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MINUTES
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2009– 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Elaine Hall called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. Also in attendance were Board Clerk, Mike Lurkins, Members Tom Murphy, Diana Kellermeyer, and Kris Ham, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 69 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2009

The superintendent recommended approval of the August 12, 2009 minutes as distributed and posted. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. Mrs. Ham asked why the Prop 301 proposal was not included in the minutes. This information is included as an exhibit in the official file of the Board minutes. The motion carried.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 3 in the amount totaling \$801,472.94. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 9098 through 9099 and vouchers 1006 through 1009 in the amount of \$621,182.93. The motion was made by Mr. Lurkins and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public

Swapna Vettiyil, Karia Silva and Analiese Badilla spoke to the Governing Board asking for consideration of their position for having the 8th Grade Promotion ceremonies as an evening event rather than the current policy of having them during the day. They felt that having the ceremonies during the day made it difficult for many parents and families to attend.

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. August “Leaders in Character” Honorees – Christopher Valdez, Jr., 3rd Grade, Sopori; Colleen Lee, 8th Grade, Anza Trail; Kyara Williams, 2nd Grade, SPS; Isabella Solorza, 5th Grade SIS; Katherine Maynard, 8th Grade, SMS; Lindsey Walsh, 12th Grade, SHS. Dr. Valenzuela reviewed the Leaders in Character Program. This program is a partnership between the Sahuarita Sun, Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold and the Sahuarita School District. The goal of this program is to recognize outstanding

leadership, exemplary citizenship, as well as daily actions of students in all of the schools. These students set examples for all their peers and all the community. Each student was presented with a certificate and gift card to Barnes and Noble.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action - None

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of Renewal of RFP 2006-9 – STARS – Speech Therapy

SUSD is requesting approval for renewal of RFP 2006-9 for fiscal year 2009-2010 to provide speech therapy for District students. Dr. Smith noted that there are now 5 in-house therapists and only 2 from STARS, whereas last year STARS had more therapists serving the District. The superintendent recommended approval of the renewal of RFP 2006-9. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried.

2. Approval of an RFP for Energy Services

The District has been holding discussions with Kennedy Partners concerning a unique approach to energy savings. John Kennedy and his partners are currently working with Continental School District on an energy savings approach to which we feel the Board should be introduced. The Board was asked to consider an RFP for energy services. This RFP would allow the District to enter into up to 25 year performance pay program with vendors for solar photovoltaic electric generation. To continue discussions with any of the energy service companies who meet with the District regularly, the Board approval is needed. The RFP response will have to include Kennedy Partners. A copy of the RFP will be on file as an exhibit with the official copy of these minutes. The superintendent recommended approval of the RFP for Energy Services. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

3. Town of Sahuarita – Presentation of Sahuarita Road Project – Information Only

Farhad Moghimi, the Director of Public Works and Joel Harris, Civil Engineer and Project Manager, employees of the Town of Sahuarita presented a project update on the Sahuarita Road Project, Phase I, Interstate 19 to La Villita Road. The Town and the District have been working together to address drainage problems and on the pedestrian underpass which is part of the Sahuarita Road Project. The project was bid in June and the contract awarded to Southern Arizona Paving on July 13th. The contractor will begin work on September 9th and the completion date for Phase I is scheduled for the end of November 2010. A communications consultant is on board with the Town to set up an internet blog site to provide updates to the community. The Town will also be working with the District IT Department to set up a link on the school website. The town, the Contractor and the District will be working together to make sure there is access to all school sites and the Transportation Department. The widening of Sahuarita Road Project will be from I-19 to Country Club Road. The project has been divided into 2 phases; Phase 1 will be from I-19 to La Villita Road and Phase 2 will be from La Villita Road to Country Club Road. The project will make Sahuarita Road a 4-lane road with left hand turning lanes. Key intersections will have signal lights. Sidewalks, bike lanes and landscaping will also be part of the project. Ground breaking ceremonies will be on

September 8th, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., immediately east of the Administration Building. No action needed by the Governing Board.

