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MINUTES

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 – 6:30 P.M. SUB HALL B – SAHUARITA AUDITORIUM
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Tom Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Also in attendance, Clerk of the Board, Diana Kellermeyer, Board members Elaine Hall, Mike Lurkins, and Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela, and Director of Business Services Charlotte Gates. There were 68 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 Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2007

The superintendent recommends approval of the August 22, 2007 minutes as published. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommends ratification of previously approved payroll Vouchers 4 in the amount totaling \$757,892.26. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 7594 through 8113 in the amount of \$1,321,584.31. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public

Dean Sanders – 14520 S. Camino Tierra Monte – He expressed concern about security at the Early Childhood Education Center. He mentioned that late last school year he had expressed concern about doors that were sticking and could possibly be a fire hazard as well as what he thought were inoperable door handles. Mr. Sanders thank the Board for taking care of the door problems. However, he mentioned that in his opinion, the Early Childhood Center still has some issues. Mr. Sanders requested to install some sort of key pad security system. He pointed out that there is nothing in place to prohibit anybody from walking in to the center. He asked the Board and administrators if they were aware that there was a police report filed on April 30, 2007 for a suspicious person who approached the center. He referenced police report number 070430070 which is on file at the sheriffs department. Mr. Sanders also expressed concern about the centers location next to the interstate and mentioned that children could potentially run outside the door where there is extensive traffic. He pointed out that he researched the amount of money it would cost the district to install a key pad and found out that it would cost about \$700.00 plus installation. On August 23, 2007 he spoke to the superintendent Dr. St. John at a PTO meeting regarding the installation of the key pad entry system and stated that he has not heard back from him. Mr. Sanders asked the Board and administrators to display the priority for security by installing a keypad

entry system to ensure the safety of children and the staff. He mentioned he understood that it's not protocol to ask for a response during the current Board meeting but requested a response anyway.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that in accordance to the state statute, the Board is not allowed to respond during the call to the public and has to be placed as an agenda item.

Dr. St. John responded and mentioned that Mr. Murphy is correct and because the question was directed toward him that he could respond. He mentioned that he spoke with Mrs. Gates and it has been approved in the capital plan and to his understanding the maintenance facilities director is looking into what it would take to install a security system. He also mentioned that he appreciated the fact that he has done the investigation and realizes that the district has not and will do so. Dr. St. John pointed out that if the security pad could be installed for \$700.00 that our facilities department will get it done. He stated that he suspects that it would be more expensive than \$700.00 but is one of his priorities and apologized for not responding. He also stated that no time frame has been set. In the mean time the district could possibly lock the doors from the inside and parents can knock to get in as they currently do at the primary school. He stated he would talk to Carol about implementing such. Dr. St. John mentioned that to the best of his knowledge he was not aware of the police report that Mr. Sanders had reference. He expressed concern primarily because of the communication from the police department and will find out why the incident on April 30th has not been reported to the district.

Daniel Verwys - See Agenda Item VII.C.3

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

1. "Friend of Sahuarita" Awards – Green Valley Elk's Lodge, Sahuarita Elk's Lodge, Green Valley Optimist Club, and Tohono O'odham Nation.

Dr. Valenzuela pointed that it is a very important part of our organizational culture to build strong relationships with organizations in our community. He recognized partners in our community that contribute to the district's success and to do wonderful things for kids in this community. Dr. Valenzuela presented the "Friend of Sahuarita" Award to the Green Valley Elk's Lodge, Sahuarita Elk's Lodge, Green Valley Optimist Club, and Tohono O'odham Nation.

Mr. Murphy thanked all the organizations for their contributions and dedication to our district.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment

Public schools including charter schools must annually submit to the Arizona Department of Education a declaration of curricular and instructional alignment of the Arizona Academic Standards in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies. The superintendent discussed the declaration of curricular and instructional alignment to the Governing Board and recommended approval of the Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment forms from the Arizona Department of Education. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

2. One Bright Spot in Pima County

The superintendent explained to the Governing Board that the federal government has a system of school ratings; Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is the calculation that is used. He shared the front page article of the Arizona Daily Star with the Governing Board "Ten Pima county schools are called failing as the special-ed conflict goes on" and sub headline "Tanque Verde and Sahuarita School districts are rear Bright Spots". The superintendent mentioned that our school district is one of two districts in Pima County in which all of the schools and the district made AYP. He further explained that the federal government uses one hundred and thirty five different criteria to decide whether the

district has made AYP. All the schools in the Sahuarita Unified School District made APY in every one hundred and thirty five categories. He thanked the staff and the students for a job well done.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that it goes to show that attention to detail from the district building to the principals, teachers, students, and parents contribute to the success of the district. He thanked everyone for all that they do.

