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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
OCTOBER 22, 2008– 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B  
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

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

President Diana Kellermeyer called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. Also in attendance Clerk of the Board Martin McGee, Board Members Tom Murphy, Mike Lurkins, and Elaine Hall, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 58 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 Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

**III. Approval of Minutes – None**

**IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers**

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll voucher 10 in the amount totaling \$925,908.78, new payroll 13 for the pay period ending November 14, 2008, new payroll 14 for the pay period ending November 28, 2008 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 9022 through 9025 in the amount of \$674,975.91. The motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried.

**V. Call to the Public - Agenda Item See VII.A.3**

**VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community**

**A. October Support Staff Employee of the Month – Gloria Luz Williams of Sopori Elementary School**

Dr. Valenzuela recognized Gloria Luz Williams as October's Support Staff Employee of the Month. Ms. Williams is a custodian at Sopori Elementary School. In her nomination, Ms. Williams was described as a dedicated team member who exemplifies the highest ideals of commitments to excellence, service, and integrity. Principal Desi Raulston stated that, "As lightning streaked across the evening sky, rain began to pour through the gym doors and there was one person guaranteed to clean and protect the shiny, new wooden floor by using extra linens from home to soak up the water. That person is Gloria Luz Williams." Ms. Williams has been a member of the Sopori team for 19 years. Her pride in workmanship and dedication has made vital contributions to Sopori School. For example, she regularly attends extra workshops to learn the proper use of chemicals and equipment in order to maintain the physical plant in top shape. Ms. Williams understands the

Sopori mission of all adults caring for all Sopori students. She works to establish a positive rapport with students and willingly goes the extra mile to encourage students and mentor them about personal responsibility in their daily actions, such as by reminding them to put away their lunch trays. If necessary, Ms. Williams takes initiative to clean the soap or spitballs that are occasionally found on the bathroom walls. She takes a personal sense of pride and ownership in the school and desires that it be the best place possible for the students at Sopori School.

As you can see, Ms. Gloria Luz Williams exemplifies the highest ideals of the Sahuarita Unified School District and it is a pleasure to join with the entire Cougar family at Sopori Elementary School in naming Ms. Williams a Support Staff Employee of the Month.

- B. Dr. Valenzuela introduced the following October "Leaders in Character" Honorees – Perla Morgan Alvarez, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Sopori; Erik DiMaria, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Anza Trail; Emily Gallego, Kindergarten, SPS; Rebecca Ballard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, SIS; Madison Bullington, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, SMS; Nayeli Jimenez, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, SHS. The Governing Board recognized the above students for their excellent display of leadership and service among their peers at each of the perspective schools.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Business– Discussion and Possible Action**

**1. Update on the 2006 Bond**

The superintendent stated that one of the state statutes requirements is that the district update the community regarding the bonds. He asked the Board to correct the heading to the 2005 Bond Update instead of 2006 as the Bond was passed in 2005. The superintendent explained the following chart explaining the allocations of the 2005 bond. He pointed out that the \$5,000,000 was advertised to the community as supplement of new schools. The district supplemented one new school which was Anza Trail. In addition the \$900,000 for six all day kindergarten classrooms where spent at Anza Trail for a total of \$5,900,000 of the district's funds. Dr. St. John stated that he is proud of the fact that the district did what they told they community they would do. The problem is the rise of construction cost and the district had to eliminate the (s) from the word schools and all the new money was spent at the new school. The superintendent reported that the nine portables have been replaced with permanent classrooms. The Sopori Gym has been completed. The district modified the entrance at the high school and the entrance out of the Primary School to Rancho Sahuarita Blvd. The district ordered \$1,000,000 of new busses and replaced the tennis courts.

Grand Total Bond Authorization - November 2005	\$10,000,000	
	Bond	
Sites	Allocations	Expenditures
Supplement New schools to realize district standards	\$5,000,000	
6 all day kindergarten classrooms	\$900,000	
9 portables to be replaced by permanent classrooms	1,300,000	
Sopori Gym	1,000,000	
Modify driveways	500,000	
New busses	1,000,000	
Tennis courts	300,000	
Total Expenditures/Encumbrances		\$ 9,996,200.00

BALANCE FORWARD \$ 3,800.00

\$ 831.10 Interest  
 \$ 4,631.10

Mr. Murphy stated that if you go to the School Facilities web site their site actually indicateds that if there are monies available that they build schools to the minimum adequacy standard. He mentioned that without the supplement from the community Anza Trail would have been at the minimum adequacy standard.