4. Solar Energy Presentation – Information Only

Mark Rafferty and Allison Soriano of Kennedy Partners presented information on the use of solar energy programs. Kennedy Partners serve as an owner representative firm to work with public entities to develop capital improvement plans working through various procurements for design construction of facilities. There have been changes in the State of Arizona in regard to renewable energy. Primarily, the statute that Dr. St. John referred to is the Qualified Provider Statute. This is a vehicle to put renewable energy at school sites. The Net Metering Rule, which was brought about by the Arizona Corporation Commission early this year, requires Arizona utility companies to enter into one-to-one agreements with customers. If customers have renewable energy systems on their sites, and are tied to the utility grid, then the utility is required to buy energy generated by the system at the same price as it is selling the energy to the customer. The photovoltaic system, when installed, should generate enough electricity on the site in a one year period, as the site uses. Kennedy Partners prefers to put the arrays of PV sites in configurations such as shading structures, rather than having them installed on roof space. In order for these systems to be advantageous to school districts, they must be operationally cost neutral as well as capital neutral. They cannot add to the cost of operation. In order to accomplish this, so that school districts would own the system after a period of 10-12 years, Kennedy Partners, or any vendor providing the same services, needs to be the umbrella agent in order to access the federal tax credit, which is very substantial, typically 30% of the cost of the project. School districts and local governments are not able to access this tax credit, whereas a developer has access. Also, the developer can negotiate with the local utility for a rebate to the school, of up to 50% of the cost of the project. The balance of the cost would be from grants or commercial financing. The commitment of the school district would be to pay the current utility rate, which would not have any rate escalation for a period of 10-12 years, and at the end of the 10-12 year period, the district would take over the system.

C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of Sopori School's Artist in Residence, Catherine Nash

Sopori School requested Governing Board approval of the school's Artist in Residence. The Arizona Commission on the Arts has awarded the grant. Catherine Nash is the artist and she will be providing enrichment for Sopori students tailored around visual literacy. It is called Art and the Written Word. The superintendent recommended approval of the Artist in Residence Program for Sopori School. Mrs. Ham made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

2. Approval of Capital Improvement Plan/SFB

The School Facilities Board requires that all school districts in Arizona file a Capital Improvement Plan by September 1, 2009. Currently it is filed on line. There is a requirement that the Governing Board approve the plan at a Governing Board meeting. Dr. St. John reviewed the plan using the SFB Web Page screens and discussed the information on the plan and the method used to arrive at the numbers. Report items reviewed included student enrollment, ADM, project list, development list, student yield factors, etc. The project list included three new elementary schools plus a 3rd high

school. The new high school that is close to construction is not being included in these numbers. The development list includes the number of home sales in the area. Dr. St. John spoke with John Arnold of SFB about the effect of foreclosures, short sales, etc. having the numbers for this category. It is difficult to project the impact of foreclosures, etc. on the school population. Every year, since 2004, Mrs. Gates has filed a request for growth. The compilation of the student enrollment each year since 2004, broken down by grade levels, shows the growth for the school district over the last five years is 84.4%. Dr. St. John has submitted 12% as a multiplier factor. The actual multiplier factor, using the growth percentage is 14.7%. The superintendent recommended approval of the Capital Improvement Plan as presented, remembering that in the plan there is no reference to the high school that is currently approved, but there is a reference for three more K-8 schools and a 3rd high school. Mrs. Ham made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

D. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. New Positions – 3 Health Inclusion Asst. & 1 Instructional Aide

Dr. Barbara Smith has recommended the following positions for special education. They will be funded out of federal special education stimulus money that has been approved:

3 Health Inclusion Assistants (2 for preschool site)
1 Instructional Aide, special education for Anza Trail School

As these positions are funded by stimulus money, funding may not be available for them in the next fiscal year. The superintendent recommended approval of the new positions. Mrs. Ham made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

2. New Positions – 3 at Primary School and 1 at Anza Trail

Dr. St. John presented information on student growth district wide, plus a recommendation for additional staff at SPS and Anza Trail. Mr. Downs prepared the back up material. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes as an exhibit. The class sizes indicated on the chart are above what was promised to the community. To reduce the class sizes, Dr. St. John asked the board to approved 3 additional positions at the Primary School and 2 additional positions at Anza Trail, rather than just 1 position, to cover the large 5th Grade class. Mr. Lurkins expressed his confidence in the approval of the additional staff, because Mrs. Gates knows whether the District can financially afford the expense. The superintendent recommended approval of the additional staff at SPS and Anza Trail to meet growth. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Written reports were submitted by all Administrators and were included in the Board Packet.