1. Mentor Kids U.S.A. Presentation ++

Dr. Valenzuela stated that it is our purpose in the school organization to work as a team to help every child succeed and as we know kids are different and have individual needs. He mentioned that we need to pull our resources with our friends in the community to meet those needs and sometimes we may have kids that need an extra caring adult. He introduced Mr. McNeil to present a potential partnership in mentoring.

Don McNeil, executive director of Mentor Kids U.S.A., presented to the governing Board information about his organization. He pointed out that the organization has been in existence since 1976 and he has personally been teaching and coaching for almost 40 years. He explained that a few years ago while he was coaching Track he had a student from Saguaro High School on the track team who took his own life. Mr. McNeil mentioned that after that tragic incident it changed his life. He quit teaching and started mentoring kids in the community. Mr. Charles Oldham and himself started what was called One on One partners which was an after school program for the junior high and have now incorporated Mentor Kids U.S.A. He also mentioned that Arizona, as a state, is #1 in teen drug use, teen smoking, teen pregnancy, and teenage drop outs and we face many major problems. He explained that Mentor Kids U.S.A. unites with Big Brother/Big Sisters and other mentoring programs and take kids on fishing trips, sports games, golf tournaments to let the kids see that there is a whole other life out their for them. The kids are also taught karate, boxing, and other preventions to keep them active.

Dr. Valenzuela recommended approval for the Administration to work with Mr. McNeil in trying to establish the frame work for a mentoring program in our community. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kellermeyer asked Mr. McNeil if there would be a charge to the district for this program.

Mr. McNeil mentioned that it would not cost the school district any money; his organization has two big fundraisers to collect funds for the kids.

B. Business– Discussion and Possible Action ++

1. Southwest Food Services – New Programs & August Financials ++

Armando Rodriguez, Director of Southwest Food Services Excellence, provided the Governing Board with an update about the new food programs throughout the district. He mentioned that they've had positive feedback on the salad bars that were implemented at every school as well as the variety of meals provided to each of the students. Mr. Rodriguez explained that in order to ensure that the menus are nutritional they use a software system called "Nutrikids" which ensures that they meet the federal and state guidelines for a nutritional meal within the school lunch program. The program will also enable them to provide nutritional information to all parents, teachers, and students.

Mr. Rodriguez provided the Board with an update of the foodservice catering services provided to the school district. He mentioned that the catering department has served seven caterings throughout the district and the total income from the catering was \$6,797.27 compared to August of last year totaling \$3,876.90. The total a la carte sales were \$30,148.63 compared to last year sales of \$26,707.74. Mr. Rodriguez explained that they are offering seven different cuisine concepts at the high school which are as follows:

- "Red Dragon" featuring Asian influence cuisine.

- “Ball Park” featuring cheese burgers, chicken sandwiches, and baked fries.
- “Deli Cartesian” featuring fresh homemade subs.
- “Luigi’s Eatery” featuring an Italian influence cuisine.
- “Traditional Cuisine” featuring traditional American meals
- “Adobe Grill” featuring Mexican influence cuisine
- “Gourmet Greens” featuring assorted salads

He also announced that the opening of the outside grill has been a success; they had meal counts of 800 students for the first time since opening day. Mr. Rodriguez indicated that a donation of a Java cart was made from Mr. Keith Rock. The Java Cart will feature mocha coffee, bagels, cinnamon rolls, and smoothie drinks. He mentioned that on September 12th they featured their first promotion of the year featuring flavors of the world.

Carl Thompson, assistant director of Southwest Food Service Excellent explained the upcoming promotion, “Flavors of the World”. He mentioned that flavors of the world features world cuisine and their goal is to bring in different world country cuisine to educate and illustrate the different cultures and dialects of the world. Incorporation with the cuisines Southwest Food Service will also be featuring world history by providing the kids a flyer with information about the food that was featured for that given month along with history about the featured country in which the food originated from. The idea behind this promotion is to connect food service with education. The flavors of the world agenda are as follows:

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| • September - China | • February – New Orleans |
| • October - Germany | • March – Italy |
| • November - France | • April – England |
| • December - America | • May – South America |
| • January – Japan | |

Mrs. Kellermeyer expressed her feelings toward the promotion and mentioned that this is a fun way to learn about other countries.

Mr. Rodriguez also mentioned another program taking place in the district. He mentioned that starting October 9th they will be teaching a group of ten kids how a chef prepares to plan and cook a meal. In addition, they will be teaching the kids the most important part of preparing the food including sanitation and proper cooking procedures.

Mr. Rodriguez presented a comparison financial report to the Governing Board:

2006	2007
Total Meals Served: August - 63,795 – 18 Days	Total Meals Served: August – 77,390 – 19 Days
Al La Carte Sales: \$26,707.74	Al La Carte Sales: \$30,148.63
Government Reimbursement: \$57,160.12	Government Reimbursement: \$63,554.96
Catering Events: \$3,876.90	Catering Events: \$6,797.27

Mr. Murphy mentioned that last year his two daughters would ask to take their lunch from home and now they don’t even ask to take lunch from home anymore they now eat the school’s lunch.

