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MINUTES
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 09, 2009– 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Acting President Mike Lurkins called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M. Also in attendance were acting Board Clerk, Tom Murphy, Member Kris Ham, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. Elaine Hall and Diana Kellermeyer were absent. There were 39 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes – None

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll vouchers 4 in the amount totaling \$894,168.73, new payroll 7 for the pay period ending October 2, 2009, in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 and new payroll #8 for pay period ending October 16, 2009, in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. She further recommended approval of expense vouchers 9100 through 9101 and vouchers 1010 through 1012 in the amount of \$985,448.83. The motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community - None

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. State Assessment Program 2008-2009 Results Presentation – Dr. Valenzuela

Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela gave a presentation to the Governing Board regarding the Arizona Assessment Program. He briefly provided the Board and community a summary of the test results from the 2008-2009 assessment and the implications and outcomes from these results. Dr. Valenzuela provided a breakdown of the Sahuarita Unified School District assessment scores and comparison of that data against school sites and State data.

Dr. Valenzuela presented the following key points:

- Student academic performance continues to move in a positive direction.

- Overall, academic performance is above the state averages
All schools meet or exceed federal and state accountability measures.
- No SHS senior failed to graduate due to the AIMS graduation requirement.
- Progress in written language aligned with targeted site goals and focus by schools
- Mathematics strand appears to be a relative area of refinement
- Norm Referenced indicators suggest exceeding the national midpoint
- Norm referenced data has relatively flattened in comparison with national percentile ranks.
- Cohort analysis suggests general trend of a slight positive slope

Dr. Valenzuela stated that all schools District wide made AYP and all schools are either excelling, highly performing, or performing plus schools. The outcomes of the results are as follows:

- School specific goal setting-relative strengths, refinements, trends
- Goal Setting Plan
- Site based professional development
- District focus such as comprehensive reading instruction initiative
- Continued data driven focus-Galileo, DIBELS, curriculum mapping,
- Implementation of after school targeted assistance programs
- Expansion of district professional development program
- Summer instructional planning program
- Continued formal instructional program adoption
- Continued development of strong community outreach programs

2. Arizona Youth Partnership Presentation

Paul Short of the Arizona Youth Partnership and 3 ambassadors from Sahuarita Middle School were given the opportunity to give a brief presentation to our Governing Board. The Arizona Youth Partnership provides an abstinence education program that has been Board approved for presentation in Anza Trail, Sahuarita Middle School, and Sopori School. The 3 ambassadors gave a brief presentation of what they have learned from participating in the Arizona Youth Partnership. They stated that they learned about healthy relationships, healthy choices, sexually transmitted diseases, refusal skills, communication, boundaries, and abstinence.

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of Contract to Sunland Asphalt for Asphalt Repairs & Maintenance

Dr. St. John recommended approval to award the contract for Asphalt repairs and maintenance to Sunland Asphalt for asphalt repairs and maintenance under TCPN contract #M0866 in the amount of \$200,881.38. Mr. Murphy made the motion to approve the contract to Sunland Asphalt and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

2. Approval of Education Technology Consortium Cooperative Purchasing Agreement ++

Mrs. Gates explained that the Education Technology Consortium Cooperative Purchasing Agreement offers services to school districts throughout the state. Mrs. Gates attached a list of districts that are mentioned in the agreement. She stated that the purpose of this agreement is to provide for the joint acquisition development and use of software, personnel, supplies and other items as necessary to maintain computer systems, and networks, and to provide for data processing services, grant writing, including but not limited to, accounting, student records, attendance, accounting, grade reporting, testing, internet access training, research evaluation, grant writing and other administrative functions for Northern Arizona University, and non-profit educational institutions in Arizona, as requested by each individual part.

Mrs. Gates stated that this is a five year agreement and there is a \$500.00 annual fee for student records attendance accounting. She stated that we will receive updates on SAIS issues, student reporting; attend workshops at no cost, ect. We presently use their services as a non-member at \$800.00. Mrs. Ham made the motion for Approval of Education Technology Consortium Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

C. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of District Custodian Position

Dr. St. John stated that it would be in the best interest of the District to add a “District Custodian” position. Currently, the District pays overtime pay to District employees to be “on call” for Saturday events, clean the District offices, and lock gates during the week. Mr. Scott Downs proposed that this position be created and will therefore save the District by directing this new employee to do the current overtime duties as previously mentioned. Mr. Murphy made the motion to approve the District Custodian position and was seconded by Mrs. Ham.