The superintendent mentioned that the School Facilities Board will allow you to build, within reason, whatever you desire with their money but they do not include things that are appropriate.

2. Update on the 2007 Bond

In addition to the 2005 Bond updated, Dr. St. John also provided the community with a 2007 Bond update as required by state statute. He explained the below information as listed below.

Oct. 22, 2008

Projects scheduled to be completed within the next three years:

1st PHASE

**Grand Total Bond Authorization - November 2007** **\$14,700,000**

Sites	Bond Allocations	Expenditures	Encumbered
New High School - Code 635-100-4601-6451-560	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ -	
SMS Gym - Code 635-100-4607-6451-560	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 38,552.00	
SIS gym Code -635-100-4607-6451-560	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 216,691.69	
SPS - Shade structures (2) - Code 635-100-4602-6451-560	\$ 32,068.57	\$ 32,068.57	
Anza - Shade structures (2) - Code 635-100-4602-6451-560	\$ 54,201.58	\$ 71,078.39	
SIS - Shade structures (3) + playground equipment - Code 635-100-4602-6451-560	\$ 97,021.99	\$ 97,021.89	
Sopori Shade Structures (2) - Code 635-100-4602-6451-560	\$ 35,920.09	\$ 39,626.32	
Athlletic Projects - Code 635-100-4606-6451-560	\$ 1,830,787.87	\$ 22,345.00	\$ 297,434.00
Security Enhancements Code 635-100-4603-6451-560	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 55,655.00	\$ 179,605.00
Sopori School Safety/Fire suppression - Code 635-100-4604-6451-560	\$ 1,000,000.00		
Anza School parking - Code 635-100-4605-6451-560	\$ 250,000.00		
Contingency- Code 635-100-4609-560 & 4500-6339		\$ 108,589.00	\$ 246,908.00
<b>Total Expenditures/Encumbrances</b>	<b>\$ 9,000,000.10</b>	<b>\$ 681,627.86</b>	<b>\$ 723,947.00</b>

**BALANCE REMAINING** \$ - \$ 7,594,425.24

**ANTICIPATED INCOME**

Building Renewal Funds

Adjacent Ways

<b>Grand Total Bond Authorization - November. 2007</b>	
<b>New High School/K-8 Energy Efficiency</b>	<b>\$ 9,000,000.00</b>
<b>Gym renovations - SIS &amp; SMS</b>	<b>\$ 700,000.00</b>
<b>Main Campus - Athletic/Playground/Shade improvements</b>	<b>\$ 2,750,000.00</b>
<b>Security Enhancements - fencing-(multiple campuses)</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000.00</b>
<b>Sopori School - Security/Safety/Fire/ Suppression Enhancements</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000.00</b>
<b>Anza School parking</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>

\$14,700,000.00

**Legend**

- 4601 New High School
- 4602 Playground Structures
- 4603 Security Enhancements
- 4604 Sopor Safety /Fire Suppression
- 4605 Anza School Parking
- 4606 Athletic Projects
- 4607 Gym Renovations
- 4608 New Elementary School
- 4609 Other Bond Projects

3. A decision on a solution to the over – crowding at SHS

Based on the two public forums that the district held and a response from the community, teachers, and students in the district, Dr. St. John recommended that the Board direct the administration to move forward on the FICO site and he will be coming back to the Governing Board with the lease and the IGA for Sahuarita Park in which will be turned over by the county Board of Supervisors. Included in the FICO agreement is an additional twenty acres that will be reserved on their plat for a new K-8 school next to Sahuarita Park. The superintendent stated that the district has entered into agreements with a property owner next to the FICO property who has to provide water to the park so that we can hook on to that system. In addition, the agreement with the property owner states that he will replace the road going into Sahuarita Park and the district will help with that. The superintendent stated that the district has ordered the topographical studies, Alta survey, and environmental study. He recommended that the Governing Board direct the administration to move forward on the new high school building on the FICO site.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC: REGARDING AGENDA ITEM**