Mrs. Kellermeyer mentioned to Mr. Rodriguez that from the beginning the Board has been so pleased with his service and she feels that they have come up with nice innovated ways to inter weave food service with curriculum. She stated to Dr. Valenzuela that this may be a future

submission to ASBA or NSBA. She also mentioned that her sophomore daughter did not eat lunch most days last year and now she eats lunch at school everyday.

C. Governing Board- Discussion and Possible Action

1. Top Ten Priorities for the 2008 Legislative Session

The superintendent explained that he has obtained three of the five forms that were turned in to him and that he had not yet compiled the information. Once he has obtained all forms he can compile the answers and send them off to ASBA. He further explained that the deadline for the district's top ten priorities is due November 2, 2007.

2. ASBA Annual Awards

The superintendent pointed out that included in the Board packets was information about the ASBA Annual Awards. He mentioned that the awards will be given at the Annual Conference in December.

3. Review of Discipline Policies and Practices

The superintendent explained that at the last Governing Board meeting a gentleman addressed the Governing Board and wanted the Board to review their discipline procedures. He continued to explain the history of the zero tolerance practice in our district and where it has come from. Dr. St. John became the superintendent of schools in December of 1999 and the practice at the time was three strikes and the student was out. The three strike policy at the time included students who were involved in serious offenses and were given an opportunity to commit another serious offense up to three times before the district would ask the student not to be a member of the school district. He felt that that the discipline procedures at that time were inappropriate and therefore put into effect a zero tolerance practice. The superintendent explained the district policies JIC, JKD, JIH, mandatory reporting statutes, and the SHS student handbook. He explained the policies also follows:

• J-2300 © JIC - STUDENT CONDUCT

The Superintendent will establish regulations governing the conduct of students in school, traveling to and from school, at school functions, or affecting the school order. In establishing these regulations, the Superintendent may consult with student or staff committees. In addition to compliance with regulations established by the Superintendent, students are expected to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the Governing Board, and to obey any order given by a member of the faculty or staff relating to school activities.

A student shall be defined as any person who is enrolled in an educational program provided by or approved by the District and carried on in premises owned or controlled by the District.

Students shall not engage in improper behavior, including but not limited to the following:

- Any conduct intended to obstruct, disrupt, or interfere with teaching, research, service, administrative or disciplinary functions, or any activity sponsored or approved by the Board.
- Threatening an educational institution by interference with or disruption of the school per A.R.S. [13-2911](#) and [15-841](#).
- Physical abuse of or threat of harm to any person on District owned or controlled property or at District sponsored or supervised functions.
- Damage or threat of damage to property of the District, regardless of the location, or to property of a member of the community or a visitor to the school, when such property is located on District controlled premises.
- Forceful or unauthorized entry to or occupation of District facilities, including both buildings and grounds.
- Unlawful use, possession, distribution, or sale of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs or other illegal contraband on District property or at school-sponsored functions.

- Conduct or speech that violates commonly accepted standards of the District and that, under the circumstances, has no redeeming social value.
- Failure to comply with the lawful directions of District officials or any other law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties, and failure to identify themselves to such officials or officers when lawfully requested to do so.
- Knowingly committing a violation of District rules and regulations. Proof that an alleged violator has a reasonable opportunity to become aware of such rules and regulations shall be sufficient proof that the violation was done knowingly.
- Engaging in any conduct constituting a breach of any federal, state, or city law or duly adopted policy of the Board.
- Carrying or possessing a weapon on school grounds.

In addition to the general rules set forth above, students shall be expected to obey all policies and regulations focusing on student conduct adopted by the Board.

Students shall not engage in any activities prohibited herein, nor shall they refuse to obey any order given by a member of the faculty or staff who is attempting to maintain public order.

Any student who violates these policies and regulations may be subject to discipline up to expulsion, in addition to other civil and criminal prosecution. These punishments may be in addition to any customary discipline that the District presently dispenses.

Local law enforcement shall be notified by the Superintendent regarding any suspected crime against a person or property that is a serious offense, involves a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument or that could pose a threat of death or serious injury to employees, students or others on school property.

The authority of the Superintendent to establish regulations covering students may be delegated to principals for their individual schools.

- **J-4850 JKD - STUDENT SUSPENSION**

A student may be removed from contact with other students as a temporary measure. The authority to suspend a student for up to nine (9) days, after an informal hearing is held, rests with the Superintendent. This authority may be delegated to other administrators. If a danger to students or staff members is present, the principal may immediately remove the student from school, with prior contact with the parents and with a notice and hearing following as soon as practicable. Each suspension shall be reported to the Governing Board, within five (5) days, by the person imposing it.