Dr. St. John reported the student enrollment as of today is 1370 at Anza, 1499 at SHS, 607 at SIS, 688 at SMS, 720 (26 at ECC) at SPS, 219 at Sopori, for a total enrollment of 5107. The growth, right now, is 7.2%. Upcoming events include a meeting with a Mom's Club, a meeting with United Way, meeting with some of the church groups to reorganize facility use, SPS Open House and SIS Open House tomorrow night, Keep Kids First meeting is coming up, home football game Friday night with the dedication of Burton Tingle Field, Town of Sahuarita meeting with the

District IT Dept., Team meetings and construction meetings held on regular basis. Dr. St. John showed pictures of the construction/repair project at the SMS gym and locker rooms. The floors in the locker/shower rooms dropped about 6"-8", which caused the walls to crack. The insurance company was contacted and they paid for the removal of the swimming pool, then they started on the locker/shower room project. When they started the plumbing repairs, they found that the old plumbing was more likely the cause of the damage to the locker room area, rather than the leaks from the swimming pool. The Town of Sahuarita is scheduled to come in Thursday (8/27/09) to do the inspection of the plumbing repairs and upon their approval; this area should once again be useable space. This area/building, like the swimming pool, is 40+ years old and will not last forever. The insurance company gave the district \$200,000 to deal with the swimming pool and locker rooms; however, the costs to date are \$301,000, \$100,000 above the insurance company financial commitment. Dr. St. John and Mrs. Gates applied to the School Facilities Board for Emergency Deficiency Correction funds. The SFB representative was on site today. The District has in funds in the Building Renewal fund, set aside for roof repairs needed at several sites, plus funds in Restricted Capital. The SFB is saying that the District must use these funds before they would consider SFB Emergency Deficiency Correction funds. No progress on the SHS lease yet, but this should happen in the near future. The Swetland Center programs are running. The District has entered into discussions with First Things First for a grant for the Swetland Center. Discussions have been held with the Food Bank and UCHC Wellness Center to provide services at the Sahuarita Park area. Dr. St. John met with Bill McCreery of Casa de Esperanza, to discuss the adult program at the Center. Mrs. Kellermeyer asked about the JTED program becoming involved with some of the programs at the Swetland Center.

Dr. Valenzuela reported on the approval for the 21st Century Learning Centers from the federal stimulus money. This will allow buildings to have after school programs of some significance.

The Town of Sahuarita asked Mr. Downs how many employees the District has. He reported that the District now has 700 employees, not including substitute teachers. The response from the Town was that the District is now the largest employer in Sahuarita and the only one that keeps adding positions in this economy.

Mr. Boone, Mr. Rawson and the Electrical Engineer for the new high school met to discuss power service, internet service and telephone service to the new high school. They have some ideas that may be less expensive than the traditional methods. Mr. Boone also reported on the IT Department activities. They are working on improving customer service, as well as with the upgrading of much of the IT equipment. The department responsibilities have increased tremendously with the increase of student population and all the additional conversions to the electronic data system requirements. During the summer, the department updated all computers in the district, changed the network to a multi-level system and installed new equipment throughout the district. They also maintain the phone system, the camera and security systems and make sure all 1,600 + computers are working, 200+ printers and all the servers that keep everything working. Since July 2009 IT has completed almost 900 tickets, have 188 tickets in progress and have re-opened 6 tickets. Conversion to Power School has been a big project and is now up and running. Scott stated that technical problems were minor, compared to training problems. Scott thanked his staff, Ethan, Rick, Jorge, Anna, Roland, Laura and Julio, for their hard work and for all the extra work they do to keep things running. They all do an excellent job. Scott thanked the Board for all the support they have given him and his department, and also thanked the administrators to all their help and support.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