**Mr. Thomas Perry – 17051 S. Alvernon Way, Sahuarita, AZ 85629** – He stated that he is very interested in the future of Sahuarita and the school district has he has a six and an eight year old daughter presently at Anza Trail School. He heard Dr. St. John state the potential issues that the school district will be addressing in environmental studies. Mr. Perry stated that there is a water situation that exists, not only on the FICO land, but in the existing park of a high level of nitrate which is requiring that no public use of the water for drinking be used at all. He has not yet heard is what is going to happen to the people that use the park. Presently there is a seniors group that uses the baseball diamonds from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. during school hours. There is an after school program that exists at Joan Sweatland Center and people come there at 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. everyday. In addition, if the district plans on maintaining access to the park how are we going to address the liability issues and the maintenance of the park. Mr. Perry stated that presently Pima County Board of Supervisors has not given the Board permission to take the park. He also mentioned that there are flood issues, cost of the road, and cost of the fifteen to twenty temporary buildings that you want to build immediately. The district's money in this environment is going to dry up and go away very quickly and the liability that the district will have is going to increase on a daily basis. Sahuarita Park is one of the gems of Sahuarita and has only been recently discovered by the public. In the morning you can find mothers with their children there and at the west end of the park there is and excellent little play center with some exercise gear. The park is used almost on a daily basis by youth soccer, there aren't enough soccer fields in Pima County as it is and now the district is talking about limiting those. If there is a high school there they will have a football teams and track teams, these teams are not going to stop playing and using the facilities at 4:00 p.m. The road is an un-maintained county road that was granted in easement by the Southern Arizona Transportation people that do the utility line. That agreement to maintain that road is not even being

kept up as it is and now the Board is talking about hundreds and thousands of dollars to bring that road up to a safety because presently it is not a safe road. Mr. Perry stated that the district is opening them up to continued liability. The FICO land that FICO plans on leasing to the district and now the district is going to pay an annual lease.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that his two minute call to the public had expired.

Mr. Perry continued to state that the other situation that the district should consider this is that the amount of students that will have to be bused longer distances to utilize that area as a place for an elementary school and a high school. He stated that if you look at the present population of that part of the city is very small. There is talk right now in the city of Sahuarita of putting fifteen thousand homes in that part of the city and he feels that that is where the attention should be made. Mr. Perry stated that there has been very little public attention to this matter and there has been not notices put up at the park that the district's attentions were to take over the park. He stated that he just found out about it because of an article in the Sahuarita Sun less than a week ago and now the district is getting ready to make this approval. Mr. Perry stated that he is the only one here and it's not because he is the only one that cares it's because the soccer people, baseball people, and the after school parents who he has been speaking with where not aware that the district was moving forward at this time.

Once again Mr. McGee and Mrs. Kellermeyer had to interrupt his call to the public as his time had expired.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that the recommendation from the superintendent was to proceed with plans to utilize the district's funding to start building the district's new high school site next to Sahuarita Park and asked Dr. St. John if that was correct.

Dr. St. John stated that this was correct. Mrs. Hall made the motion to approve the recommendation from Dr. St. John and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

Mrs. Hall stated that since the call to the public is an agenda item the Board can have a discussion. She stated that the Board has been talking about the possibility of having a high school for about six years based on the Long Term Planning Committee a few years back. Many of these issues she feels have been addressed. The district currently has two parks that are shared. The district was given Kay Stupy Park next to Sopori School which has a swimming pool and the district plans to possibly extend our school buildings at Sopori. In addition, the district shares the park when school is not in session and the district maintains it. Mrs. Hall stated that Anza Trail Park was build in cooperation with the Town of Sahuarita and they put forth all the money to build it and put in all of the facilities and the agreement is that the district will maintain the park and it is a park when school is not in session. Sahuarita Park will always remain a park and there is no choice in that because of the way that it was given to the county. She also stated that earlier it was mentioned that there are plans for replacing the road which the district is not going to have to pay for. The road is not going to be the same road to gain access not only to the current park but to the schools that the district is going to be building there. She stated that she was sorry to Mr. Perry if he was not aware of some of these things. The district has had numerous articles in the paper and has had attention from the media. The Board has attempted to have forums over the years to get the community to come out. She stated that there is going to have to be some give and take but the district does not intend to cut the public out of the park.

