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MINUTES
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010– 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mike Lurkins called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. Also in attendance was Board Clerk, Tom Murphy, Members Diana Kellermeyer and Kris Ham, Superintendent Dr. Manuel Valenzuela, Assistant Superintendent Scott Downs, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 49 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Board member Elaine Hall was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2010

The superintendent recommended approval of the April 28, 2010 minutes as they were posted and distributed. Mr. Murphy 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 4 in the amount totaling \$880,977.66. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 1095, 1096, and voucher 1008 through 1012 in the amount of \$2,590,112.08. The motion for approval and ratification of vouchers was made by Mrs. Ham and seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. SUSD Summer School Program Presentation & Recognition:

- **Sopori School:** Kristen Alvarez, Robin Kleinholz, Jana Turner, Anna Chamberlain, Will Ahrens, Bill Ferrill, Kathy Walder, Rosa Alvarez, Sherri Bradford, Irelene Warner, Cyndy Radford.
- **Anza School:** Becky Hardesty, Sarah Brelsford, Ashley Sutton, Danielle Pack. Coordinator: Trina Zimmermann-Hall.
- **Sahuarita Intermediate School:** Marie Whitwell, Valerie Ramirez, Louis Sainz, Angela Guerra, Sandra Steely. Coordinator: Jim Heinzelmann.

- **Sahuarita Middle School:** Patrick McCarthy, Veronica Vajda, Ricky Torres, Gary Landis. Coordinator: Sylvia Telles.
- **Sahuarita High School:** Travis Goeden, David Cohen. Coordinator: Megan Green.

Mrs. Raulston, Sylvia Telles, and Trina Zimmerman-Hall provided the Board with a brief presentation of the SUSD Summer School Program and recognized the above teachers and staff who were instrumental in providing summer services for our students. Mrs. Raulston stated that during the past summer, teachers and support personnel were instrumental in providing an enrichment opportunity for our students most at risk. They were able to provide summer school programs operating at several schools sites within the Sahuarita School District. There were a number of areas of focus such as helping students work on skill deficits in reading and math. In addition, enrichment opportunities were offered in study skills, physical education, and technology.

Mrs. Raulston stated that with the idea of 21st Century Learning Centers, SUSD has been working toward having extended learning opportunities by broadening the traditional school year, especially for students at Title One Schools SIS, SMS, and Sopor and for a fee at Anza, and the high school. One of our District goals for 2010-11 is strong school environments. The District is committed to creating safe and orderly learning environments that support the physical, mental, cognitive, and emotional well being of students. Imagine SUSD as a lighthouse and a familiar ad campaign that states, "We will leave the light on for you" by welcoming and guiding our students with our summer school programs.

Each of the school's coordinators gave a brief update on the summer school program at their school site.

- B. 2009 Masonic Lodge Contest Winners:** 2nd Grade - Jade Arrington, Demi Zuniga; 3rd Grade - Xzavier Gamez, Hailey Pallanes; 4th Grade - Mya Vallejo, Danielle Dominguez, Anjelica Montes; 5th Grade - Aysha Flores, Daniel Lee; 6th Grade - Samantha Cozine, Bailea McDermott; 7th Grade - Valerie Thueson, Maddie Bullington; 8th Grade - Tara Tankersley, Tiffany Ford, Alexa Escobar, 10th Grade - Miranda Rodriguez, Austin Harris, Hannah Gaudet; 11th Grade - Marily Maldonado; 12th Grade - Carlos Gabriel Menendez.

Dr. Jay C. St. John of the Masonic Lodge presented awards for the above students who participated in the 2009 Masonic Lodge Essay Contest.

- C. 2009 Masonic Lodge Teacher Classroom Grant Awards:** Julie Tatum & Valerie Ramirez

Dr. Jay C. St. John of the Masonic Lodge presented awards to Ms. Julie Tatum & Valerie Ramirez. Both teachers were awarded \$300.00 for classroom supplies through the 2009 Masonic Lodge Teacher Classroom Grant.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action - None

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards.