In all cases, except summary suspension where a clear and present danger is evident, the student shall remain in school until applicable due process procedures are instituted. In *no* instance shall students be released early from school unless parents have been notified.

The Superintendent may designate a hearing officer for suspension hearings.

Regular Education Students

Suspension for nine days or less:

- *Step 1:* The student will receive notice, written or oral, of the reason for suspension and the evidence the school authorities have of the alleged misconduct.
- After having received notice, the student will be asked for an explanation of the situation.
- The authorized District personnel shall make reasonable efforts to verify facts and statements prior to making a judgment.
- No appeal is available from a short-term suspension.

The superintendent explained that when parents call him and ask him to overrule a principal, he does not do it. He also mentioned that the Governing Board by, their own policy, is not allowed to overrule the building principal. The superintendent continued to explain that it is understood the role of the building principal is to make decisions and that their decisions are final. The building principals have the responsibility of operating their building. He continued to explain that parents may speak to the principal and the superintendent if needed.

- **J-3400 © JIH - STUDENT INTERROGATIONS, SEARCHES, AND ARRESTS INTERVIEWS**

School officials may question students regarding matters incident to school without limitation. The superintendent explained that the district does not need to call parents if we need to speak to students about anything and also do not have to contact the police.

The parent will be contacted if a student interviewed is then subject to discipline for a serious offense. A student may decline at any time to be interviewed by the School Resource Officer (SRO) or another peace officer.

- **MANDATORY REPORTING STATUTES**

The superintendent mentioned that several parents have discussed with him the idea that the court and police system are not happy that the district has to call the police anytime there is a bruise or anything to that nature. He explained that the district has a statutory responsibility to call the police and in certain situations to call child protected services. The superintendent read the mandatory reporting statutes which indicated the following:

“A school employee may be subject to a class one misdemeanor criminal charge for failing to make a mandatory report concerning physical injury, child abuse or neglect.”

The superintendent mentioned that this is what the district is supposed to do. He called the attorney in a specific situation and the attorneys' advice to the superintendent is that if we are in doubt, we are to call the police. The superintendent also mentioned to the Governing Board that student discipline in public schools today is very difficult and there is a lot of recourse.

- **STUDENT HANDBOK – SHS STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The superintendent explained the Student Rights and Responsibilities portion of the high school student handbook. He explained that the building principals are given some sliding scales as to what they are supposed to do in certain situations and depending on what the problem is other administrators and/or Board members may be involved. He also mentioned that the principals are given the latitude to make decisions and are not made consistent within the district. The superintendent explained that the decisions throughout the district are not consistent due to the fact that each grade level is different and in certain situations they may be treaded equally depending on the student's failure to follow the district's regulations.

The superintendent was asked by a gentleman at the last Board meeting to review the district's procedures and explained that this is how our discipline procedures work in our district. He mentioned to the Board that if the Board would like the superintendent to review the current policies that he has presented to them, he would form a committee to do so and will review the policies that are currently in place. He reminded the Governing Board that the district has had a long history of telling parents that the best to our ability their will not be any student harassing or bullying their child and there will not be anybody sitting in class next to their child under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The superintendent stated that he is at the direction of the Governing Board as to how they would like to handle this particular situation.

Daniel Verwys – 1557 W. Via de Chupala, Sahuarita, AZ 85629 – He declined at that time to make any comments concerning the policy and thanked the Board for considering his request. He stated that he wanted to see something about the process and parent involvement attached to the policies. Mr. Verwys also requested something to be in place for him to go to in regards to what he needs to do next and what to expect. He wanted to know what his recourse was if he had an issue with a

staff member and who will serve as the mediator to see both sides. Mr. Verwys also stated that the war is over and that he wants his son to get his education and fully expect to be given that opportunity. He also stated that he would like to see the efficacy of these policies by having performance measures and outcome measure to see how the policies are really working. He requested the measures to be done without numbers but with quality data that shows these policies are working. Mr. Verwys requested that if he is uncomfortable with a staff member he does not want them to be uncomfortable with him and wanted the Board to consider parent advocacy.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer to uphold the district policies regarding discipline as they stand. Mr. McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kellermeyer mentioned that the Board and the district have a responsibility to ensure the safety of every student that attends Sahuarita Unified School District. She stated that every student has the right to attend class without the fear of injury, retaliation, bullying, threats, intimidation, and substances that may injure students or harm them in any way. Mrs. Kellermeyer explained that the district has that responsibility and will do everything they can whether its policy or any kind of action by the district or the Board to ensure safety of the students.

Mrs. Hall stated that the district does have a chain of command in place. If any parent has a problem with a teacher or with a staff member then the parent can talk with their supervisor. If they are still unhappy, the parent has the right to talk to Dr. Valenzuela or Dr. St. John. Mrs. Hall mentioned that in order to have performance measures and outcome measures we would need numbers and was unsure how to perform such request without using numbers. She also pointed out that she supports the current discipline procedures.

