



# *Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30*

*Sahuarita High School  
Sahuarita Intermediate School  
Sopori Elementary School  
SUSD Early Childhood Center*

*Sahuarita Middle School  
Sahuarita Primary School  
Anza Trail School*

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

August 23, 2006 - Sub Hall B District Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.  
350 W Sahuarita Rd. - Sahuarita AZ

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

President Michael Lurkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Also in attendance were Tom Murphy, Clerk of the Board, Board members Elaine Hall, Diana Kellermeyer, Elaine Hall, and Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela, and Director of Business Services Charlotte Gates. There were 55 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

### **II. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as revised. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

### **III. Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2006 Regular Meeting**

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes of the August 9, 2006 meeting as distributed. Mrs. Hall made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

### **IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers**

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 3 in the amount of \$549,037.77, new payroll Voucher 4 for the pay period ending August 25, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 and new payroll Voucher 5 for the pay period ending September 8, 2006 in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 7504 through 7509 and 7075 for a total amount of \$3,780,429.21. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

### **V. Call to the Public**

Curtis Jones, district patron – Item VII.A.2 Moving State Land Application. It seems fiscally irresponsible to build a school on the state land site at Sahuarita Park and to bus students when funds could be used for other things. He is not supporting the capital override election. Feels district is wasting capital funds.

Phillip Moreno, district patron and member of the Keep Kids First Committee. Thanked the Board for their service. Invited Board members as individuals and all present to participate in the Kids First Override Committee.

Mark Schmidt, district patron and parent. Expressed concern with the cost and logistics involved in the redistricting for the Anza Trail School, transportation for students to Anza Trail School and impact of the redistricting on the relationship of neighborhood children.

Tom Dorgan, high school teacher. Thanked the Board for allowing his senior government students to attend the meetings and taking the time to sign the students' agendas. He invited the Board to visit the government classes.

Alice Sanchez, food service director for district. Ms. Sanchez introduced Nicole West, District Manager of Aramark and Regional Vice President Sumi Ghosh.

**VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community – “Friends of Sahuarita Award” – Wal-Mart and Mr. Anthony Bruno**

Mrs. Kellermeyer presented Friends of Sahuarita plaques to Anthony Bruno and Jim Grow, manager of local Super Wal-Mart. Mr. Bruno has been very active in the community for many years, having served on the SUSD Governing Board, the Sahuarita Educational Enrichment Foundation and as director of the Amado Food Bank. Wal-mart has always been very supportive of the school district by honoring a Teacher of the Year, matching any fund raising that takes place on the Wal-mart property and collaborating in the “Fill the Bus” program.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Business**

1. Approval of Vehicle Disposal

Dr. St. John recommended that Facilities Director Daryl Rawson be allowed to dispose of vehicle #602, a 15-passenger van, by sale to another district or state agency for fair market value. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

2. Moving State Land Application

Dr. St. John has requested a future high school site on 45 acres on state trust land north of Anza Trail School and a 25 acre site next to Sahuarita Park for an elementary school. The School Facilities Board has approved a new high school and conceptually approved a new K-8 school.

The long range planning committee recommends K-12 sites whenever possible. For the purposes of discussion, Dr. St. John recommended the request for 25 acres next to Sahuarita Park be added to the 45-acre high school site north of Anza Trail School for a total of 70 acres at that site. There would actually be two K-8 schools and a high school in proximity of each other and would meet the goal of the long range planning committee. The motion was made by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mr. Murphy. Discussion followed.

Dr. St. John's biggest concern is the fact that the process of obtaining state trust land is very slow and the trust land is subject to auction. The process of applying for state trust land appears to take too long to meet the needs of our district. From a maintenance and logistical standpoint, the idea of having Anza Trail School, the new high school and another K-8 school in the same site is appealing.

Mrs. Kellermeyer felt that Anza Trail and the current K-12 campus are able to accommodate all the students that are currently enrolled. At what point is the district going to want schools in other locations? She expressed concern about moving the land from the Sahuarita Park site to another site. She felt the Sahuarita Park site is a feasible one.

Dr. St. John responded that the Sahuarita Park site has merit but is subject to the state land process, which in turn is subject to the School Facilities Board. The district does not have the money to purchase land, and we are not allowed to inventory state trust land for future school sites.

Mr. Murphy asked if the district could look for donation of land for school sites. Dr. St. John replied in the affirmative. The SFB is happy to have the district do their work for them.