Dr. Valenzuela explained that all public schools (including charter schools) must submit annually to the AZ Dept. of Ed a Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards for language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies referred to in the attached document collectively as the "Standards." Dr. Valenzuela recommended approval of the Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards. The motion to approve the Declaration of Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. ASBA's Top Ten Priorities for the 2011 Legislative Session

Attached to your agenda is the Top 10 Priorities for the 2011 Legislative Session. ASBA wants to ensure that the priorities reflect the priorities of as many of the School District Governing Boards as possible. These priorities are due to ASBA by October 1, 2010. Dr. Valenzuela asked that the Board please make their selection and provide Mrs. Huie with their individual selections by September 20th. Mrs. Huie will then compile the top priorities and place this item on the September 22nd Board agenda for approval.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Manuel Valenzuela, Superintendent:

Dr. Valenzuela stated that we are continuing to plan for the first phase training of faculty members regarding the recently adopted Write Up A Storm language arts/writing program. He stated that he is confident that this program will advance our instructional effectiveness in developing strong writing skills and process in our K-5 students. Dr. Valenzuela and Mr. Harcourt are working on a focused plan to systematically support principals in their instructional leadership role, specifically in regards to the utilization of assessment data to support reteaching, individualized instruction, and curriculum mapping. Baron Reyna from Assessment Technology, Inc. (Galileo) recently provided a seminar for principals regarding the latest developments in their program. As you may recall, Galileo provides standards aligned benchmark assessments that our students take three times per year. It gives reports about relative strengths, refinements, and progress toward end of year testing outcomes.

Dr. Valenzuela reported that the Comprehensive Reading Initiative (CRI) is continuing. The committee of faculty and administrators, under Kevin's direction, is collecting research; planning site visits, receiving training, and working to further develop a consistent reading framework for the elementary grades in our District. In addition, upon returning from the Labor Day, Dr. Valenzuela and Mr. Downs will be reviewing class size enrollments and real attendance figures to determine if there are critical and urgent areas that need attention in regards to current staffing levels.

The SFB Director, Dean Gray, recently called Scott Downs and shared that the finalization of the State's bond program has been delayed once again. Now, the target for receipt of these funds for Walden Grove HS is the first part of October. Of course, we will

be careful stewards of the purse strings and not officially commit to any other projects in the works until we are sure of the budget capacity.

Currently, Dr. Valenzuela is working with the central office team to initiate a "Transitions Team" in regards to the opening of Walden Grove HS. He has asked Scott D. to lead a committee, or maybe committees, of diverse stakeholders to address such areas as programs, opening grade configuration for next year, principal search, staffing, boundary realignments, and budget related issues.

Dr. Valenzeula shared the article in the recent Sahuarita Times. The front page article, titled *Sahuarita Schools-Looking To The Future*. He stated that it was a very nice communication piece for the District.

Dr. Valenzuela stated that the District is working with Farhad Moghimi, the Town Engineer, Principal Kathy Shiba, Rick Robinson from the Town of Sahuarita, Sgt. Kaleb Alred, Sahuarita Police Department, and Mike Bowman, from Rancho Sahuarita, to try and efficiently address some of the traffic circulation issues at Anza Trail School. Our collective efforts have yielded a concept to try and improve on the current difficulties with this topic at ATS. As the plan becomes more firm and specific, he anticipates bringing it to the Board for their consideration.

Dr. Valenzuela reminded the Board that he will be attending the ASBA Law Conference on Thursday-Saturday, September 9-11, along with Mrs. Hall. I always find benefit from this particular conference. This year, I look forward to learning more about the new, pending legislation which would require 35-50% of a teacher's evaluation to be tied to performance.

Scott Boone, Director of Technology:

Mr. Boone provided the Board with an example of the "World By Me" parent access portal. He gave a detailed description of how the software works and how a parent of the District can access their student's information.

Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Boone for his presentation and stated that this program has been well received and helpful in his family.