Mr. Murphy stated that he would like to commend the superintendent, assistant superintendent, and Mrs. Gates. He mentioned that the school funding was approved in 2006 and here we are today trying to make the best decision possible. As Mrs. Hall had stated the district has had forums including the forum at 6:00 p.m. this evening as well as others. Mr. Murphy thanked the Sahuarita Sun for the numerous articles as the district has moved forward. As Mrs. Kellermeyer stated all of the calls and emails have all been in favor of it and Mr. Murphy feels it's because of the folks to his right have done. When he first was elected on the Board the public did not always understand the money situation, was it us or was it them? He stated that he feels that the district has done a great job educating the public on the School Facilities Board where the troubles lay on funding sources. If

it was not for our community stepping up on the bond issues the district would not even be here today with a hope of doing anything else. Mr. Murphy stated that he feels that it has been successful showing the lack of attention from the state. Last year and this year has been bad or maybe even worst. The district was authorized in 2006 and now it is 2008 with really a plan that the district could even have a chance of moving forward on and he recommends that the district do so.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she appreciates the community for attending the meeting and voicing their opinions because that is what the district has been calling and asking for. As it has been stated before the district has had public forums and has recently had two forums with the second one being held this evening. During the first forum the district had approximately 100 people in attendance. One of the recommendations was if you really want to know what you should do, you should talk to your stakeholders and that is our students and the teachers who would be impacted most from moving out adjacent to Sahuarita Park. The district completed a survey and in fact conducted the survey over a four week period. The overwhelming response from students and teachers was that they wanted the district to proceed with building at Sahuarita Park. Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that water is an issue but the district has a plan for the water and know that there is no potable water in Sahuarita Park but there is a plan to provide safe water to the school which is separate from the water at Sahuarita Park. She also mentioned that this school district is always wanting to work closely with the community and she knows that the district has worked closely with those organizations that utilize Sahuarita Park so that the district could have some sort of arrangement and meet half way to insure that the community will continue to use the park in the way they like to use it. The Board certainly wants to promote continued use by community organizations and the soccer teams. In terms of the high school, this is going to start out to be a very small fraction of the student population that would go to Sahuarita Park. That park does not have the athletic facilities to support teams for that particular school so those students will have to come back to the main campus and not use Sahuarita Park for their sports activities. As the state acquires some funding then the district can look at other options in ways that the district can embellish the campus if we are able to do that. The Board's hope is to embellish that campus which will incorporate adding additional athletic facilities to not take away from the park because the park will remain a park. Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she does not know if the Board has answered all of their questions and hope that the Board has tried to address the community's questions. The Board has not taken this decision lightly and has sought out community input. They have thought a lot about it, excluded all other options, and have gone to the primary focus which is the students and teachers. The Board has come to the conclusion, along with them, that this is the way the district needs to go at this point in time. Mrs. Kellermeyer mentioned that this is not a cure to the overall problem and funding from the state would help resolve that. She stated that at this point in time because of the over-crowding issues and the needs of our students the Board has determined, with the public's input that this is the best option for us at this time but will continue to work with the public and appreciates the community attending and appreciates the feedback. Mrs. Kellermeyer invited others in the audience to voice their opinions at this time.

**Jan Pavlikowski – Parent in the District** – She addressed Mr. Thomas Perry and stated that one of the things that he does not realize that is going to happen is that next to the park where the district will still continue to have the children that go after school is that it will enable some of our beautiful high school students to go over there and work. It will give the high school students the ability to mentor and work with children and be helpers. This will allow the students to tap into that because they are right there. She stated if there is things going on we will have high school student body mentors. It is great for the future of the town of Sahuarita to work together with the Sahuarita Park, Parks and Recreation, and to have our children to have that opportunity as high school kids. Ms. Pasielsky asked Mr. Perry to look at the beautiful children that we have here tonight who are at the meeting for their government class and are learning great things right now but they would also benefit from having not over-crowding classrooms. The district has finally gotten rid of this problem at the elementary age group and we need to do it for the high school kids, they need a building and a place to go.

Mr. McGee stated that all Board members have had phone calls from concerned citizens of the town, soccer was one of the biggest ones, the senior league, and the baseball teams. He stated that at the main campus the district keeps the campus open to the public and let the community use

the fields throughout the year. Yes, events do have to work around the district's schedule but right now the district has no plans of using the park except for improving. As time progresses the park will be utilized more but there will also be a lot of improvements that the district will be doing to which will be best for the community all the way around. As far as the soccer and other athletics, they will have to defiantly work around our schedule. The Board is trying to do the best that they can for our students which is the district's first concern and right now there is overcrowding of the high school that the district needs to elevate and the district is not getting the funding from the state to even help. Mr. McGee stated that if Mr. Perry has any additional questions he would like to add he has the right to re-address those issues in a two minute time frame.

