



## *Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30*

Sahuarita High School

Sahuarita Middle School

Sopori Elementary School

Sahuarita Primary School

Sahuarita Intermediate School

**Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
6:30 p.m., October 12, 2005  
Sopori Elementary School  
5000 W. Arivaca Road, Amado AZ 85645**

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

President Elaine Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. In attendance were Board members Mike Lurkins, Diana Kellermeyer, Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. Board member Tom Murphy was absent. There were 12 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as it was revised. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes – August 24, 2005, September 28, 2005  
Regular Governing Board Meeting.**

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes from August 24, 2005, September 14, 2005, and September 28, 2005. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 4-0.

**IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers**

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll voucher 7 in the amount of \$581,835.87 She further recommended approval of expense voucher 7017 thru 7019 in a total amount of \$977,048.37. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 4-0.

**V. Call to the Public – None**

**VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community – Joann Corneliuson, Terri Hudecek, Diana Bates, Chelsea Slunaker, Chris Stockwell**

The Governing Board recognized the above community members for their service with the Sopori Parent Involvement Group.

## VII. New Business

### A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

#### 1. Approval of keeping the current fifth grade @ Sopori for 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Dr. St. John is recommended that the Board formally approve keeping the current fifth grade @ Sopori School for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This will allow approximately 35 to 40 students to stay at Sopori relieving some of the pressure on the current middle school. It may also provide some relief in the area of transportation. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. Discussion followed: Mrs. Kellermeyer asked what the objections from the public were last year when this was brought before the Board. Dr. St. John stated that there were no objections. The community was in favor of the change. The motion carried 4-0.

### B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

#### 1. Approval of Annual Financial Report 04-05

Per A.R.S 15-904 school districts shall prepare a financial report containing budgeted and actual expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. The District-wide summary and school-by-school summary will be published in the newspaper.

The District budgeted in the Maintenance & Operation Fund (001) \$13,972,580 and expended \$13,793,483. From the remaining balance of \$179,097 an amount of \$147,422 of unused excess utilities will be subtracted therefore, the District will carry forward \$31,675 to FY 2005/06.

The District budgeted in the Unrestricted Capital Fund (610) \$977,755 and expended \$791,778: therefore, the District will carry forward \$185,977 to FY 2005/06.

The District budgeted in the Soft Capital Fund (625) \$617,887 and expended \$552,309: therefore, the District will carry forward \$65,578 to FY 2005/06.

Mrs. Gates recommended approval of the Annual Financial Report. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-0.

2. **Approval of 5-year lease of former “Itzicalli Academy” building.**

Dr. St. John distributed a draft lease agreement, a letter from the District’s attorney and a revised lease agreement. He discussed several issues with the Board that Spencer Smith, the district attorney, had regarding the original lease. After reviewing the lease with Mr. Smith he then spoke with the leasing agent and the lease was revised. There are a few issues that still need to be worked out with the leasing agent but for the most part all the attorney’s concerns have been addressed. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the lease with the understanding that all Mr. Smith’s concerns will be addressed and resolved. Mr. McGee made the motion to accept Dr. St. John’s recommendation and Mrs. Kellermeyer seconded it. The motion carried 4-0.

**C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action**

1. **Consideration of a Freshman Baseball Team**

Dr. St. John presented the costs that he believed the Board would incur if the request for the expansion of the SHS Baseball program were approved.

1. Coaches salary range	\$2366-3618
2. Uniforms	\$100.00 to \$150.00 each
3. Number of players (18)	\$1800.00 to \$2700.00 total
4. Transportation costs (8 games)	\$1668.00
5. Officials (2 per home game)	\$86.00 (43.00 each)
6. 8 home games	\$668.00
 Total possible costs	 \$6502.00 to \$8654.00

In Dr. St. John’s discussions with Coach Huie, he indicated to him that there would be no costs for uniforms and that transportation would be included if the freshman team uses the same bus and plays the varsity and junior varsity schedule. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the request for a Freshman Baseball Team. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr.

McGee. Discussion followed: Mr. Lurkins asked if the district had to create a girls team if they approved a boy's team? Dr. St. John stated that he spoke to Mr. Cleveland, Athletic Director, and he advised him that it was not necessary. The motion carried 4-0.

## VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

**Mr. Charles Oldham** – During the month of October there will be doing pumpkin picking during the latter part of the month and a Halloween celebration on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents and staff are all invited to join Sopori during their activities.

**Mrs. Kathy Shiba** stated that SMS had probably one of the easiest fundraisers before Fall Break. The funds are going to be used to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The fundraiser earned close to \$2000.00 and they did this buy allowing the students and staff to dress out of dress code for a fee. Mrs. Shiba thanked Vanessa Kohler for her efforts during this task.

**Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela** stated that the District is always looking at raising student achievement.

All staff will be attending professional development training on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great day of training. The Sahuarita Unified School District Educational Enrichment Foundation generously offered to provide lunch for the staff on this day.