2. Approval of SHS Assistant Principal, Name to be announced

Dr. Valenzuela requested approval of the Assistant Principal position at Sahuarita High School to be awarded to Mr. Kent Thompson. Dr. Valenzuela gave the Board a brief background on Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson received his Bachelors of Science from NAU in History Education and his Master’s degree from NAU in Educational Leadership. Mr. Thompson has taught AP United States History and American Government and was Social Studies Department Chair for two full years. A motion to approve Mr. Kent Thompson as the new Sahuarita High School Assistant Principal was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Mr. Thompson introduced his wife, two three children, and his father to the Board and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

The Board welcomed Mr. Thompson and congratulated him on his new position.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. St. John reported current student enrollment of 5,072. Past events include weekly construction meetings, meeting with the Metropolitan Education Commission, and a meeting with the Town of Sahuarita. In addition, Dr. St. John attended the Town of Sahuarita's Ground Breaking event of the Sahuarita Road widening project.

Dr. St. John will be attending the Keep Kids First meeting tomorrow night at Triple Play to answer any questions that the committee has for Dr. St. John. He may be attending the School Facilities Board meeting if our District is on the agenda. Dr. St. John will be attending the CFWE meeting on Monday as well as the weekly construction meetings. In addition, he will also be meeting with the Parent Advisory Committee next week. Dr. St. John announced that the White Elephant applications are due the 15th and the Dress Code Committee will meet for the first time on the 21st.

Mrs. Gates stated that she attended an AASBO meeting today and they announced that the Auditor General wants the USFAR report due 10 days earlier than usual. She requested that the Board consider moving the next Governing Board to the September 30th this will allow her to get the report done and approved by the due date. Mrs. Gates also requested adjusting the Board meetings in October.

Mr. Lurkins stated that he will get together with the Board and Dr. St. John to make proper arrangements.

Mrs. Raulston – Reported that Galileo testing will begin on Monday and the Sopori Astronomy Club began on September 3rd. She reported that the United Way Days of Caring begins next week and will be working with Ms. Gloria Williams.

Ms. Steward – Congratulated Mr. Thompson and thanked Ms. Molly Alcaarez as she interning with Mrs. Raulston and Mrs. Steward this semester. Mrs. Steward reported that the Lighted Schoolhouse event took place last night and played Bingo. The next Lighted School will take place next Wednesday. SPS has 10 DIBELS make-ups to complete their DIBELS testing.

Mrs. Roman - Reported 621 Bobcats. SIS held their bobcat assembly and had 280 families present. SIS completed the 3rd and 4th grade DIBELS testing and is gearing up for the United Way Days of Caring. Mrs. Roman stated that members from Davis Monthan Air Force Base will be helping plant trees and flowers at the entrance of SIS. She thanked Kevin Harcourt for the staff development and three workshops that are available to the staff.

Mrs. Rodriquez – Reported that Anza will host a Patriot's Day on September 11th. She stated that mid-terms were mailed out this week and Mrs. Shiba will be out this Friday. Mrs. Rodriquez stated the Anza Trail Band program will host the Air Force Band of the West for a free public concert on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the SUSD Auditorium. Anza will hold their United Ways Days of Caring on the 16th. She reported that the American Legion donated 50 flags for Anza's Patriot's Day on September 11th

Mrs. Silman – Started off thanking Mr. John Haas and Aprylmarie Vassor and congratulated and welcomed Mr. Thompson to the administration team. Next week SMS will play football against

Cienega Middle School. The middle school will be attending the high school homecoming parade. She reported that mid-terms have gone home. In addition, she thanked Mr. Harcourt for the professional development and training offered to the staff.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

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

X. Consent Agenda – Action

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Jesus Barreda, Groundskeeper, Facilities, New Hire, Effective 09/02/09
2. Selina Curiel, Health Inclusion Asst., SMS, New Hire, Effective 08/31/09
3. Antonia Kappes, Inclusion Health Asst., SPS, New Hire, Effective 08/28/09
4. Neila Kozel, Substitute Teacher, SIS, New Hire, Effective 08/21/09
5. Albert Leyva, Program Aide, Swetland Center, Hire, Effective 08/12/09
6. Mark Mandel, Substitute Teacher, SIS, New Hire, Effective 08/21/09
7. Lynley Thowson, Substitute Teacher, SIS, New Hire, Effective 08/21/09
8. Judith Lizette Valencia, Project Inspire Aide, SMS, New Hire, Effective 08/24/09
9. Colleen Antonovich, Head Cheer Coach, SHS, Status Change, Effective 08/31/09
10. Jose Montes, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change, Effective 08/17/09
11. Keith Parker, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change, Effective 08/17/09
12. Christopher Sargent, Teacher to Substitute, SMS, Status Change, Effective 08/10/09
13. Roger Shuman, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change, Effective 08/17/09