Mr. Perry thanked the Board for taking the time to consider some of the things he brought to their attention. He stated that he has two children that are going to enter an over-crowded school system. The last thing that he wants is not to have access for the children. Mr. Perry stated the parent brought up an excellent point because the park district needs some young people over there to assist in the after school programs. He mentioned that he has no issues with incorporating after school programs with the high school students to be involved over their. He continued to say that his biggest and his only concern is that the dollars that the district is spending are spent in the best way. He asked that if the district spends \$4,000,000.00 today and all of a sudden it becomes \$12,000,000.00. Mr. Perry stated that the district talks about building roads, roads are expensive, classes need support, parking lots are needed and this money has to come from somewhere. Unless the district knows for a fact that the district is getting that money then perhaps the 4,000,000.00 may be better spent on the main campus to do a temporary solution until the state comes into play. Mr. Perry stated that he appreciates all the comments that everyone has made. He agreed to just about everything the Board has said but when you have a park that is truly a gem to the community and it needs that access. Mr. Perry stated that if he can put together a scenario where the park can exist as a park, the public can enjoy the park, and the after school programs and the community centers can exist then DO IT! His challenge to the district is to keep the park open and active and at the same time let's build a place for the students so they have an active facility that they become educated at because Sahuarita is growing and it needs all the help it can get from all of its high school students. The community members depend on the Board to spend that money wisely and to utilize it. He stated that he was not aware of all the public input as he does not pay attention to every single thing that comes down the pike. Mr. Perry stated that he thinks that he will have an uphill battle to some extent in proving how the district is going to keep the park open to the public and still be able to utilize for the school district and feels that this is the challenge that the Board is going to have to face to get the support of the Board of Supervisors. Once again he thanked the Board for their time and attention and truly appreciates the opportunity to be able to speak with the Board.

4. Approval to Exempt Sun Western Contractors from ARS 15-512 ++

The superintendent apologized for revising the agenda so late and stated that included in the Board packet is some information sent from Daryl Rawson. Sun Western Contractors are the company that the Board approved at the October 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to attach the main campus to the Sahuarita Water Company. The district is ready to execute the contract. The legislature past a new law and the law indicates that we need verification that the company has had no dealings with Sudan or Iran. The company has to also provide the district with information that they have e-verified every one of their employees to make sure that they are citizens of the United States as they already do so. In addition, the law also requires that the school district has to fingerprint and make sure that any employee of a company who does business more than five times per month and has access to children they have to be fingerprinted to make sure that their not in violation of crimes against children. When this was brought to Sun Western's attention they stated that they are more than happy to be in compliance but there will be a change order for about \$14,000.00 because they will not be paying for that. The superintendent stated that there is a section in the statute that allows the Governing Board to waive that right. He stated that the district does not want anyone on our campus who can't pass a fingerprint clearance and that's not the point. The point is that the construction will be outside and off of our property, fenced off, and the only time they will be coming on our property is when they get down to the water tank and penetrate the fence and go into the water tank and will be nowhere around children. The superintendent recommended that the Board

waive A.R.S 15-512 so that the district can move on with the project, if not it will delay the project again. He explained that the purpose of the district connecting to the Sahuarita Water Company is that they have solved their arsenic problems. Again, the water on the main campus is above the federal guidelines in terms of arsenic. A motion to waive A.R.S. 15-512 was made by Mr. McGee and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she is assuming that Daryl will be involved in the oversight of this project and will closely monitor it so that if there are any concerns we can move swiftly to take action. Dr. St. John agreed.

Mr. Murphy asked if he would be wrong to assume that it really is not a lot different than if Cox Cable was doing some work right outside of our boundary, it would be the same situation. If the company needed to be on campus then the district would do the due diligence at that time to make sure that only the right people were on our campus. Dr. St. John agreed.