The superintendent recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda as they are routine items. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Marta Allen, Campus Monitor, SMS, New Hire, Effective 08/14/09
2. Lori Carpenter, Campus Monitor, SHS, New Hire, Effective 08/05/09
3. Hector Encinas, Aide Sub, LINK, Re-Hire, Effective 08/04/09
4. Elizabeth Estrada, Monitor, Anza Trail, New Hire, Effective 08/10/09
5. Amanda Forslund, Girl's Varsity Tennis Coach, SHS, New Hire, Effective 02/01/10
6. Laura Hapeman, Girl's Varsity Tennis Coach, SHS, New Hire, Effective 02/01/10
7. Trisha Herrera, Inclusion Health Asst., SPS, New Hire, Effective 08/06/09
8. Michelle Lananam, Monitor, Anza Trail, New Hire, Effective 08/18/09
9. Teresa Moreno-Landreville, Bus Drive, Transportation, New Hire, Effective 08/13/09
10. Margaret Nettleton, DIBELS Assessment Team, District, New Hire, Effective 08/10/09
11. Elizabeth O'Hearn, DIBELS Assessment Team, District, New Hire, Effective 08/10/09
12. Vanessa Orozco, Program Specialist, Swetland Center, New Hire, Effective 08/05/09
13. Roman Rascon, Program Aide, Swetland Center, Re-Hire, Effective 08/04/09
14. Stephanie Reynolds, DIBELS Assessment Team, District, New Hire, Effective 08/10/09
15. Monica Stockellberg, Bus Driver, Transportation, Re-Hire, Effective 08/04/09
16. Meghan Wells, Health Inclusion Asst., ECC, New Hire, Effective 08/20/09
17. Lowell A. Wogan, Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation, New Hire, Effective 08/14/09
18. Marcella Whelan, Instructional Aide, Sopori, New Hire, Effective 08/17/09
19. Colleen Young, Substitute Teacher, District-wide, Re-Hire, Effective 08/04/09
20. Amy Abrahamson, 6th Grade Teacher, Anza Trail, Status Change, Effective 08/04/09
21. Colleen Antonovich, English Teacher, SHS, Status Change, Effective 08/17/09
22. Tim Blount, Science Teacher, SHS, Status Change, Effective 08/10/09
23. Jose Carpio, Building/Grounds Technician, Facilities, Status Change, Effective 08/05/09
24. Tracey Dailey, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change, Effective 08/10/09
25. Karen Dominguez, Instructional Aide, Anza Trail, Status Change, Effective 08/18/09
26. Chris Fee, Substitute Teacher, SHS, Status Change, Effective 08/05/09
27. Judy Fisher, Special Ed. Transition, SHS, Status Change, Effective 07/31/09
28. Tonya Gilvin, Special Ed. Teacher –PI-SMS, Status Change, Effective 07/31/09
29. Bailey Harem, Substitute Teacher, SHS, Status Change, Effective 07/31/09
30. Kim Avelar, New Teacher Induction Planning, SMS, Other, Effective 07/31/09
31. Mary Jo Boyter, New Teacher Induction Planning, SPS, Other, Effective 07/31/09
32. Judy Cutler, New Teacher Induction Planning, Admin., Other, Effective 07/31/09
33. Marsha Flores, New Teacher Induction Planning, SHS, Other, Effective 07/31/09
34. Jim Heinzelmann, New Teacher Induction Planning, SIS, Other, Effective 07/31/09
35. Pat Mount, New Teacher Induction Planning, Anza Trail, Other, Effective 07/31/09
36. Jana Turner, New Teacher Induction Planning, Sopori, Other, Effective 07/31/09
37. Justin Archer, Flat Football Coach, Anza Trail, Addendum, Effective 07/31/09
38. Genell Burroughs, Sophomore Class Co-Sponsor, SHS, Addendum, Effective 08/12/09
39. Marsha Flores, SPED Admin. Asst., SHS, Status Change, Effective 07/31/09
40. Lauren Harcourt, Choral Sponsor, SMS, Addendum, Effective FY 09/10
41. Patrick McCarthy, Volleyball Coach, SMS, Addendum, Effective 08/13/09
42. Karen Rojahn, Staff Development Team, District-wide, Addendum, Effective 07/31/09
43. Veronica Vajda, Volleyball Coach, SMS, Addendum, Effective 08/13/09
44. Shanna Wahlstrand, Asst. Drama Coach, SHS, Addendum, Effective 07/31/09

