



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Intermediate School
Sopori Elementary School

Sahuarita Middle School
Sahuarita Primary School
Anza Trail School
SUSD Early Childhood Center

Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

6:30 p.m. October 25, 2006

District Auditorium, 350 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Michael Lurkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Also in attendance were Tom Murphy, Clerk of the Board, Board members Elaine Hall, Diana Kellermeyer, Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John and Director of Business Services Charlotte Gates. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela was absent. There were 77 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2006 Regular Governing Board Meeting

The minutes of the September 27th meeting were not available. No action was taken.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll voucher 7 in the amount of \$748,191.50, new payroll voucher 9 for the pay period ending November 3, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$900,000.00, new payroll voucher 10 for the pay period ending November 17, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$900,000.00 and new payroll voucher 11 for the pay period ending December 1, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$900,000.00. She further recommended approval of expense voucher 7522 thru 7525 in a total amount of \$1,108,046.98. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

Dr. St. John introduced the "Leaders in Character" Honorees: Sopori – Miss Imelda Fragoza, 3rd Grade – SPS – Miss Alexis Johnson, 2nd Grade – SIS – Miss Sarah Brown, 4th Grade – SMS – Miss Miranda Rodriguez, 7th Grade – SHS – Miss Diane Arnold, 12th Grade. The Governing Board recognized the above students for their excellent display of leadership and service among their peers at each of their perspective schools.

Dr. St. John introduced Erin Chico from Wells Fargo Bank. Wells Fargo recently opened a new branch in Sahuarita. The branch donated \$2500.00 to the Sahuarita Unified School District Educational Enrichment Foundation for scholarships. Dr. St. John presented Wells Fargo with the Friends of Sahuarita Award for their dedication to the School District.

VII. New Business

A. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Re-approval of Plans for Verizon Cell Tower

The Board was given information from Mr. Scott Boone regarding a Verizon Cell Tower. The Board was asked to re-approve the plans for Verizon to build a cell tower. It will replace the northwest tower of the football field. This item was approved approximately a year ago once before, but a record of the approval cannot be found so Dr. St. John recommended approval of the new tower. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

B. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. JTED Board Member Selection

Upon the successful passage of the JTED Election on November 7, 2006, the Governing Board will have to adopt a selection process to choose a community member to serve on the JTED Board beginning January 1, 2007. Dr. St. John presented copies of a selection process that has been formulated by Superintendents in Pima County. The Board will have to discuss that or an alternative Board member selection process. This item will be on a future meeting agenda for discussion. No action was taken.

2. Anza Trail Hours of Operation

Charlotte Gates, Fred Huff, Kathy Shiba, Manny Valenzuela and Dr. St. John met to discuss the Anza Trail hours of operation. Their discussion led to the following two possible solutions:

1. Change the high school and middle school hours of operation to begin at 7:30am and the K-5 will start at

8:30pm. This would definitely have some implications for communicating with parents and having parents make adjustments in their daily lives to facilitate that change.

2. The Governing Board directs the administration to order 11 busses so that Anza can be operated separately from the main campus.

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the originally recommendation which was having the Anza Trail hours of operation from 7:30am to 2:30pm. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Mrs. Charlotte Gates spoke regarding ADE's Budget limitations. She stated that it looks as if the budget has been exceeded. She will keep the Board informed on what is happening.

Dr. St. John shared the following labels with the Board and the public. This is excellent news!!

SHS – Performing Plus
SMS – Highly Performing
SIS – Performing Plus
Sopori – Performing Plus
SPS – Excelling

Kathy Shiba, Kris Ham, a parent in the district, and Dr. St. John attended the Joint Legislative Budget Committee meeting yesterday in the committee considered construction costs for new schools in Arizona. He reported that the committee felt they needed to increase construction costs by 12%, this is still not enough, but a step in the right direction. He thanked Kathy Shiba for her presentation to the JLBC. He also thanked Kris Ham for her support on this matter.

The entrances and exits of the school are under construction. The entrance off Sahuarita Blvd. into the primary school is closer to being opened.

A pre-construction meeting with Core was held regarding several projects. They are ready to begin and are just waiting on permits.

The CFWE parade will be held this Saturday. Several groups from the school district are involved.

A Countywide Bond Election may happen.

SUSD ECC held their open house, it was wonderfully attended.

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He attended the ROTC Naval Ball a few weeks ago, it was very well done.

Dr. St. John attended the Green Valley Assistance Center Auction and Dinner.

One of the items discussed at the Superintendent's meeting was a uniform letter from all superintendents about construction costs.

A community partners meeting will be held with the architect for the new high school.