IX. Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommended approval of the consent agenda as it was presented. The motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Krista Allen, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
2. Ben Barfield, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
3. Robert Beachy, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
4. Howard Birmingham, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
5. Laura Blanco, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
6. Scott Boyter, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
7. Genelle Burroughs, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
8. Johnny Camargo, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10

9. Lorey Carpenter, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
10. Isabel Correl, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
11. Rodney Day, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
12. Lisa De La Ossa, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
13. Tom Dorgan, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
14. Steve Fanning, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
15. Chris Fee, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
16. Anna Fortiz, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
17. Tina Flores, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
18. Hugh Gallagher, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
19. Sam Gelardi, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
20. Jeff Goldberg, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
21. Rick Gomez, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
22. George Green, Custodian, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/27/10
23. Rosi Greene, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
24. Lisa Hernandez, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
25. Dustin Hineman, Custodian, Facilities, New Hire – Effective 08/27/10
26. Elisa Jackson, Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 08/31/10
27. KC Jones, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
28. Robin Karnes, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
29. Jeff King, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
30. Eric Kirkendal, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
31. Ed Lund, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
32. Bernie McCall, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
33. Chris Martin del Campo, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
34. Pete Morales, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
35. Gonzalo Nava, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
36. Liz Pantoja, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
37. Janice Pavlikowski, Substitute Teacher, District, Re-Hire – Effective 08/18/10
38. Ray Quihuis, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
39. Deborah Ramirez, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
40. Jeanette Ratzlaff, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
41. Jim Rawlings, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
42. Jordan Reeves, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
43. Joe Rieman, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
44. Linda Robinson, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
45. Julio Roman, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
46. Hector Romero, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
47. Martha Salas, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
48. Jorge Salazar, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
49. Guadalupe Sanchez, Inclusion Health Assistant, SPS, New Hire – Effective 08/27/10
50. Marie Sanchez, Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation, New Hire – Effective 08/27/10
51. Ninette Santa Cruz, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
52. Chris Sargent, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
53. Edna Solares, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
54. Burton Tingle, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
55. Natalie Tomczyk, Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 08/31/10
56. Jorge Torres, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
57. Pat Torres, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10
58. Shawna Wahlstrand, Sports Aide, SHS, New Hire – Effective 08/30/10

B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Claribel Alvarez, Inc. Health Assistant, SPS, Resignation – Effective 09/07/10
2. Sally Glines, 6th Grade Math Substitute, SMS, Status Change – Effective 08/31/10
3. Brittany Schleis, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 08/19/10
4. Sandra Webb, SPED Instructional Aide, SPED Instructional Aide, Status Change – Effective 08/30/10
5. Crescencio Carino, Custodian, SHS, Separation – Effective 07/29/10
6. Maria Carino, Custodian, SHS, Separation – Effective 07/29/10
7. Ismael Casteneda, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
8. Chi Chan, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
9. Sunny Engelbeck, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
10. Crisanta Escobar, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
11. Tyrell Glover, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
12. Daniel Lopez, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
13. Marissa Mathieu, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
14. Karaleigh Millet, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
15. Maria Ellena Monteverde, Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 08/18/10
16. Mary Jeanette Ratzlaff, Student Services Assistant, Admin., Resignation – Effective 01/01/11
17. Madian Romero, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
18. Cynthia Ruvalcaba, Instructional Aide, SPS, Resignation – Effective 09/03/10
19. Yvonne Trinh, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
20. Adriana Valencia, LINK Aide, LINK Program, Resignation – Effective 08/19/10
21. Raichel Wolfe, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10
22. Brenda Wright, Summer Arts Program, SHS, End of Program – Effective 07/30/10

B. Addendum

1. Jill Barfield, Student Council, Anza Trail – Effective 08/20/10
2. Misty Compton, Student Council, Anza Trail – Effective 08/20/10
3. Elizabeth Gallagher, Assistant Marching Band Instructor, SHS – Effective 08/27/10
4. Melissa Hughes, Tutoring Aide, SMS – Effective 08/16/10

