



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

June 28, 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 Board members Elaine Hall, Diana Kellermeyer, Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. Clerk of the Board Tom Murphy and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela were absent. There were 12 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. St. John asked that the Clerk of the Board Tom Murphy and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela be excused; they are at a meeting that conflicts with the District's Board meetings. The Town of Sahuarita employed Sonoran Institute to take a look at the Town growth particularly the road in front of the school. Mr. Murphy volunteered to be on the committee as a citizen at large and Dr. Valenzuela is representing the school district.

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as it was distributed. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-0.

III. Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2006 Regular Governing Board Meeting

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2006 regular Governing Board meeting as they were distributed. Mrs. Hall made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 4-0.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 26 in the amount of \$492,624.39, new payroll Voucher 27 for the pay period ending June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, new payroll Voucher 28 for the pay period ending June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, new payroll Voucher 29 for the pay period ending June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, new payroll Voucher 30 for the pay period ending June 30, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, new payroll Voucher 1 for the pay period ending July 25, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 and new payroll Voucher 2 for the pay period ending July 28, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00. She further recommended approval of expense voucher 7068 and 7069 for a total amount of \$1,348,328.80. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried 4-0.

v. Call to the Public

Mr. Tony Bruno spoke to the Board on behalf of the Amado Food Bank. The food bank runs a program during the summer at the school district. The summer meals program has been in place for four years now. A few things have happen within the program this year they feel the district needs to know. Currently there are seven sites within the Sahuarita Unified School District where children are fed. At those seven sites lunch is provided, however; there are four sites that a breakfast to go is provided. Last year 13000 meals were served in 45 days, which sounds amazing. This year, in the first fourteen days, they have served 11000 meals. There has been a huge increase in the number of children taking advantage of the program this summer. One of the more interesting items that transpired was that two years ago they were concerned that they would have to discontinue feeding at the high school based on the change in the free and reduced rate of students at the high school. At that time they were at 50%. Based on the information received when they applied this year to the State, they asked for an expectation for the high school so that they can continue feeding at the high school. They received a letter from the State stating that there was an error within the mathematics coming either from Finehost, the District or within the formula itself and the high school has actually increased in its free & reduced rate and are actually at 54.8% free & reduced. That is a significant jump financially within the program, which from their end were not aware of. This also ties to Title I funding. The other item that they would like to make the district aware of is that they have began working with the Federal Children's Nutrition Initiative and as part of that initiative they are required to be a part of the district's wellness plan. At this time they have purchased a curriculum through the Child Initiative and West Ed. They are going to promote that curriculum and have done that somewhat this year through copies and volunteers and other different items. They would like to have the opportunity to work with the district and help to cover some of those Federal requirements through the programs they are doing this summer already.

Mr. Tony Bruno spoke as a member of the Board of Directors of the SUSD Educational Enrichment Foundation. He stated that he recently had to complete an exercise for his employer recently in which he had to list ways that he helped the community and other avenues in which his fund raising efforts benefit the community. In letting the Board know, he picked out three short examples: The Wolslager Foundation in which he made introductions and was able to help the district fund the ROTC program for somewhere between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Last year he brought Charlotte Gates the 12% T&O grant as well as provided a template and did some word smithing on the end and phone numbers as to whom to contact and \$50,000 came to remodel the old administration buildings for the L.I.N.K. program. More recently he had the opportunity to have a discussion with Judy Cutler and the Sopori PTA about Neighborhood Reinvestment dollars and managed to get Dr. St. John into a meeting so that he could sit at the table and meet the folks within Neighborhood Reinvestment. The fruit of labor for everyone from that one was \$500,000 for this district. This exercise has given him an opportunity to make a job change. Effective July 1, 2006 he will not longer be the manager of the Amado Food Bank. He will stay on to oversee summer meals and he will stay on for some technical assistant for summers meals next year. Along with the job change there are a lot of other commitments that come along and he has to resign because of a determined conflict of interest from the Foundation. So at this time he notified the Board that as of August 1, 2006 he will no longer be available to serve on the SUSD Educational Enrichment Foundation Board.

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community - None

VII. New Business

A. Business – Discussion and Possible Action – Attachment A

1. Approval of Proposed Budget for FY 2006/07 and Truth in Taxation Notice – Discussion and Possible Action

Mrs. Gates stated that as everyone is aware, the legislature, just in the last week, finally settled on what the budget is going to be, however; they did not release the budget forms to reflect those changes so the district is forced to use the forms that they released, which are not accurate. What Charlotte distributed will not be the true budget that the district will be running on. She has to propose this one and adopt it and then can revise the budget. The district can revise upward because of a statue that says that the budget can be increased if it is due to legislature.

Mrs. Gates recommended approval of the Proposed Budget for FY 2006/07 and Truth in Taxation Notice as presented at the meeting.

Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 4-0.

B. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

- 1 Policy Advisories
 - a. #265 – EF and EF-R – Food Services
 - b. #266 – EFC and EFC-R – Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
 - c. #267 – EFH – Food Services Sanitation Program (Omitted)
 - d. #268 – EFI – Food Services Records and Reports (Omitted)

Dr. St John recommended approval of the policy revisions as recommended by Arizona School Board Association. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 4-0.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Jay St. John introduced Paul Winslow, an architect with Orcutt, Winslow, and Sergio Martinez, lead architect on the district's particular job, and Mamadi Kante, architecture intern with the firm. They will answer questions if there are any. Dr. St. John explained diagrams of the projects that Orcutt, Winslow is working on, which are as follows:

Sopori Addition that showed the new building with a gymnasium and the community center that will be built with the \$500,000.00 Reinvestment grant.