Mrs. Hall asked if the district had already applied for the two state trust sites. Dr. St. John said yes. Mrs. Hall felt we should leave the requests as they are and approach others for donations of land.

Mrs. Kellermeyer asked if there was any reason why we could not still go ahead put one in for a third request for state land. Could we move a site from Rancho Maria? Does it work against the district if we do something like that? Dr. St. John responded that state trust land requests can be moved.

Dr. St. John met with the School Facilities Board Director and the Director of the Rancho Maria project this morning to discuss ways of meeting the district's need for land for new schools. The Rancho Maria developer has purchased 3,000 acres, is purchasing another 1,000 acres and some state trust land. The developer is committed to Rancho Maria even though the housing market seems to be slowing. There is no sewer, water or gas at Rancho Maria.

Developers can now build schools for districts and then be reimbursed by the School Facilities Board. Meetings will be held in the next few months with Rancho Maria officials. They may donate land for a super campus and build a K-8 school ahead of time. In that event, the whole argument of the state trust land north of Anza Trail may go away. The School Facilities Board does not care about the relationship between developers and the district. There is some danger in that. Dr. St. John was very pleasantly surprised at the meeting this morning. The School Facilities Board would want to see the land a school is built upon and make sure it meets its standards.

After the discussion, the Board voted 5 to 0 not to approve the motion. Dr. St. John appreciated the discussion.

3. Approval of 2007 Capital Improvement Plan

Dr. St. John presented the 2007 Capital Improvement Plan required by the School Facilities Board and recommended approval by the Board. He has added the gymnasium and new science classroom at Sopor Elementary School to the plan as being funded by local money. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

B. Governing Board - Discussion and Possible Action

1. Possible Cancellation of Uncontested Governing Board Election

School Districts in Pima County that have uncontested Governing Board elections have been asked to consider canceling the election due to a very crowded general election ballot. Dr. St. John recommended the Board not cancel the election as it may confuse the other two questions on the ballot. The motion was made by Mr. McGee and seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

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

The administrators submitted written reports.

Dr. St. John received a letter from the Marana Chamber of Commerce in support of the Joint Technical Education District.

Dr. St. John shared information on the ACT tests. The students met or exceeded the state average on the tests.

Dr. St. John traveled to Cleveland OH at the request of an architectural firm to visit two high school projects they had worked on. One of the projects was a cooperative effort of the school district, the town and a hospital in building a recreational center with a physical therapy area. All the parties share the costs of the physical center. The center has walking and jogging tracks and a water therapy area and the students are able to use the center. The hospital staffs the physical therapy center and sends its physical therapy patients there for services. The school district owns the center and the hospital and the town staff and run it.

The second high school had a very similar cooperative effort on the construction of a fine arts center. The district worked with a local fine arts committee and the town.

It was a very interesting trip and he was pleased to be able to discuss the issues that arose as the school district and community worked together. Next Monday, Dr. St. John will be visiting a Bio Technical High School site in the Phoenix Union School District and see how the curriculum is driving the design.

After his meeting with the Director of the School Facilities Board this morning, Dr. St. John spent a few minutes reminding him of the under-valuation of the donated property for the Anza Trail School. Dr. St. John may request the Board to make a formal challenge to the SFB on this matter.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has suggested the district connect to the town sewer system. The estimated cost is \$300,000. Our water is not bad but it is cloudy. Dr. St. John is concerned with the new filtering system requirements for wells that are coming and the cost involved. The district currently has five wells. The district has set aside the request by ADEQ for now.

### **IX. Consent Agenda**

Dr. St. John recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda, as they are routine items. Mrs. Hall made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeier. The motion carried.

#### **A. Employment**

1. Gregory Budzynski, Inclusion Health Assistant – SIS – Replacement – Effective 08/28/06
2. Anne Cavanagh, Inclusion Health Assistant – SPS Project Inspire - Replacement – Ratification to 08/04/06
3. Kathryn Dunkle, Campus Monitor – SIS – New Position – Ratification to 08/08/06
4. Mary Embrey, Inclusion Health Assistant – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 08/04/06
5. Karen Fleeger, Math Teacher – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 08/01/06
6. Michele Fournier, Bilingual Instructional Aide – Sopori – New Position – Ratification to 08/04/06
7. Andrea Gibson, Campus Monitor – SPS – New Position – Ratification to 08/07/06
8. Albert Karsch, Maintenance Tech – Facilities – Replacement – Ratification to 08/14/06
9. Paul “Wayne” Kuhlman, ACE Teacher – SMS – Returning – Ratification to 07/31/06
10. Suzanne Rowland, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher – SIS – Replacement – Ratification to 07/31/06