C. Volunteers

1. Stephanie Allred, SPS
2. Jearia Barta, SPS, SMS, SIS
3. Tiffany Bretz, SPS
4. Erika Cardiel, Anza Trail
5. Jamie Chamberlain, SPS
6. Julia Cummings, SMS & SIS
7. Mary F. Farnsworth, SHS
8. Michelle Fitzsimmons, Anza Trail
9. Heidi Friend, Anza Trail
10. Jack Glickman, SMS
11. Brian Hensley, SMS & SIS
12. Jamie John, Anza Trail
13. Christine McGuire, SPS

14. Yamira Monroy, SPS
15. Melissa Nied, Anza Trail
16. Ben Pomeroy, SHS
17. Kathy Pomeroy, SHS
18. Tracy Rosario, Anza Trail
19. Elsa Segundo, SPS
20. Laura Wesner, SPSP

D. Gifts and Donation

1. U. S. Border Patrol – Five (5) Computer Systems – SPS
2. Mr. & Mrs. Dodd – Two (2) Ping Golf Clubs – Anza Trail
3. United Way of Tucson & Southern AZ - \$100 – SIS
4. United Way of Tucson & Southern AZ - \$100 – SMS
5. Silvia Valdez – TV – SMS
6. United Way of Tucson & Southern AZ - \$100 – SMS
7. Fry's - \$10 Gift Card – SMS Days of Caring
8. Sonora Del Web Women's Group – School Supplies – Sopori
9. Sertinos Coffee – Support of Reading & Reading Bookmarks – SMS
10. Green Valley Decorative Rock – Eight (8) Decorative Rocks – SMS Days of Caring
11. SUSD Educational Enrichment Foundation - \$800 – SMS Wright Flight Club Textbooks
12. United Way of Tucson & Southern AZ -\$100 – Sopori
13. United Way of Tucson & Southern AZ - \$100 – SIS

E. Out of State/Out of Country/Overnight Travel

1. Kathy Shiba & Clarisa Nido to attend the ASA/NCA Fall Principals – building Level Administrators Conference in Prescott, AZ from September 26-28, 2010.
2. Dr. Mark Neish to attend the ASA Principal and Law Conference on November 8 -9, 2010 in Black Canyon, AZ.

F. Use of School Facilities

1. Alpha RHO Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma has requested to use the SMS Library for their Meeting and Slide Presentation on October 4, 2010 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
2. The Sahuarita Lady Panthers has requested to use the SIS Gym from 09/01/10 through 04/01/2011. This is for practice only – no competitions or games – during the time frames from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Starting 09/01/2010 through 09/30/2010, Monday through Friday. For the time frame of 10/01/2010 through 11/30/2010, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only. 12/01/2010 through 12/31/2010 is Monday – Friday. Starting 01/01/2011 through 04/01/2011 the SIS will be available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with the exception of Holidays and School Breaks.
3. The SMS PTO has requested use of the SMS Library on Thursday, September 2, 2010, to hold a meeting for their Board from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

G. Student Fund Raising Activities

1. Sahuarita Cheer - Participate in Fiesta Sahuarita to work game booths & receive 50% of profits for service performed – Anamax Park on September 25, 2010 from 2:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
2. SHS Boys and Girls Soccer – Car Wash at McDonald's on November 13th from 12:p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
3. SPS PTP – Sell Cookie Dough, Magazines, and Catalog Sales from September 7, 2010 - September 30, 2010.
4. SHS Spirit Club - Bake Sale at Safeway on Duval Mine Rd & La Canada on August 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

X. Board Communication

Mr. Lurkins stated thanked the District staff. We have the best teachers, students, and administrators in the State of Arizona working for our District. He thanked everyone very much as it has made his position on the School Board much easier.

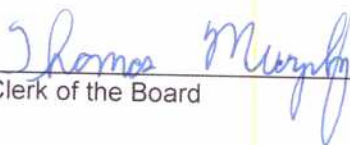
Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Menendez for coming back after graduating to be recognized tonight.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – September 22, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.– District Auditorium

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Respectfully,


Clerk of the Board