



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Primary School

Sahuarita Middle School
Sahuarita Intermediate School

Sopori Elementary School

MINUTES

Regular Governing Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – October 22, 2003 - Sub Hall B - District Auditorium

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Elaine Hall called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Also present were Board members Michael Lurkins, Anthony Bruno, Daniel Zobenica, Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 50 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as distributed. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes – October 8, 2003

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes for October 8 as distributed. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 8 in the amount of \$415,688.04, new payroll Voucher 9 for the pay period ending October 24, 2003 in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 and new payroll Voucher 10 for the pay period ending November 11, 2003 in the amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. She further recommended approval of expense vouchers 5015 through 5018 in a total amount of \$366,332.54. Mr. Zobenica made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bruno. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

Kathy Shiba, Principal at the Sahuarita Middle School, recognized the following staff members for their tireless dedication and commitment to the students of Sahuarita Middle School. These staff members go above and beyond their normal duties.

Katrina Powell – Katrina was responsible for setting up the bully prevention program at the middle school. She is also the Cheerleading coach at the middle school for both the A and B squad. Katrina does not receive a stipend for her coaching position; she dedicates a lot of volunteer hours to the cheerleaders.

Julie Arnold – Julie puts much of her heart and soul into the student newspaper at the middle school and at the same time she is currently doing her administrative internship.

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Michelle Roosma – Michelle started in a room without walls at the middle school. She is very creative and up beat about the situation.

Sara Canatsy – Sara has been giving of her time and effort to the volleyball program. She has pitched in when and wherever she was needed.

Dr. St. John recognized Eric Furnas, a senior at Sahuarita High School, for receiving the UTI Scholarship to attend the Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix.

VII. New Business

A. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of New Position - Full-Time Aide for Industrial Technology Lab – SHS

Dr. St. John received a recommendation from Dennis Maki, CTE Administrator, for a full-time aide position for the Industrial Technology Lab. There are 10 stations in the Lab and it is in the process of being expanded to 12 stations. In the future it could be 15 or 18 stations. Dr. St. recommended approval of the new position. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Zobenica. Mr. Zobenica thanked Suzanne Borth, Industrial Technology Lab Teacher, for all her hard effort. The motion carried.

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of Facility Rental Rates

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the rental rates as they stand. He stated that there is a change in the statute and the Board will have to approve the rental rates annually. The Board received a rental rate comparison that was prepared by Joann Harris, Charlotte's secretary. It appears that the district is very competitive with other districts. Dr. St. John has asked Daryl Rawson to track utility costs by area so that they know what is being charged is appropriate. Mr. Bruno made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

2. Request for Advance Payment of State Equalization Assistance

Dr. St. John stated that this is a relatively routine item. When the budget is approved the state doesn't give the district the funds. They parcel it out, same as tax revenue from the county. Funds need to be borrowed for operating expenses and this is the request for Advance Payment of State Equalization Assistance. The state will send the district more of the total year funds in the first half of the year then the second half. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the request as it was presented. Mr. Zobenica made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Recommendation to ASBA Nominating Committee

Dr. St. John stated that Tony Bruno would like to serve as an officer of the Arizona School Board Association. Tony is currently active in the association and Dr. St. John recommended nominating Tony to a position. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Zobenica. The motion carried.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. St. John reported on the AZ Learns labels. At the October 8, 2003 meeting in Sopori he reported the labels as he predicted them. The formula changed since that time and Sopori, Sahuarita Intermediate, Sahuarita High have all been labeled as performing schools. Sahuarita Middle School was named as a highly performing school. The middle school accumulated enough points to be an excelling school except 10% of the students did not exceed the state standards on the writing section so it was labeled as a highly performing school.

Dr. St. John distributed to the Board a copy of Sahuarita Middle School's application that was submitted to the Arizona Department of Education. The middle school has been recognized as one of the schools in Arizona for their academic accomplishments. He stated that it is a competitive application to be named the Highly Performing Title I School in Arizona.

Dr. St. John has been selected to serve on the Metropolitan Education Commission. He met a gentleman from Colorado who has been instrumental in taking a large high school in Denver and breaking it down into smaller units. He has done this through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and their small school initiative. One of the items that MEC is working on now is whether the school districts in Pima County are interested in applying for a grant to study small school initiatives in Pima County. With a smaller high school, students don't get lost in the shuffle.

During the last week, Dr. St. John attended two meetings with School Facilities Board representatives. Ed Boot was acting director of the SFB for a number of years, he is no longer with SFB, but is employed by Pinnacle One who is the company the district employed to do the Capital Improvement Plan. Dr. St. John received valuable information from Mr. Boot about the operations of the SFB.

Elaine Hall and Dr. St. John met with William Bell, the new executive director of SFB. Dr. St. John felt that both meetings were very productive. On October 31, he will meet with Mr. Bell and his staff to present the districts case as to why they need to give the district the money to start on an additional wing at the high school.