## **B. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action**

1. ASBA Top Ten Priorities for the 2009 Legislative Session
2. Included in the Board packet was the summary of the ASBA Top Ten Priorities for the 2009 Legislative Session. The superintendent has compiled all Board members' top ten legislative proposals and recommended that the Board approve the Top Ten Priorities for the 2009 Legislative Session. A motion to approve the Top Ten Priorities was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.
3. Approval of Policy Advisory
  - No. 321 – DJE Bidding / Purchasing Procedures
  - No. 321 – DJE-E Bidding / Purchasing Procedures

Included in your Board packet are copies of revisions of Governing Board policies and accompanying regulations. The superintendent stated that he and Mrs. Hall sat in today and went through the Board policy review process along with Dr. Valenzuela, Mrs. Gates, Mr. Downs, and Mr. Emerson for their particular areas of responsibilities in the district. He stated that the policy manual is in great shape and there was not a lot of changes that needed to be done. He stated that one of the reasons that the district is in good shape is that we pay attention to the ASBA policy advisories; we get them on the Board agenda, and get them processed as quickly as possible. The superintendent recommended approval of the revisions as presented by the Arizona School Boards Association. A motion to approve the above policies was made by Mr. Murphy and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

Mr. Murphy stated that Lizette Huie and is the one that does all the work to keep the policy manual in line. He thanked Mrs. Huie for keeping the Board up to date on these advisories.

4. Gifts and Donations Funds Usage Request - OASIS Training Seminar

Included in the Board packet was information from Ms. Cynthia Lynch requesting the use of district gifts and donation funds not to exceed \$250.00 to provide lunch and refreshments during an all – day OASIS training seminar on November 12, 2008. The training is a 2 day event but will be condensed into 1 full day. The vendor would be Southwest Foodservice Excellence. The superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Lynch's request. The motion to approve the request was made by Mr. McGee and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

5. ASBA Honor Roll Award Nomination



The superintendent stated that he was contacted by one Board member and was approved by the Governing Board president that Dr. St. John fill out the forms to nominate Mr. Martin McGee for the ASBA Honor Roll Award. Included in the Board packet was a 100 word recommendation that was limited by ASBA. The superintendent recommended the approval of Mr. McGee's recommendation and application for the ASBA Honor Roll Award. If ASBA approves the application then Mr. McGee will be receiving a Honor Roll certificate for his twelve year service to the district.

Mrs. Kellermeyer thanked Mr. McGee for all of his years of service and all his compassion for always putting kids first. His input has always been invaluable.

Mr. Lurkins stated that he has known Mr. McGee for a while and wanted to thank Mr. McGee for his service. It's been a pleasure and they have turned out to be good friends.

Mrs. Hall stated that she has very much enjoyed working with Mr. McGee. When Mrs. Hall first came on to the Board she defiantly looked at Mr. McGee as a mentor and thanked him for that.

Mr. Murphy stated that one of the things that they've learned as they go to retreats is that you see how other Board interactions are, then you come back from that and feel thankful that we have such a good Board. He thanked Mr. McGee for all of his dedication.

Mr. McGee thanked everyone.

## **VII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports**

Included in the Board packet are the written administrative reports.

The superintendent reported enrollment at 4865 with 1267 at Anza; 1423 at SHS; 607 at SIS; 635 at SMS; 713 SPS including 89 students at ECC who have SAIS numbers; and 220 at Sopor.

The superintendent announced that homecoming is Friday and the high school is going to have a parade for the first time down the loop road. The high school has invited all the buildings to attend. He stated that the CFWE parade is on Saturday.

The superintendent is planning on attending the ASA Fall conference this weekend. Next Monday night the Town of Sahuarita will be dealing with the possible general plan amendment that will annex Mission Peaks 4000 into the town and Dr. St. John suspects that he will be back for that meeting.

Scott Boone and the Dr. St. John have formed an Internet Access Committee because they are a little concerned about whether the district is restricting teacher's abilities to teach and student's abilities to learn. He stated that there are potential pit falls in becoming less restrictive but are going to sit down and talk to teachers about it.

The superintendent stated that Mrs. Shiba, the Town of Sahuarita, and Mr. Emerson will continue discussions about Anza Trail Park and how to continue to operate the park in a friendly and pleasant manner. He stated that next week the district will be hosting the first ever safety committee in the school district.

In the reports and the district calendar there are a lot of Halloween events going on throughout the district.

Recent events include a meeting with George Emerson and Daryl Rawson in regards to SFB opportunities. The superintendent stated that we are going to be having SFB take a look at the Primary School, not because it's of concern but because there is a fifty year rule. Once the building becomes fifty years old, which SPS was built in 1958, by state statues they will come down and take a look at the building and determine if it has outlived it's usefulness but will hold them to their rules.

