



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 26, 2005

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

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, Tom Murphy, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. Board member Martin McGee was absent. There were 70 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

ii. Approval of Agenda

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as it was distributed. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 4-0

iii. Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2005 Regular Governing Board Meeting

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2005 regular Governing Board meeting. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-0.

iv. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll voucher 8 in the amount of \$583,511.03 and new payroll voucher 9 for the pay period ending October 21, 2005 in the amount not to exceed \$800,000.00. She further recommended approval of expense voucher 7020 thru 7023 in a total amount of \$400,796.12. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-0.

v. Call to the Public – None

- VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community** – “Leaders in Character” Honorees: Amanda Gilliland, Blythe Clement, Brian Kellermeier, Thomas De Anda, and Andrew D. Smith.

Dr. Valenzuela introduced the above students as the “Leaders in Character” award honorees. The Governing Board recognized them for their excellent display of leadership at each of their perspective schools.

Mrs. Hall presented a Certificate of Orientation from the Arizona School Boards Association to Governing Board member Mrs. Diana Kellermeier.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Presentation from Dr. Valenzuela – AZ Learns Labels

Dr. Valenzuela presented the Board with a summary of the Arizona Learns process. He stated that AZ LEARNS is the State accountability model and the purpose of it is to evaluate academic achievement as a function of performance on the Arizona assessment measures.

The 2005 AZ LEARNS Labels for SUSD are as follows:

- SHS- *Highly Performing*
- SMS- *Performing Plus*
- SIS- *Performing Plus*
- SPS- *Performing*
- SOPORI- *Underperforming*

Most newspapers reported the high school as pending. After speaking with Tim Hull from the Green Valley Newspaper, it was that paper that printed the correct label for the high school.

There are many pieces to the formula for figuring the labels, which include all of the following:

1. Status Points – Based on the % of students in the current year who meet/exceed the standards on AIMS.
2. Growth Points

3. Status Points/Growth Points are combined
4. Measure of Academic Progress
5. Adequate Yearly Process (AYP)
6. Designations of High Distinction

Dr. Valenzuela shared the District's plan for the 2006 AZ LEARNS Labels:

- Systematic review of data
- Formal process of instructional planning
 - Curriculum mapping
 - Progress documentation
 - Regular assessments
 - Monitor/adjust the plan
 - Reteach
 - Targeted support
 - Enrichment
- Implementation of an Educational Management System-Galileo
- Online DIBELS Data Reporting System
- AIMS Math/Reading classes
- High Quality Professional Development
 - Induction
 - Monthly District Grade Level Meetings
 - TIGER Groups
 - Scholastic Red
 - ASSET Resources
- Site based instructional plans
- Targeted tutorial programs
- Building a culture of success Keeping focused on practices that rise student achievement.
 - Positive, disciplined school environments
 - Parent involvement initiatives
 - Community partnerships and Collaborative Outreach
 - Leader in Character Program
 - Regular Success Assemblies
 - Clean, safe physical plants
 - Building a common language and shared commitment

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Bus Advertising

Dr. St. John distributed information to the Board from Jim O'Connell with The Media Advertising in Motion Program. The program involves providing a message decal applied to the side of school busses. The first campaign will be an anti-smoking program. The district will be compensated for the space as it is used. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the program. Mr.

Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 4-0.

2. Presentation from Kelly Bell – Public Information Officer

Dr. St. John introduced Mrs. Kelly Bell. Mrs. Bell is currently an English teacher at SHS and now the Public Information Officer for the District. Mrs. Bell has worked as a Public Information Officer for hospitals and school districts in the past. She will be providing her services to the District, which will include press releases, working on a crisis response manual or any other type of communication for the district. She will also be publishing a quarterly newsletter.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Jay C. St. John attended the Joint Legislative Budget Committee meeting today to discuss the rise in construction costs.

He also met with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson last week to talk about Sahuarita Unified School District being an additional outlet for them.

Dr. St. John had the opportunity to meet with a representative from Phelps Dodge Corporation. They are considering helping the district by providing funds for the “Leadership in Character” program.

He attended the annual ASBA Superintendent’s Conference in Prescott last week.

The Youth Services Team met last week. All agencies that work with students meet to discuss what they can do to work together to help students.

The Long Range Planning Committee will soon be making its recommendation as to what to names to consider for the new K-8.

Dr. St. John and several Board members attended the ASBA County workshop.

The District has taken possession of the old Itzcalli Academy building as of Monday. The building will be used as the Sahuarita Unified School District Early Childhood Center. There are minor repairs and work that need to be done before the district can occupy the building. The District expects to use approximately half the space at this time and save the remaining space for the growth that is expected new school year.

Claudette Welch, Terri Noe and Dr. St. John continue to attend JTED meetings.

The Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town regarding the shared park at the new K-8 site is currently at the District's attorney and it should be taken care of soon.

Dr. St. John had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Chuck Huckleberry, County Administrator, regarding Kay Stupy Park. Mr. Huckleberry believes that there shouldn't be a problem transferring ownership of Kay Stupy Park to the School District.

IX. Consent Agenda

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

A. Employment/Reassignments

1. Killian Boyd, Custodian - SHS - Replacement - Ratification to 10/12/05
2. Kari Moennig, Prevention Specialist - SMS - Replacement - Ratification to 10/17/05
3. Lora Negrito, English Teacher - SHS - New Position - Ratification to 10/05/05
4. Raye Nelson, 1st Grade Teacher - SPS - Replacement - Ratification to 10/06/05
5. Bea Olivas, Accounts Payable Part-time Sub - District Office - Replacement - Ratification to 10/11/05
6. Ted Simons, PM Technician Part-time - Facilities - Replacement - Ratification to 10/24/05
7. Brittany Hyatt, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher - Change in Status - SMS - Replacement - Ratification to 10/17/05

B. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. Joseph Walker, Maintenance Tech – Facilities – Resignation Effective 10/14/05
2. Virginia Serrano, Accounting Clerk – District Office – Resignation Effective 10/07/05
3. Jorge Restrepo, Custodian – SHS – Resignation Effective 09/30/05
4. Laurie Gath, Inclusion Health Specialist – SMS – Resignation Effective 10/05/05

C. Gifts & Donations

1. Kiwanis Club of Green Valley – \$120.00 – SHS Key Club

D. Student Fund Raisers

1. SHS Boys Basketball – \$10.00 All you can Play Tickets for Triple Play – February 2006
2. SMS Cheerleading – Sale of David’s Cookie Dough – October thru November

E. Approval of New/Revised Position Descriptions

1. Prevention Specialist

x. Board Communication

Mr. Tom Murphy spoke about the trip to the Joint Legislative Budget Community. He stated that ASBA disbursed information stating that today the Joint Legislative Budget Committee took action to support a 12% increase in construction costs and. They thanked parents from Vail and Sahuarita who attended the meetings and testified for increasing funding for construction.

Mrs. Kellermeyer thanked Dr. Valenzuela for all he is doing for the School District.

A Board retreat will be scheduled for November.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – November 9, 2005, District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session

A. Mr. Lurkins moved the Board enter 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 and 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. 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 8:16pm.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Lurkins. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board