Dr. St. John attended a Pima County Education and Business Roundtable Steering Committee meeting on Monday. This is a group of Business people and Educational leaders in Tucson that are forming a group to try to impact education in Arizona from a business and education perspective.

On Monday, he also had the opportunity to speak to the American Association of University Women of which he is an honorary member. Dr. St. John gave a presentation on growth in the districts and the effects on the district.

Dr. St. John attended a Superintendent's meeting yesterday. The people from the Arizona Department of Education who are in charge of the Student Accountability and Information Systems (SAIS) were invited to attend. SAIS is the receiving end of the upload that the district does for the daily attendance. The system experiences a lot of problems and these problems were pointed out to ADE.

Charlotte Gates – Mrs. Gates distributed an updated list of the bus counts on each route. Adjustments are needed due to the overcrowding of the buses, whether it is adding another route to Rancho Sahuarita or possibly combining Curly Horn with

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McGee. She stated that in the near future, the Board would need to make a decision on these changes.

IX. Consent Agenda

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 Mr. Zobenica. The motion carried.

A. Employment

1. Janice Lewis, Instructional Aide III – Project Inspire – Replacement – Ratification to 10/6/03
2. Nydia Aramburo, Instructional Aide – LINK – Replacement – Ratification to 10/6/03
3. Vanessa Alday, Instructional Aide – LINK – Replacement – Ratification to 10/6/03
4. Carolyn Hupp – Instructional Aide II – Title I – SHS – Replacement - Ratification to 10/6/03
5. Shannon Gilbert – Instructional Aide III – Project Inspire – Replacement – Ratification to 10/22/03
6. Robert Kraemer – Temporary Speech Therapist – Replacement – Ratification to 10/14/03
7. Tara Weber – Temporary Speech Therapist – Replacement – Ratification to 10/8/03
8. Angela Paul – Instructional Aide I – Sopori – Replacement – Ratification to 10/10/03
9. Sandra Parker – Math Teacher – SMS – New Position – Ratification to 10/13/03
10. Barbara Miller – Instructional Aide III – Project Inspire – Change of Status from Substitute to Permanent 1 day a week – Ratification to 10/14/03
11. Sally Caroline – Instructional Aide III – Project Inspire – Change of Status from Substitute to Permanent 1 day a week – Ratification to 10/14/03

B. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. Jennifer Hoffman – LINK Aide – Termination Effective 10/9/03

C. Approval of Extra Duty Addendum – Ronald Sanchez – Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach - SHS

D. Approval of Maternity Leave – Leglale Moroyoqui – LINK – Effective 2/23/04 – 5/23/04

E. Volunteers

1. Suzanne Rowland – SMS – Effective 10/22/03
2. Gonzalo Gonzalez – SMS – Effective 10/22/03
3. Nicolas Novak – SHS – Effective 10/22/03
4. Joseph Reyes – SIS – Effective 10/22/03
5. Alicia Young – SIS – Effective 10/22/03

F. Gifts & Donations

1. Doug Kimberley – Two sets of golf clubs and a golf bag – SHS Golf Club

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2. Iris Bergum – Scanner – SHS
3. Jim Maston – Clarinet and Flute – SHS Music Department
4. Aero Club of Arizona - \$300.00 – SHS Naval Junior ROTC Program
5. Caterpillar Foundation - \$400.00 – SHS Automotive Program
6. Greater Arizona Bicycle Association, Inc - \$100.00
7. Casa De Esperanza Inc – 1987 Vehicle – SHS Auto Mechanics Class
8. Greater Green Valley Community - \$2,000.00 – L.I.N.K
9. Optimist Club of Green Valley - \$300.00 - SPS

G. Approval of Student Activity, Auxiliary and Revolving Fund Expenditures – September, 2003

X. Board Communication

Tony Bruno stated that he had the opportunity to attend the middle school Red Ribbon Ceremony and it was amazing. He commented on the student who sang the National Anthem, he would like her to perform for the Board sometime if possible. He believes 70% of the students were recognized for having 3.0 grade average or better. The sixth grade class did excellent.

Mike Lurkins stated that the district has some of the best teachers and tonight several were recognized. Mrs. Powell has done a wonderful job with the cheerleaders and it is appreciated.

Dan Zobenica commended the staff and principals for being labeled as performing and highly performing. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

Elaine Hall commented on Tony's nomination for Treasurer of ASBA. The school district is active in the organization and it is greatly due to Tony's initiative. She feels it has helped the district throughout the state. She thanked Tony for his effort and dedication.

She also commented on the number of meetings her and Dr. St. John have attended. She commended Dr. St. John on his demeanor and professionalism with which he deals with people at the meetings.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – November 19, District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session

Mr. Bruno moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to hear the request of a student in the middle school Alternative to Suspension Program to return to the mainstream classroom setting and to hear the possible appeal of the decision of the hearing officer in a long-term suspension hearing. Mr. McGee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The time was 6:52 PM. The Board returned to regular session at 7:18 and adjourned the meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board

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