/04/06
7. Amy Kueck, Math Teacher – SMS – Replacement – Effective 07/31/06
8. Rebecca Stewart, Kindergarten Teacher – SPS – Continuing Position – Effective 08/04/06
9. Holly Pierotti, 2nd Grade Teacher – SPS – Continuing Position – Effective 08/04/06
10. Raye Nelson, 1st Grade Teacher – SPS – Continuing Position – Effective 08/04/06
11. Cynthia Morales, Special Education Teacher – SMS – New Position – Effective 07/31/06
12. Stephanie Sainz, 1st Grade Teacher – SPS – New Position – Effective 07/31/06
13. Christian Wheeler, Locksmith – Facilities – New Position – Effective 06/06/06
14. William Wildish, Math Teacher – SMS – Replacement – Effective 07/31/06
15. Maricruz Zepeda-Wilson – 5th Grade Teacher – SIS or Anza Trail – Effective 07/31/06
16. Trina Zimmermann, 3rd Grade Teacher – Location Change to Anza Trail – Effective 08/04/06
17. Teresa Waters, Instructional Aide Special Education – Soporì – New Position – Effective 08/04/06
18. Jessica Rodriguez, Guidance Counselor – SIS – Change in status to full time at one site – Effective 08/04/06
19. Pat Mount, 6th Grade Math Teacher – SMS – Change in status – Replacement – Effective 08/04/06
20. Marcia Koshollek, English/Reading AIMS – SHS – Job Share with Lisa Gant – Effective 08/04/06
21. Nancie Kondrat, Librarian – SHS – Was on ESI Contract now full-time SUSD Employee – Effective 08/04/06
22. Maria (Yoli) Isabal, Day Custodian – ECC – New Position – Ratification to 05/08/06
23. Fred Huff, Director of Transportation – Transportation – New Position – Effective 06/01/06

24. Rebecca Hardesty (Gaunt), 3rd Grade Teacher – Location Change to Anza Trail – Effective – 08/04/06
25. Joe Gonzales, Electrician – Facilities – Change in Position - New Position – Effective 07/01/06
26. Jeff Goldberg, Math Teacher – SHS –Transfer from AIMS Math to Math – Replacement – Effective 08/04/06
27. Nadia Gerber, 3rd Grade Teacher – Location Change to Anza Trail – Effective 08/04/06
28. Ginger Dunn, Full-time Music Teacher – Sopori – Change from part-time to fulltime – Effective 08/04/06
29. Leslie Christian, 5th Grade Teacher – Location Change to Anza Trail – Effective 08/04/06
30. Nancy Burch, 1st Grade Teacher – Change in Position and Location – SPS – Replacement – Effective 08/04/06
31. Lori Jorgensen, Guidance Counselor – Addendum, Department Chair – Ratification to 05/22/06

B. Approval of New Guest Teachers – Scott Tankersley

C. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. Priscilla Wildwald, Inclusion Health Specialist – Project Inspire – Resignation Effective 05/19/06
2. Scott Allen Webb, Maintenance Technician – Facilities – Involuntary Termination Effective 05/08/06
3. Christopher Storm, Inclusion Health Specialist – Project Inspire – Resignation Effective 05/25/06
4. Jennifer Rogers, Math Teacher – SMS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
5. Catherine Parker, Math Teacher – SMS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
6. Melissa Odell, 1st Grade Teacher – SPS – Resignation Effective 06/30/06
7. Beverlee Montoya, Inclusion Health Specialist – SPS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
8. Thomas McIlrath, Kindergarten Teacher – SPS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
9. Drema Lange, Guidance Counselor – SHS – Resignation Effective 06/02/06
10. Mary Ann Jenkins, Inclusion Health Specialist – Project Inspire – Retirement Effective 05/25/06
11. Norma Jaeger, Inclusion Health Specialist – Project Inspire – Resignation Effective 05/25/06
12. Stephenie Jackson, 4th Grade Teacher – SIS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06

13. Stephanie Hobbs, Health Assistant, SIS – Resignation Effective 05/19/06
14. Nancy Clay, Inclusion Health Specialist – SPS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
15. Cindy Chamberlain, 5th Grade Teacher – SIS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
16. Sara Canatsy, Math Teacher – SHS – Resignation Effective 06/30/06

D. Request for Leave of Absence

1. Michelle Askren, 1st Grade Teacher – SPS – Effective 08/04/06

E. Gifts & Donations

1. Mr. Larry Yale – Ping Irons worth \$150.00 – SHS Physical Education Department
2. Minnesota Lamplighters - \$1000.00 – SMS Library
3. Phelps Dodge - \$250.00 – Sahuarita Primary School
4. Billy & Christina Levy - \$170.00 – SHS FCCLA
5. Wal-Mart Foundation - \$1000.00 – SPS Teacher of the Year
6. American Lung Association - \$600.00 – Sopor Elementary
7. Inter-State Studio and Publishing - \$220.00 – Sopor Elementary
8. Shannon L Shepherd - \$115.38 – Project Inspire
9. Coach's Corner - \$1462.00 – SHS Academic Scholarship Fund
10. Torres Blancas Men's Club - \$1000.00 – SMS Sports Program
11. American Lung Association - \$1800.00 – Sahuarita Unified School District
12. American Lung Association - \$125.00 – 7th Grade Social Studies

F. Student Fund-Raising Activities

1. SHS Cheer Squad – Selling Notebooks/Stationary – Raise funds for camp & cheer supplies – Effective 05/31/06

G. Approval of Rental Rates for FY 06/07

x. Board Communication

Mr. Tom Murphy mentioned all the events that have taken place in the last few weeks. Without the help of volunteers none of those events could have taken place. SIS field day, SPS field day, SMS yearbook, the dance, the 8th grade pool party, the two graduations, etc... One of the items he was most proud of was the 100% AIMS passage. Thank you to the administration for getting all the students through this the first year, obviously the toughest.

Grad Nite was a big success!! The collaborative effort was incredible. A great example of what can be done when everyone pulls together.

Mrs. Elaine Hall thanked Kathy Shiba and Desi Raulston for the yearbook.

Mrs. Diana Kellermeyer commented on the middle school promotion dance and how the students really enjoyed it.

Mr. Mike Lurkins commented on the best teachers and the 100% AIMs passage. He also commented on the 400+ of students on the honor roll at SMS.

xi. Establish Next Meeting – June 14, 2006 - SUSD Auditorium

xii. Executive Session

- A. Mr. Murphy moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to hear the appeal of the decision of the hearing officer in a suspension hearing and to hear the request for re-admittance from a high school student – Discussion and possible action. The time was 8:01pm. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Board returned to regular session at 8:26 pm and adjourned the meeting.

xiii. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8.28pm. Mrs. Hall made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board