McGee mentioned that a lot of these policies have been in place over the years and explained that if the tables were turned the same parent who's child has been injured by another student would be one of the first parent in with a lawyer to complain and request the removal of that student. He stated that the Board needs to think about all of the other four thousand students and what is good for each and every child. Mr. McGee also pointed out that if one student steps out of line and jeopardizes the education of the other students then the district has the responsibility to remove that child so that other students can continue their education. He also stated that the Board will continue to support the policies currently in place as long as he is on the Board for the next two years.

Mr. Lurkins concurred and agreed 100% with Mrs. Kellermeyer, Mrs. Hall, and Mr. McGee. He stated that the district is responsible for forty seven hundred students and one student will not disrupt the other students.

Mr. Murphy shared with the public the core values that the Board has adopted. He pointed out that one of the core values is safety. Mr. Murphy mentioned that he does not want the district to be in the headlines such as the "U of A Student Slaying". He prefers to be on the headlines for "Our Rare Bright Spots". He declared that as long as he is on the Board he will continue to give the building principals the latitude and the authority, within the district, to carry out what needs to be done to keep our students safe. Mr. Murphy also explained that the district cannot get to the other core values if a student is injured or dead.

4. Election Initiatives Information Presentation

The superintendent presented factual information about the election initiatives to the Governing Board. He indicated that in his presentation he highlighted UNIFIED because we are a unified district; it is not about schools vs. other schools in the district we are in this together. The superintendent presented the following factual information to the Board:

K-3 Override Initiative

Fact: The average K-3 Class Sizes is 28

- A five percent override would allow SUSD to hire an additional 20 classroom teachers and reduce class size in grades K-3.

- Class sizes for kindergarteners would be reduced to about 20 students per class Grades 1-3 between 20 and 25 students per class.

Approximate K-3 Override Taxpayer Cost

- 34.59-cents/\$100 secondary assessed value (SAV)
- Average Value of Property in 2006 - \$148,520
- Tax = \$51.37(14.1¢ per day)
- Note: Assessed value usually is less then what you can sell the home for.

Capital Outlay Override Initiative

- A capital override allows a school district to levy a tax to pay for capital needs that cannot be met by a district's regular capital budget due to growth or that may not be included in a district's bond program. It is necessary for a capital override to go hand-in-hand with a new bond program to adequately furnish and equip new schools. A capital override is for seven years and expires upon full funding.
- Traditionally, bond funds have been used for furnishing and equipping schools as well as for construction and renovation of schools. As a result of a 1998 change in the law, bond funds can no longer be used for computers and other technology, furniture, fixtures, equipment or library resources.
- Beginning in Fiscal Year 1999-2000 – Soft Capital Allocations were provided for Districts (Short-term Capital items furniture, technology, books, pupil transport vehicles).
- Allocation has remained the same --\$225/pupil has been the same since July 1999
- Overall Inflation **21.06%**.
- Current Value of 1999 \$225→**\$177.62**.
- Fast growing districts like Sahuarita Unified School District #30 find it difficult to purchase capital items such as buses, computers and other technology, furniture, fixtures, equipment and library resources.
- The soft capital budget may not be increased during a current school year. The cost of soft capital items for all student growth occurring from the 100th day of 2007 to July 1, 2008 will be paid on July 1, 2008.

Capital Override Allocations

(If approved)

Category	Yearly Amount	Total Amount
• Textbooks	\$100,000	\$700,000
• Computers	\$100,000	\$700,000
• Class Furniture	\$100,000	\$700,000
• Energy Mgmt	\$100,000	\$700,000
• Busses	\$500,000	\$3,500,000
• Equipment	\$100,000	\$700,000
• Starting July 1, 2008		

Approximate Capital Override Taxpayer Cost

- 33.79-cents/\$100 secondary assessed value (SAV)
- Average Value of Property in 2006 - \$148,520
- Tax = \$50.18 (14¢ per day)

Bond Election Initiative

- We will ask the voters to approve \$14.7 Million to be paid back over 15 years
- The Bond program will include:

- Supplement New State Funded High School and K-8-Energy Efficiency/Security Enhancements(\$9,000,000)
- Gym Renovations - Sahuarita Intermediate School and Sahuarita Middle School (\$700,000)
- Main Campus-Athletic-Playground-Shade Improvements (\$ 2,750,000)
- Security Enhancements – Fencing (multiple campuses) (\$1,000,000)
- Sopori School – Security/Safety/Fire Suppression Enhancements (\$1,000,000)
- Anza School - Additional Parking Area – (\$250,000)

Approximate Bond Election Taxpayer Cost

- 36.33-cents/\$100 secondary assessed value (SAV)
- Average Value of Property in 2006 - \$148,520
- Tax = \$53.96(14.8¢ per day)

Bond Interest Initiative

- This initiative allows any interest earned to be spent on bond projects rather than lost.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Mrs. Raulston - 252 students enrolled with the even start program. Upcoming Events - Saturday, September 15th is the first annual community day at Sopori from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. Recent Events - Manny Barreda a former Sopori student and Sahuarita graduate who was drafted to the New York Yankees spoke to the students about how hard work in school and on the field pays off. Mrs. Raulston recognized life touch for providing student planners for three of our schools Anza, SMS, and Sopori. She reported that things are going well and her staff continues to work hard.