The superintendent attended the Town's Fiesta Sahuarita celebration. He met with Dr. Albrech from Pima Community College. Dr. Albrech has committed to Dr. St. John that she will be going to the Pima County Board of Directors and continue to advocate for the district's half a million dollars to be added to the four million that the district has for the beginning of the new high school site.

Fred Huff and Dr. St. John took a one day trip to Napa, California. They met with the transportation director of the Napa Valley School District. The superintendent explained that Napa Valley is one of the nineteen districts in the United States that has a hybrid bus. The hybrid bus is a combination of electric and diesel. They have taken an international bus and placed an electric motor in it and decreased the size of the diesel engine. The bus is an electric motor, a controller (computer), battery packs of lithium ion batteries that has a cooling device that will keep it all cool. The miles of the hybrid bus has been increased from six miles to the gallon to twelve miles to the gallon. The superintendent reported that a sixty-five mile a day route will save \$10,000 per year in diesel fuel cost. Fred was able to drive the bus. The bus is a plug in bus and has the regeneration devices on its brakes so that it can regenerate the batteries as it slows down to a stop. Dr. St. John stated that he has reported to the Governing Board that Freeport McMoRan has offered \$50,000 to spend on the community to improve the air quality within our community. One of the things that they have suggested to us is that we take a look at decreasing the amount of diesel admissions that we put into the community in addition to reducing our cost. The superintendent stated that a typical route bus of this size cost the district over \$100,000 and the price for a hybrid bus is going to come in at about \$140,000 - \$160,000. He stated that he will be making a recommendation to purchase the hybrid bus when the district makes its traditional bus purchases. The superintendent stated that the district has a responsibility to the community to limit the costs and to the environment. Dr. St. John spoke with the high school's auto shop teacher who wants the bus one day a month so that the students can take a look at how this all operates but cannot work on it. He thinks that this is something that would be good for the district to be environmentally correct. This will be a great opportunity to save us some monies and to be able to partner up with our corporation in the community.

Fred Huff reported that the bus runs really nice. It's quiet and was very smooth. He stated that it is really simply put together.

Dr. St. John stated that once we receive a firm price then he will be presenting that to the Board.

## **IX. Consent Agenda – Action**

The superintendent recommends approval of those items on the Consent Agenda as they were revised. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

### **A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers**

1. Vanessa Alday, Inclusion Health Assistant, ECC, Rehire – Effective 10/27/08
2. Rosella Camarena, Instructional Aide, Sopori, Replacement – Effective 10/07/08
3. Manny Hernandez, Lead Custodian, SHS, Replacement - Effective 10/07/08
4. Francisca Leyva, Inclusion Health Assistant, SHS, New Position – Effective 10/07/08
5. Maria Rubalcava, Temporary Custodian, Anza Trail, Temporary Replacement – Effective 10/17/08
6. Nicole Steele, Instructional Aide, Anza Trail, New Position – Effective 10/07/08
7. Anna Garcia, Classroom Lead (4 Hours) & Instructional Aide/Special Education (4 Hours), ECC, Status Change – Effective 10/20/08
8. Cassandra Hirdes, Inclusion Health Assistant, ECC, Status Change – Effective Beginning of School Year

### **B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations**

1. Kevin Anderson, Technology Assistant, SPS, Resignation – Effective 09/26/08
2. Sean Grider, Instructional Aide, SHS, Resignation – Effective 09/05/08
3. Edit Karina Ochoa, Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation, Resignation - Effective 10/02/08

4. Maria Palomino, Custodian, ECC, Resignation – Effective 10//24/08
5. Flor Salcido, Clerk I Attendance, Sopori, Resignation – Effective 10/24/08
6. Walter R. Draeger, Language Arts & Social Studies Teacher, Anza Trail, Resignation – Effective 10/31/08. ++

**C. Volunteers**

1. Maria Alvarez – Sopori
2. Bernadette Blake – SPS
3. Adrienne Bloss – SPS
4. Sharon Goodenow – SPS
5. Kimberly Hoback – SHS
6. Margaret Howells – SIS
7. Janice Lawrence – Anza Trail
8. Yvonne Lobb – SIS
9. Elizabeth Meredith – SIS
10. Bradley Moss – SPS
11. Gladys Pedroza – SIS
12. Nancy Pellerin – SHS
13. Maria Yolanda Pena – Sopori
14. William Smallwood – Sopori
15. Lupita Taylor – SIS
16. Kimberly Toscano – SHS