Commander Battle shared the NJROTC's inspection report with Dr. St. John. They are one of the top ten in the Southwest. Their academic program is outstanding.

Ms. Nancy Kondrat sent a thank you note to the Board for her service pin and the recognition she received.

Dr. Valenzuela and Dr. St. John will be hosting a music booster club meeting on Monday November 6th.

IX. Consent Agenda

Dr. St. John recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda, as they are routine items. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

A. Employment/Reassignments

1. Patricia Torres, Clerk III – SHS – Replacement – Ratification to 10/18/06
2. Tammy Case, CTE Teacher – SHS – Contract Addendum .2 Special Assignment – Ratification to 10/23/06
3. Kent Thompson, Government Teacher – SHS – Contract Addendum - .2 Special Assignment – Ratification to 10/23/06
4. Laurie Schultz, Bus Driver – Transportation – Rate Change with Training Certification – Ratification to 10/05/06
5. Manuel Romo, Maintenance Technician – Facilities – Status Change – New Position – Ratification to 10/13/06
6. Ray Quihuis, Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach – SHS – Effective to 10/30/06
7. Anna Perez, Freshman Girls Basketball Coach – SHS – Effective 10/30/06
8. Justin Archer, SMS Boys Basketball Coach – SMS – Effective Second Quarter
9. Tina Cueto, JV Boys Basketball Coach – SHS – Effective 10/30/06
10. Jackie Park, Student Services Support Assistant – SHS – Transfer – Effective 10/25/06
11. Arturo Balderrama, Maintenance Technician – Facilities – Transfer – Ratification to 10/17/06

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12. Loenard Akers, Preventative Maintenance – Facilities – Transfer – Ratification to 10/17/06
13. Approval of Oasis Volunteer Site Coordinators Addenda – Mary Jo Boyter and Cynthia Gettingter
14. Approval of New Guest Teachers – Kitt Z. Carson, Robin Green, Carol Lindley, Beverlee Montoya, Edna San Miguel, Walter Slife
15. Patricia Durazo, Custodian – SIS – Temporary Replacement – Ratification to 10/06/06
16. Kalomo Johnson, Custodian – SIS – Temporary Replacement – Ratification to 10/06/06
17. Laurie Schultz, Custodian – SIS – Temporary Replacement – Ratification to 10/06/06

B. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. Matilde Elias, Bus Driver Trainee – Transportation – Verbal Resignation Effective 10/06/06
2. Diana Moreno, Clerk I – SPS – End of Temporary Assignment

C. Volunteers

1. Julie Barr – SIS – Effective 10/25/06
2. Heather Hunter – SIS – Effective 10/25/06
3. Sue Jordan – SIS – Effective 10/25/06
4. Marlene s. Pearson – SPS – Effective 10/25/06
5. Eugene N Penler – SPS – Effective 10/25/06

D. Gifts & Donations

1. Trico Electric Cooperative - \$150.00 – SPS
2. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita - \$500.00 – SPS
3. Optimist Club of Green Valley-Sahuarita - \$300.00 – Sopori
4. Wells Fargo Foundation - \$490.00 – SPS Mary Kraus' Class

E. Student Fund Raisers

1. SHS Boys Basketball – Putting Tournament at Triple Play – December 2006
2. SHS Soccer – Pancake Breakfast & Yard Sale – November 4, 2006
3. SIS Parent Teacher Partnership – Student Original Art Work Items - Ongoing
4. SIS Parent Teacher Partnership – Discounted Merchant Cards - Ongoing

F. Approval of Student Activity, Auxiliary and Revolving Fund Expenditures – September 2006

X. Board Communication

Mr. Tom Murphy attended the SMS awards assemble and was very pleased with the number of students that were recognized.

He thanked the high school staff for their participation and work with the high school sports programs and the band program

Mrs. Diana Kellermeyer stated that all the schools continue to impress her. They are all doing a great job. She also thanked Dr. St. John, Mr. Fred Huff, Mrs. Kathy Shiba and Mrs. Charlotte Gates for taking the time to review the Anza Trail hours of operation.

Mr. Michael Lurkins also thanked the administration, staff and students for their role in making the schools as great as they are.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – November 8, 2006, District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session

Mr. Murphy moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to decide whether to hold a hearing or to designate one or more hearing officers to hold a hearing to hear evidence, prepare a record, and bring a recommendation to the Board for action and whether the hearing shall be held in executive session – Discussion and possible action and A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.1 Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussion, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that such discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with such notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether such discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting. The time was 7:08pm. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Board returned to regular session at 8:03pm and adjourned the meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm. Mrs. Hall made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board