45. Elisha Wintch, Asst. Volleyball Coach, SHS, Addendum, Effective 08/10/09

B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

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1. Pat Grimm, Inclusion Health Asst., SIS, Resignation, Effective 08/10/09
 2. Jeanette Guerrero, Instructional Aide, Anza Trail, Resignation, Effective 08/04/09
Nancy Farnsworth, Student Services Asst., Administration, Resignation, Effective 08/04/09
 4. Danielle Pack, Girls Basketball Coach Addendum, Anza Trail Resignation, Effective 08/07/09
 5. Tricia Rodriguez, Campus Monitor, SMS, Resignation, Effective 08/06/09
 6. William Smith, Campus Monitor, SHS, Resignation, Effective 08/17/09
 7. Ronald Stocker, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation, Effective 08/06/09

C. Volunteers - None

E. Gifts and Donations

1. Crafting for a Cause @ Sonora Del Webb Clubhouse, School Supplies, Sopori
2. Kelly & Elizabeth Chilvers, \$160.00 & 4 backpacks, Sopori
3. Caterpillar Company, several used desks, District

F. Use of School Facilities

1. The Air Force Band of the West would like to use the Main Auditorium to perform a free concert on November 11, 2009
2. Young Rembrandts would like to use Classroom 100 in the G Building at SHS to teach art classes to kids from 1st through 6th Grade. Classes will run from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday after school, from September 2, 2009 to November 4, 2009, with the exception of the October 14, 2009 and October 28, 2009
3. ~~Gabriel Giffords would like to rent the Main Auditorium for a meeting to present the recently completed report analyzing proposed border checkpoints along the I-19 corridor, on August 31, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ++~~
4. ~~The Town of Sahuarita Parks and Rec. Dept. would like to use the SIS and SHS Gyms to hold its annual basketball tournament on September 12, 2009, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ++~~
5. SUSD #30 will host a Visions Use Group Meeting for the Southwest Districts in the Auditorium, Pod B, on September 21, 2009, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

G. Out of State Travel

1. 1. Gloria Williams attending Family Literacy Director's Meeting, Phoenix AZ, August 27, 2009.
2. Barbara Smith & Paula Valdez attending Special Education Director's Institute, Phoenix AZ, August 31, 2009-Sept. 2, 2009
3. Judy Fisher attending AZ 9th Annual Transition Conference for Special Education, Phoenix AZ, September 21-23, 2009
4. Judy Fisher & Audrey Reida attending the Special Education-Assistive Technology Fundamentals of AT Services, Flagstaff AZ, September 10-11, 2009
5. Clarisa Rodriguez and Karen Pischansky attending the ASA/NCA Fall Administrators Conference, Flagstaff AZ, September 27-28, 2009
6. Chris Sanders attending P. E. Conference, Phoenix AZ, September 24-25, 2009 ++

G. Approval of Student Fund-Raising Activities

1. Pancake Breakfast at Anza Cafeteria, August 29, 2009, Anza Trail Music Program
2. Spirit T-shirt Sales, August through November, 2009, SHS Student Council
3. Selling Sahuarita Spirit Items at Home Football Games, SHS, FCCLA
4. Car Wash, November 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., SHS, Girls Varsity Soccer ++
5. Sale of Spirit Items (not the same as those being sold by FCCLA), Home Football Games, SHS Spirit Club ++
6. Sale of Glow Sticks at SHS dances, September 26 & October 30, SHS FBLA ++

H. Approval of Student Activity and Auxiliary Accounts Revenue and Expenditure Reports

1. Expenditure Reports for the period ending July 31, 2009

X. Board Communication

Mr. Murphy again thanked the administrators for a great few weeks. He felt this had been the best school opening he has ever seen. He thanked Dr. Neish for his perseverance in purchasing the U-haul truck and the Wood Shop and Mechanics Class for their work in getting the truck fixed up for hauling band uniforms and equipment.

Mrs. Hall thanked the IT Department for all the work they do and also thanked the administrators for a great school year so far.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – September 9, 2009 – 6:30 PM – District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session – Discussion and Possible Action - None

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board