**D. Addendums**

1. Dorothy Leal, LINK Aide (substitute), LINK – Effective 10/01/08
2. Scott Percy, Senior Class Sponsor, SHS – Effective 10/04/08
3. Karin Rojahn, Junior Class Sponsor, SHS – Effective 10/04/08
4. Beth Summerhill, Yearbook Sponsor, SPS – Effective 08/08/08

**E. Gifts and Donations**

1. Mr. & Mrs. Donald Molgaard, \$150.00 - SHS Music Department for Band Trip to Cotton Bowl.
2. Target, \$53.86 – SMS
3. Optimist Club of Green Valley – Sahuarita, 250.00 – SHS
4. Optimist Club, \$180.00 – SHS Orchestra
5. Optimist Club, \$150.00 – SHS Band
6. Optimist Club, \$250.00 – SHS AIMS Math Classes
7. Optimist Club, \$300.00 – Sopori Elementary School
8. Fry's Supermarket, \$10.00 & \$25.00 Gift Certificates – Sopori Elementary School ++
9. Elks Club of Green Valley, Red Ribbon Week Supplies – Sopori Elementary School ++
10. Kokopelli's Gelato Factory 10 Gift Certificates valued at \$10.00 each (\$100.00 total) - Sopori Elementary School ++
11. Bashas' Supermarket – 4 Gift Certificate valued at \$10.00 each (\$40.00 total) - Sopori Elementary School ++
12. Pizza Hut – 4 Free Medium Pizzas, 14 Free 1 Topping Personal Pan Pizza (coupons) - Sopori Elementary School ++
13. McDonald's – 15 Free Happy Meal Coupons - Sopori Elementary School ++
14. Denny's – 4 Free Meal Tickets - Sopori Elementary School ++

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

1. Clint Carlton and Terri Noe to attend the National Association of Secondary School Principals Convention on February 26, 2009 – March 1, 2009 in San Diego, CA.
2. Deirdre Cummings, Miles Gallup, John Wren, and Terri Noe to attend a PBIS Conference in Chicago, Illinois on October 29, 2008 – October 31, 2008.
3. SHS Culinary Arts, Elizabeth Nemeth to attend the FCCLA Fall Leadership Camp on November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Prescott, AZ

4. Timothy Blount and two high school students to attend the Pre-College Symposia in Phoenix, AZ, November 13-15, 2008 ++

#### **F. Use of Facilities**

1. The American Cancer Society has requested the use of SHS Track Area and Snack Bar on April 4, 2009, from 7:00 a.m. to midnight to hold their Relay for Life fundraiser.
2. The Green Valley Senior Games has requested the use of SHS Track Area on Monday, March 16, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to hold their track and field events.
3. KGVY has canceled the use of the Sahuarita High School Gym on November 1, 2008 to hold a Home Show and have changed their request to use the SHS Gym to hold an Information Fair from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on January 10, 2009 – January 19, 2009.
4. The Gracepoint Lutheran Church has requested the use of the SHS cafeteria to hold Sunday Workshop Services each Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, January 11, 2009.
5. Southwest Youth Sports/Southern Arizona Youth Football have requested the use of the SHS football field on Saturday, October 25, 2008 and Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for youth football and cheerleading activities. ++

#### **G. Student Fundraising Activities**

1. FCCLA has requested to collect cans for the Green Valley Community Food Bank on October 31, 2009.
2. Sopori Student Council Fundraiser has requested a pizza and dessert fundraiser through Arizona Gold Fundraiser on October 27, 2008 – November 7, 2008 ++

#### **H. Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Reports for Auxiliary Accounts and Student Account for the Month Ending 09/30/08++**

#### **X. Board Communication**

Mr. Murphy thanked the Sahuarita Sun for today's article talking about the efforts the high school has made to try to get parent participation. He thanked Lizette Huie for the great job on the newsletter and it has made significant strides since she has been on Board. Mr. Murphy was contacted by the president of the Sahuarita Water Company and will be doing a presentation at the Primary School regarding water conservation which ties into the gentleman's comment about concern of water.

Mrs. Kellermeyer thanked the community and the students for giving the Board their feedback regarding the decisions that the Board made regarding the new high school. She stated that the Board really does value their input and want to have communications with the community, students, and teachers.

#### **XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – November 12, 2008 – 6:30 P.M. – District Auditorium**

#### **XII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

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Clerk of the Board