The District is actively looking at new professional development opportunity for the staff that is available through the State.

A committee is in the process of adopting a K-5 textbooks series. The process is very detailed.

Arizona Learns Labels will be out this Friday and Dr. Valenzuela will be presenting these to the Board at the next meeting.

**Mrs. Charlotte Gates** stated that the District Office is in the process of getting its final audit this week. Tomorrow there will also be auditors from

Medicaid, and finally Mrs. Gates received a phone call today notifying her that the IRS will audit the District next month.

Dr. Jay C. St. John will be meeting with Mr. Chuck Huckleberry next week regarding Kay Stupy Park.

Mrs. Terri Noe, Ms. Claudette Welch and Dr. St. John continue to meet regarding the Joint Technological Education District (JTED).

Dr. St. John attended the ASA Joint Legislative meeting last week and he will keep the Board informed as to what is going on.

Senator Bee and Senator McClure attended a meeting with the Delta Kappa Gamma group. This group is a professional sorority for educators.

The Economic Development Commission from the Town of Sahuarita met last night. Dr St. John gave an information only presentation on the Bond Election. They voted to endorse it. They stated that a strong school district produces students who become hard workers and help with the economic development of the community.

Reminder to all: Students and teachers are on fall break this week, except students who haven't passed the AIMS at the high school level. They are being tutored this week.

Mrs. Gates and Dr. St. John will be meeting with representatives to discuss advertising on the District buses, which is allowed by State law.

Dr. St. John will be meeting with representatives from Phelps-Dodge. This company is interested in writing some support for programs that recognize students.

A meeting is planned for tomorrow Dr. St. John will be meeting with the Town staff regarding the path from Rancho Sahuarita to the main campus.

## **IX. Consent Agenda**

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as it was distributed. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-0.

**A. Employment/Reassignments**

1. Rebecca Stewart, Kindergarten Teacher – SPS – New Position – Ratification to 10/04/05
2. Santos Lira, Groundskeeper I – Facilities – Replacement – Ratification to 09/24/05
3. James Lucero, Groundskeeper I – Facilities – Replacement – Ratification to 09/24/05
4. Tara Weber, Speech Therapist, – Change in Hours – SHS – Ratification to 10/03/05
5. Christopher Fanning, Revised Addendum for Head Girls Basketball Coach – Ratification to 09/29/05

**B. Approval of New Guest Teachers – John Brozo, Dianna Smith, Dave Thomas**

**C. Resignations/Terminations/Separations**

1. Rosalina Szabo, Inclusion Health Specialist – SIS – Resignation Effective 09/16/05
2. Paul Silva, Groundskeeper I – Facilities – Termination Effective 09/27/05
3. Marsha Keesling, PT Secretary for CTE – SHS – Resignation Effective 10/07/05
4. Courtney Brown, Sixth Grade Teacher – SMS – Resignation Effective upon hiring of her replacement.

**D. Volunteers**

1. Paul M. Linaric – SHS – Effective 10/12/05
2. Abbie (Hazel) Hunter – Sopori – Effective 10/12/05
3. Elizabeth R. Easter – SHS – Effective 10/12/05
4. Deborah Davis – SHS – Effective 10/12/05
5. Lorey Carpenter – SMS – Effective 10/12/05
6. Susan Caldwell – SPS – Effective 10/12/05

**E. Gifts & Donations**

1. Gloria Sierra – Various Books – SPS
2. Joseph & Lea Cesare – \$200.00 – SMS Accelerated Reader Program
3. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita – \$350.00 – SPS
4. AZ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance – \$250.00 – SIS

**F. Student Fund Raisers**

1. SMS Sign Language Club – Candy Sale – November 2005
2. SPS – Entertainment Book Sale – October 2005

**G. Approval of New/Revised Position Descriptions**

1. Receptionist, District Office
2. Health Assistant

**H. Student Travel**

1. SMS Cheerleaders – Knotts Berry Farm, Buena Vista, CA – Cheer Competition – March 24-26, 2006
2. SMS Cheerleaders – Veterans Memorial Stadium, Phoenix, Arizona – State Cheer Competition – March 3-4, 2006
3. SHS Band/Orchestra – San Antonio, TX – Concert Festival Competition – April 6-9, 2006

**x. Board Communication – None**

**xi. Establish Next Board Meeting – October 26, 2005, District Auditorium**

**xii. Executive Session**

Mr. Lurkins moved the Board enter into executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to hear the possible appeal of the decision of the hearing officer in a long-term suspension hearing and to hear the possible request of students in the Alternative Classroom Experience Program to return to the main classroom setting – Discussion and possible action. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The time was 7:20PM. The Board returned to regular session and adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

**xiii. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully,

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Clerk of the Board

*Unofficial until approved at the  
October 26, 2005 Governing Board  
Meeting.*