Mr. Downs mentioned that Mr. Carlton and himself started their day at 5:40 a.m. traveling to Phoenix and attended a safe schools conference that was presented by the secret service and will be implementing a school wide safety plan. He recognized Mrs. Capodicasa who is the new replacement for Mrs. Pinmental. Mrs. Capodicasa stays after school until about 3:45p.m. everyday. Mr. Downs explained that the music program has remained the same during the day but Mrs. Capodicasa has extra curricular activities for every grade level as they have the opportunity to participate in choir which has 85 members that meet in pod A on Mondays. She has implemented an orchestra that is available to 4th and 5th graders with about 40 members and Band that meets with 65 members in just 5th grade alone and is very excited about the opportunities that she is bringing to the students. Mr. Downs reported that next week the students will be going in pairs of two classes for the annual bowling trip. Next Tuesday is picture day and on September 26th is Safety day in which Ms. Salica has organized. Student enrollment is 523.

Mrs. Shiba - Student enrollment is 1217 students. She mentioned that after three open houses the optimist club donated approximately \$700.00 for the food wagon that was available at every open house. She thanked the Board for the early release days in which it helps teachers to disaggregate data, making plans, and choose areas that need the most help. Mrs. Shiba thanked her staff and teachers for all that they do.

Dr. Neish reported that this week is homecoming week and has gotten off to a bit of a slow start and pointed out that the student council posted a sign that says 3/5 spirit week. He mentioned that fall sports are going reasonably well and that this coming Friday the high school will be playing Desert View. Dr. Neish stated that the early dismissal days have been used to train their staff on grade logic and teacher logic. He mentioned that a donation of a couple of new horns were donated to the Band.

Mr. Emerson reported that maintenance completed 535 work orders and has 142 in progress. The biggest project that they are working on right now is they are changing the swimming pool from a chlorine system to a salt water system and may take about a week and a half to complete. Maintenance is in need of two positions for the inventory control technicians and two for the grounds.

Mrs. Gates – provided the Board with Mr. Huff's transportation report as he injured his foot and could not attend.

- Total miles for September were 54,643 miles.
- Miles per day 2,876 per day for regular routes.
- Field trips miles were 335.
- 37 regular routes and of those 37 routes 4 are preschool, 7 activities, 5 special needs routes, 1 McKinney Ventral route and 4 routes that transportation does not have drivers for. Fred and his staff have to drive extra routes until positions are filled.

Mrs. Gates also reported that business forms are available on the website for the staff to use and she commend them for utilizing the forms in which it makes it easier to process requests. Mrs. Gates pointed out that Southwest Food is also posting the menu online for parents to view. She stated that she is working on the AFR which will be presented in October as well as the advance state aid report. Mrs. Gates is also currently working on the completion reports for the federal grants of 06-07. She thanked the Board for adopting the buckle down as part as curriculum. A reminder that September 26th is an ASBO workshop. The business department will be out of the office at the end of October and will be attending a conference in Phoenix for visions upgrade.

Dr. Valenzuela – Thanked the Governing Board for their support on the instructional initiatives and congratulated the instructional leaders, principals, assistant principals, and all the directors. He stated that you usually do not have every school in the district make adequate yearly progress as well as the district without a real laser like focus on raising student achievement and implementing effective practices. This week Dr. Valenzuela is meeting with each principal to evaluate data and what the data states are going well and address areas of concern. He stated that by using the data it will allow the schools to set goals and adjust the instructional practices to fill the gaps and move forward. Today was the next stage of the new teacher induction program, training day five, and thanked the Board and community for their support.

Dr. St. John – District enrollment is 4548 and is a moving target.

Upcoming events:

- Construction meeting with CORE and SUNDT.
- Meeting with the Southern Arizona's Facilities Group
- Attending Sopori Community Day on the 15th
- SMS PTO is meeting on Tuesday the 18th.
- Attending Superintendent Meetings
- MEC Meetings
- Bond Projects Meeting
- High School Curriculum Meeting next week
- Attending America Nevada Corporation Presentation

Recent Events:

- S.T.O.P Committee Meeting
- Construction
- Open Houses
- PTO Meetings
- Anza Trail Dedication
- Met with Dr. Mary Vanis, President of the Desert Vista Campus at PCC.
- Met with Jim Click about patriotic presentations to students.
- Visited Sue Simpson's Class as they plan to raise fish from eggs.