A diagram of the main campus that showed an addition of eight classrooms with restrooms at SPS.

At SIS a four classroom pod will be added in the front. That classroom will not have any restrooms since it is located very close to the current restrooms.

The high school will have a four classroom pod with restrooms. This location is still being researched and may change from what is shown on the diagram.

They believe that they are pretty close to having them were they need to be, the bad news is that it was thought the these projects could be completed for approximately 2.6 million with the addition of the 500,000 from the County, which puts the budget at 3.1 million. The construction budget right now is at 4.4 million.

Mr. Sergio Martinez stated that they have been working very diligently on trying to minimize the cost of the facilities, but assure that they are good quality buildings that will last 40, 50, 60 years and meet the programs of the students and the curriculums of the school.

Phoenix Union High School is building a Bio-Science High School that will house approximately 400 students. They will be opening in August in an elementary school and then will move to the new high school. The school is being designed by Orcutt and Winslow. Dr. St. John will be visiting the school and sitting down with administrators from the school to discuss how they planned the school. The Board received a brochure for the school. There is an application for both the parent and the student and students also have to have recommendations from their Math, English, General, and Science teachers.

Dr. St. John received information from Mr. McKee and Mr. Huppe and they will be meeting on July 13th with representatives of the UofA Biomedical Center. Just initial discussions as to whether the UofA might want to be involved with helping the district plan the school.

Dr. Valenzuela and Judy Cutler attended a meeting with the UofA Department of Agriculture. They run the Santa Rita Experimental Range and have run it for many years. They want to connect with the district's high school. Dr. Valenzuela advised them of the district's plans for a Bio-Medical high school. They are very excited about the idea and would like to attend the meeting with the UofA.

The Board received the Suspension/Expulsion list for 2005-2006. They also received copies of article from the Green Valley News which reported the district's bus operations and also an article regarding the \$500,000.00 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant in the AZ Daily Star.

Bill Woodward, Dr. Valenzuela, Mr. Lehmkuhl, Mr. Rawson and Dr. St. John will be conducting architect interviews for the next round of projects early in July.

All the administrators are donating time to the White Elephant during the summer.

Dr. Valenzuela will have the testing report available for the July 12th Board meeting.

Reminder to the Board that there is a retreat/special meeting next Monday night.

Administrators will have a retreat on July 24, 2006.

The district had plans to remodel classrooms at SIS. The cost estimate was out of control so Dr. St. John visited schools to see if they could find space. They couldn't find space so they asked Dr. Barbara Smith if she would be interested in moving the preschool, Project Opportunity, to the ECC for the first semester. The vacant classrooms will be used for two 3rd grade classrooms.

The teamwork in the district is great!!

Tina Steward stated that SPS has hired their two campus monitor positions. SPS continues to enroll students.

Dr. Wayne Ross stated that they are still looking for a Sped teacher, a 5th grade teacher and a few campus monitors.

Stephanie Silman stated that Mr. McKee, Mr. Lehmkuhl, and Mrs. Noe have been out for the last week. Everything is good at SHS.

Kathy Shiba – SMS is continuing to enroll students and hire teachers. Everyone is working hard.

Kathy will be housed in the district office until Anza Trail School is ready for her to move into.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

Dr. St. John recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda as they were distributed. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried 4-0.

A. Employment

- 1 Paul Uricchio, Bus Driver Trainee – Transportation – New Position – Ratification to 06/16/06
- 2 Claude Poe, Plumber – Facilities – New Position – Effective 07/03/06
- 3 Johnny Camaro, Temporary Grounds Supervisor – Facilities – Replacement – Ratification to 06/08/06
- 4 Sarah Evans, Bus Driver – Transportation – New Position – Effective 08/04/06
- 5 Lynne Forbes, Secretary-Front Office – Change it Position – SHS – New Position – Effective 07/01/06
- 6 Cassandra Gomez, Payroll Specialist – Change in Position – District Office – New Position – Effective 07/01/06
- 7 Jose Juarez, Bus Driver – Transportation – New Position – Ratification to 06/19/06
- 8 George Krillies, Bus Driver Trainee – Transportation – New Position – Ratification to 06/16/06
- 9 Florence Lopez, Administrative Assistant to Facilities Director – Facilities – Replacement – Ratification to 06/19/06
- 10 Blanca McDonald, Bus Driver-BTW Instructor-Classroom Trainer – Transportation – New Position – Ratification to 06/14/06

B. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

- 1 Tammy Steeves, English Teacher – SHS – Resignation Effective 06/08/06
- 2 Kevin Steeves, Chemistry and/or Biology Teacher – SHS – Resignation Effective 06/08/06
- 3 David Robinson, 1st Grade Teacher – SPS – Resignation Effective 06/09/06
- 4 Vanessa Parrent, 5th Grade Teacher – SIS – Verbal Resignation Effective 06/14/06
- 5 Elizabeth Cummins, 4th Grade Teacher – Resignation Effective 06/12/06
- 6 Virginia Cobb, Custodian – SMS – Resignation Effective 06/12/06
- 7 Jennifer Brooks, Math/Science/Social Studies Teacher – SMS – Resignation Effective 06/15/06

C. Gifts & Donations

- 1 Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program - \$115.38 – Project Inspire

x. Board Communication

Mrs. Kellermeyer concurred with Dr. St. John regarding the extraordinary team here at the district. The district works very well together.

- xI. Establish Next Meeting – July 12, 2006 - SUSD Auditorium** (Only one meeting during the month of July)

xII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-0

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board