B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Jody Gibbs, Inclusion Health Aide, SPS, Resignation, Effective 08/28/09
2. Mary Embrey, Inclusion Health Asst., SHS, Resignation, Effective 09/04/09
3. Elizabeth Estrada, Campus Monitor, Anza Trail, Resignation, Effective 08/21/09
4. Elaina Malovich, Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, SHS, Resign Addendum, Effective ASAP
5. Francisca Olivia Leyva, Health Inclusion Asst., SHS, Resignation, Effective 09/01/09

C. Addendum

1. Kent Thompson, PowerSchool Tech, SHS, 6/5 Addendum, Effective 07/31/09

D. Volunteers ++

1. Mark Grant, SHS ++

E. Gifts and Donation

1. Raytheon, 3 Laptop Computers, Anza Trail
2. Michelle Fitzsimmons & Family, 1 Dell Desktop Computer, Anza Trail
3. JR Jackson & Long Realty, School Supplies, Anza Trail School
4. United Way of Tucson, \$700.00, SIS
5. Scott & Jennifer Seaton, \$200.00, SPS
6. American Lung Assoc., \$1,800.00, Anza Trail

7. Greater Green Valley Arts Council, \$1,000.00, Sopori School
8. Green Valley Lion's Club, Dictionaries for 221 3rd Students, SIS++

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

1. Dr. Valenzuela, Arizona School Board Assoc. Law Conference, Litchfield Park AZ, September 10-12, 2009
2. Beth Kennedy, Arizona P.E. Conference, Phoenix AZ, September 24-25, 2009
3. Tina Flores, Arizona P.E. Conference, Phoenix AZ, September 24-25, 2009
4. Barbara Lewis, Arizona P.E. Conference, Phoenix AZ, September 23-25, 2009
5. Judy Fisher and Audrey Reida, Assistive Technology: Tools & Strategies for Writing, Tempe AZ, November 5-6, 2009
6. Judy Fisher and Audrey Reida, Assistive Technology: Tools & Strategies for Communication, Tempe AZ, January 11-12, 2010
7. Judy Fisher and Audrey Reida, Assistive Technology: Tools & Strategies for Math, Studying & Organization, Tempe AZ, February 18-19, 2010
8. Scott Downs and Jeff King, SDER Reporting Seminar-Windsor Management Group, Tempe AZ, September 9, 2009

G. Use of School Facilities

1. Amado/Sahuarita Adult Learning Program will be offering ESL, GED and Citizenship Preparation classes. They are requesting the use of the Sopori Cafeteria and the SHS Library. Classes at Sopori will be each Monday, starting September 14, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the exception of the Christmas holidays. Classes will end on May 24, 2010. The classes at SHS will be each Thursday, starting on September 10, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the exception of the Christmas holidays. Classes will end on May 24, 2009.
2. White Elephant Country Fair has requested Sahuarita Unified School District to provide bus and van shuttle services from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, beginning September 8, 2009 and ending September 23, 2009

H. Student Fund Raising Activities

1. SIS Library, Collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities, September 1, 2009 – April 23, 2009
2. SHS Band, Sell water bottles with candy in them and smoothies, Home Varsity Football games, Fall of 2009
3. Girls Softball/Basketball, sell discount cards for Subway and Pizza Hut, January 25-29, 2010
4. SHS Spirit Club, Bake Sale, at Safeway Stores on Duval Mine Road and Continental Shopping Center, September 12, 2009

XI. Board Communication

Mr. Lurkins thanked the SMS students for attending and presenting. He stated that he attended the Town of Sahuarita groundbreaking event. Mr. Lurkins congratulated the ROTC and the high school band as they did a very nice job. He welcomed Ms. Huie back from

maternity leave and asked Mrs. Gates to thank Joann Harris for doing a great job filling in for Ms. Huie.

Mr. Murphy recognized and thanked Mr. Richard Ducote of Freeport McMoRan for their partnership with our District.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – DATE TBA – 6:30 P.M.– Pod B of the District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Mrs. Ham moved the Board to enter executive session Pursuant to §A.R.S.15-843 Discussion Pertaining to Pupil(s) Disciplinary Proceedings. – Discussion and Possible Action. The time was 7:53 p.m. The Board returned to regular session and adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board