11. Lucinda Roy, Inclusion Health Assistant – SIS – Replacement – Ratification to 08/04/06
12. Evangelina Samaniego, Inclusion Health Assistant – SPS Project Inspire – Replacement – Ratification to 08/04/06
13. Robert Szabo, Math Teacher – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 07/31/06
14. Luis Villagran, Building Grounds Tech. – Facilities – Replacement – Ratification to 08/21/06
15. David Watson, Football Coach – SMS – Replacement – Ratification to 08/14/06
16. Ed Diaz, Inclusion Health Assistant – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 08/04/06
17. Ron Boyter, Prevention Specialist – SMS – Replacement – Ratification to 08/07/06
18. Scott Boyter, Additional P.E. Class – SHS - .2 Increase – Ratification to 08/08/06
19. Tami Craver, ECC Classroom Lead – SUSD ECC – New Position – Ratification to 08/08/06
20. Chris Fanning, Athletic Dept. Assistant – SHS – Special Assignment .2 Increase – Ratification to 08/10/06
21. Marsha Flores, Test Coordinator Additional Duties – SHS - .2 Increase – Ratification to 08/08/06
22. Larisa Hublou, Inclusion Health Assistant – SMS – Replacement – Ratification to 08/04/06
23. Janice Lewis, SPED Instructional Aide – SMS – Replacement – Ratification to 08/04/06
24. Kathleen Lewis, Extra Science Class – SHS - .2 Increase – Ratification to 08/04/06
25. Tina Nelson, COTA – District Office – Increase FTE – Ratification to 08/04/06
26. Cindy-Lou Peck, Classroom Assistant – SUSD ECC – Increase Hours – Ratification to 07/14/06
27. Joe Rieman, Program Development – SHS – Special Assignment .2 Increase – Ratification to 08/10/06

**B. Resignations/Terminations/Separations**

1. Tara Weber, Speech/Language Pathologist – SHS - Resignation Effective 08/02/06
2. Woody Utter, Bus Driver Trainee – Transportation – Resignation Effective 08/04/06
3. John Guerrero, Inclusion Health Assistant – SMS – Resignation Effective 08/07/06

**C. Volunteers**

1. Diana Arvizu – SIS – Effective 08/23/06
2. Debbie Daris – SHS – Effective 08/23/06
3. Debbie Diggs-Tapia – SMS – Effective 08/23/06
4. Allison A. Dougherty – SMS – Effective 08/23/06
5. Teresa Estrada-Gonzales – SHS – Effective 08/23/06
6. Anita Gaudet – SMS – Effective 08/23/06
7. Robin Green – SMS – Effective 08/23/06
8. Calaiha Hamburger – SMS – Effective 08/23/06
9. Robin Karnas – SHS – Effective 08/23/06
10. Jose E. Rios – SHS – Effective 08/23/06
11. Edna Sanmiguel – SMS – Effective 08/23/06
12. John Tessendorf – SHS – Effective 08/23/06
13. RaeAnn Zarse – SMS – Effective 08/23/06

**D. Student Fund Raising**

1. SPS-PTO – Pre-sales on Little Caesars Pizza – Ratification to 08/21/06 – Ending 08/30/06
2. SPS-PTO – Sale of T-Shirts promoting school spirit and identity – Effective 09/2006 through 05/2007

**E. Approval of New Position Descriptions**

1. Maintenance Technician

**X. Board Communication**

**Mrs. Kellermeier:** Complimented Mr. Dorgan's class on their attendance and behavior. Thanked Mr. Moreno for his work on the Kids First committee. Congratulated the high school on the ACT scores. Thanked Mr. Bruno for his service to the district and community. Congratulated Mrs. Shiba on the ASA article. Stated that all our teachers are exceptional and was pleased the district had two candidates for the Arizona Teacher of the Year.

**Mr. Murphy:** Thanked Mr. Bruno for his kindness to him when he was running for the Board. Thanks to the *Sabuarita Sun* for the article. Thanks to Mrs. Lopez for the tour of Sopori. It was a great decision to employ her. Complimented Mr. Rawson and Mr. Downs on their reports.

**Mrs. Hall:** Added her thanks for the written administrative reports and their format. Is glad to see the transportation department is doing well.

**XI. Establish Next Meeting – September 13, 2006 – District Auditorium**

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully,

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Clerk of the Board