- Met with Keith Rock who donated a Java cart worth about \$15,000.00.
- Finished Meet and Confer with the classified staff.
- Attended the Law Conference along with Mrs. Hall and Dr. Neish.
- Continue to represent the district on the CFWE Board and attended the scholarship meeting, parade meeting, and the Board meeting.

The superintendent also reported that the high school sports programs are holding their own in the 4A level. He recognized Tina Cueto for receiving an AIA Leadership in Girls and Women's Athletic Award.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

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

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Cindy Acuna, L.I.N.K. Program Specialist, L.I.N.K. Program, Promotion – Effective 08/27/07
2. Lourdes Barajas, Kindergarten Teacher, Sopori, Replacement – Effective 09/04/07
3. William Barkley, Instructional Aide for Audio Visual Program, SHS, New Position – Effective 09/05/07
4. Kelly Bell, English Teacher, SHS, Status Change – Effective 08/20/07
5. Deborah Bigler, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 08/15/07
6. Cathy Bolton, Inclusion Health Assistant Sub, SIS, Replacement – Effective 08/17/07
7. Michael Bradley, Instructional Aide – Special Education, SMS, Replacement – Effective 08/27/07
8. Krystal Carrillo, L.I.N.K. Program Assistant, L.I.N.K. Program, Promotion – Effective 08/27/07
9. Cynthia Celaya, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 08/20/07
10. Michelle Des Rochers, L.I.N.K. Program Assistant, L.I.N.K. Program, Status Change – Effective 08/13/07
11. Michelle Doty, Clerk I Attendance, Anza Trail, Replacement – Effective 09/05/07
12. Elma Guzman De Shaffer, Inclusion Health Assistant – SPS P.I., Replacement – Effective 08/07/07
13. Adrian Herrera – Arrieta, Custodian, Anza Trail, Rehire – Effective 09/04/07
14. Julia Johnson, Campus Monitor, Anza Trail, New Position – Effective 09/05/07
15. Natalie Maloney, J.V. Assistant Cheer Coach, SHS, New Position – Effective 08/24/07
16. Elena Malovich, English Teacher, SHS, Status Change – Effective 08/20/07
17. Cheryl McGlothlen, ECC Classroom Lead, ECC, Replacement – Effective 09/05/07
18. Chris Mendoza, Operations Supervisor, Facilities – Promotion – Effective 08/21/07
19. Denise Mills, Campus Monitor, Anza Trail, Status Change – Effective 09/04/07
20. Naomi Perez, Accounting Clerk, Admin. Office, Replacement – Effective 08/20/07
21. Deborah Ramirez, L.I.N.K. Program Specialist, L.I.N.K. Program – Effective 08/27/07
22. Valarie Rice, L.I.N.K. Program Assistant, L.I.N.K. Program, Status Change – Effective 08/07/07
23. Ellen Rieger, 4th Grade Teacher, Anza Trail, Status Change – Effective 08/13/07
24. James Scunziano, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 08/03/07
25. Judith Smalley, School Psychologist, SMS, Replacement – Effective 08/27/07
26. Stacy Swigert, Instructional Aide – Special Ed., SMS, Status Change – Effective 08/03/07
27. Keyana Taylor, L.I.N.K Aide, L.I.N.K. Program, New Hire – Effective 08/29/07
28. Mariz Vera, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 08/15/07
29. Rosa Villa, Campus Monitor, SHS, Replacement – Effective 08/27/07

B. New Addenda's

1. Justin Archer, Boys & Girls Basketball, Anza Trail, Two Stipends, New Position – Effective 08/07 – 03/08
2. Ben Barfield, Flag Football, Anza Trail, New Position – Effective 08/07 – 10/07
3. Mary Dailey, Athletic Director, Anza Trail, New Position – Effective 07-08 School Year
4. Kathleen Eakins, Student Council Sponsor – Elementary, Anza Trail, Replacement – Effective

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5. Katrina Powell, Student Council Sponsor – Middle School, Anza Trail, Replacement – Effective Fall 2007
6. Santry Rush, Flag Football Coach, Anza Trail, New Position – Effective 08/07-10/07

C. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Diane Arnold, L.I.N.K. Aide, L.I.N.K. Program, Resignation – Effective 07/27/07
2. Prinieika Atwell, L.I.N.K. Assistant, L.I.N.K. Program, Resignation – Effective 08/07/07
3. Glenna Campbell, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 08/24/07
4. Emalee Eisenhauer, L.I.N.K. Aide, L.I.N.K. Program, Resignation – Effective 08/07/07
5. Daniela Guevara, Student Services Assistant, District Office – Resignation – Effective 09/13/07
6. Roberto Hernandez, Custodian, Anza Trail, Resignation – Effective 08/30/07
7. Millard La Grange, Certified Substitute, District-Wide, Resignation – Effective 08/22/07
8. Leigh Lundberg, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 08/10/07
9. Joseph Masker, Groundkeeper, Facilities, Termination – Effective 08/13/07
10. Diana Moreno, Clerk I Attendance, SPS, Resignation – Effective 08/21/07
11. Jennifer Myers Hall, ECC Classroom Lead, ECC, Resignation – Effective 09/07/07
12. Stephanie Ochotorena, L.I.N.K. Program Assistant, L.I.N.K. Program, Resignation – Effective 08/07/07
13. Ron Potts, Assistant Freshman Baseball Coach, SHS, Resignation – Effective Spring 2008
14. Dallas Rawson, Operations Supervisor, Facilities, Resignation – Effective 08/27/07
15. Maribeth Stewart, 4th Grade Teacher, SIS, Resignation – Effective 09/07/07
16. Renate Taylor, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 08/31/07
17. Frank Yescas, Custodian, SHS, Termination – Effective 08/30/07

D. Volunteers

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| 1. Tara Alegria, SPS | 26. Christie Kelly, SIS |
| 2. Monica Bell, SIS | 27. Melissa Killgore, SPS & SIS |
| 3. Diane Bland, SPS | 28. Jerra Law, SIS |
| 4. Eva Budeway, SPS | 29. Matt Malone, SPS |
| 5. Kellie Burke, SIS | 30. Valerie Moreno, SIS |
| 6. Jose E. Cardenas, SMS | 31. Lora Nastase, SIS |
| 7. Michelle Cota, SPS, SMS, SIS | 32. Myra Pallanes, SPS |
| 8. Mark County, SIS | 33. Christina Pizarro, SPS & SIS |
| 9. David Daws, SIS | 34. Kelli Ribbeck, SIS |
| 10. John DeHart, SIS | 35. Clary Rivas, SIS |
| 11. Sophia DeHart, SIS | 36. Cathy Schroder, Sopori |
| 12. Zaida Delgado, SPS | 37. Patricia Serr, SPS |
| 13. Margarita Dominguez, SPS & SHS | 38. Virginia Serrano, Anza Trail |
| 14. Sarah Elliott, SIS & SMS | 39. Katherine Tarr, SPS |
| 15. Tabatha Escobedo, SPS & SIS | 40. Terry Templeton, SPS & SIS |
| 16. Erica Farmer, SPS & SIS | 41. Richard Tena, SPS & SIS |
| 17. Dan Farmer, SPS & SIS | 42. Chantel Watson, SIS |
| 18. Evelyn Flores, SIS | |
| 19. Lulu Georgiades, SPS & SIS | |
| 20. Mindy L. Grubbs, SPS | |
| 21. Allan Henson, SIS | |
| 22. Margot Herndon, SPS | |
| 23. Sarah Jackson, SIS | |
| 24. Julia Johnson, Anza Trail | |
| 25. Brandon Kelly, SIS | |

E. New Guest Teachers

1. Fermin Cruz
2. Richard Daidone
3. Ann Densler
4. Nancy Farnsworth
5. Larisa Hublou
6. Paul Wayne Kuhlman
7. Margaret Link
8. Jackie Park
9. Carie Pyke
10. Judith Schreier
11. DeDe Wesson

F. Gifts and Donations

1. Green Valley Lanes – 10 Gift Cards Good for One Bowling Game
2. Keith Rock, Sahuarita Unified School District – \$15,000.00 Concession Trailer
3. Optimist Club of Green Valley & Sahuarita – \$1,000.00 for Sport Scholarships (SHS - \$500.00, SMS – \$250.00, Anza Trail - \$250.00)
4. Phelps Dodge, SHS - \$1,000.00 for the Robotics Club Sahuarita Elks Lodge, SHS - \$250.00 for Classroom Flags
5. Ted Simons & Cindy Radford, Anza Trail – Refrigerator, Washer, and Dryer

G. Use of School Facilities

1. Ballet Continental, District Auditorium, September 14, 15, & 16, 2007, for ballet rehearsals and performances.
2. Greater Arizona Bicycle Association of Tucson (GABA), Administration Parking Lot Area, October 21, 2007 for the starting point of the Tumacacori Century Bicycle Ride.
3. TRICO Electric, Pod A or Pod B of the District Auditorium, October 6, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for a Tree Care Class.

X. Board Communication

Mr. Murphy mentioned that Maribeth Stewart will be leaving the district do to her husband being transferred but wanted to share that she is a shining example of all of our teachers. He also pointed out that the consent agenda lists forty two parent volunteers and stated that this indicates the support within our community. Mr. Murphy thanked Mrs. Garcia and the Band for partnering up with the other schools.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – September 26, 2007 – 6:30 PM – District Auditorium

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board