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MINUTES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

STRUCTURED RECESS PUBLIC MEETING

**6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – November 10, 2010 - Sub Hall B District Auditorium
350 W. Sahuarita Rd. – Sahuarita, AZ**

Notice is hereby given to the general public that a quorum of three or more Governing Board members may take place regarding structured recess. Discussions will take place, but no action will be taken during the forum.

A public meeting regarding the structured recess was conducted. Dr. Valenzuela explained that the 2010 legislative session, HB2725 was passed which became a new state law, Arizona Revised Statute 15-108. This law requires that no later than January 1, 2011 each school district Governing Board or Governing body of each charter school shall conduct a public meeting to consider the adoption of a recess to provide at least thirty total minutes of structured recess each day for pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through five. Discussions regarding this topic were discussed and members of the community were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed policy. There were 27 people in attendance. No action from the Board took place during this time.

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

**NOVEMBER 10, 2010 – 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629**

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mike Lurkins called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. Also in attendance were Governing Board Members Elaine Hall, Kris Ham, and Diana Kellermeyer, Business Manager, Charlotte Gates, Superintendent Dr. Manuel Valenzuela, and Assistant Superintendent Scott Downs. There were 88 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Board Clerk, Tom Murphy, was absent. Kris Ham was acting Board Clerk for this Board meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda

The superintendent recommended approval of the agenda as it was revised. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2010

The superintendent recommended approval of the October 27, 2010 minutes as published. Mrs. Hall made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Ham. The motion carried.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Vouchers 9 in the amount totaling \$922,341.04. She further recommends approval of expense voucher 1026, voucher 1027, and voucher 1028 in the amount of \$309,275.85. The motion was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

V. Call to the Public - None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. Staff Recognition

1. Support Staff of the Month – To Be Announced

Mr. Downs recognized Mr. Jim Prisco who was selected as the Support Staff Employee of the Month for November 2010. He stated that Jim is currently the lead custodian at Sahuarita High School and has been a dedicated, loyal employee within our organization for approximately 1 year.

Mr. Kent Thompson writes, "Under Mr. Prisco's leadership, the high school looks great and continues to look great! Floors around our campus are the best they have ever looked." It was shared that he completes tasks at the highest level, with attention to detail. Mr. Prisco's work is described as being accurate, complete and thorough. Furthermore, Mr. Prisco has assumed leadership opportunities. He has provided high quality training for new staff members. This training promotes a high level of quality, service, and consistency which results in a clean and safe campus for our students and staff members.

Mr. Jim Prisco exemplifies the highest level of the SUSD core values and standards of excellence. It is a pleasure to join with the entire Sahuarita High School team to recognize Mr. Jim Prisco as the November Support Staff Employee of the Month.

B. Student Recognition

1. SHS Choir Students: Bryn Booth, Marty Constantine, & Lara Harrison

Mr. Bryce Bond, the CTE Director, recognized Bryn Booth, Marty Constantine and Lara Harrison for successfully auditioning and participating in the UA Honor Choir. They rehearsed and performed with the ensemble on Friday, Oct 29-30 at the University of Arizona. The District recognized these students for this wonderful achievement as they continue to represent our school and district well.

2. SHS Culinary Arts Program: Alexandra Acosta, Jacqueline Daniels, Alicia Fiesler, John Gage, Nyisha Harrison, and Jasmine Samaniego.

Mr. Bond recognized the Culinary Arts program for their victory at the Tucson Meet Yourself that took place on October 9, 2010.

Ms. Elizabeth Gallagher was not able to attend. However, the culinary students presented the Board with a dish prepared by the culinary art students. In addition, a presentation about the competition and the students' success was given.

Mr. Bond stated that it is with great pride that he shares that six students from Advanced Culinary competed in the Tucson Meet Yourself Iron Chef competition that took place on Saturday, October 9, 2010. The SHS Culinary Arts beat Pima Community College's certificate program participants.

The students who participated were John Gage, Alicia Fiesler, Nyisha Harrison, Jacqueline Daniels, Jasmine Samaniego and Alexandra Acosta. All students are seniors except for John, who is a junior.

The students were challenged to develop a healthy menu based on French Cuisine, knowing that a secret ingredient would be introduced at the competition. They made a white bean stuffed mushroom with lemon and feta as an appetizer and ratatouille with polenta as the main course. They successfully incorporated the secret ingredient, apple, into all aspects of their cuisine. The event was held at El Presidio Park in downtown Tucson in a "kitchen stadium", an outdoor area with two kitchens fully equipped with refrigeration, ranges, ovens, and every tool they could need. They had an hour to create and present their menu to a panel of judges, who evaluated them on the culinary skills and teamwork in addition to the taste and presentation of their dishes.

What was most impressive was their teamwork, communication and time management. They demonstrated skills required to be successful not only in culinary, but in any career they chose to pursue. Most importantly, they feel a sense of pride and accomplishment as a result of their hard work. Mr. Bond thanked the Board for their continued support of my program!

3. SHS CTE Symposium Alumni: Jared Thompson

Mr. Bond will recognize Jared Thompson as this year's alumni with a plaque from Pima county career and technical alumni hall of fame. Jared graduated from Sahuarita High School in 1994 from the automotive program and currently is working as an electrical engineer at Raytheon.

Mr. Jared Thompson provided the Board with brief presentation on how the CTE program helped him in his career choice and how he uses what he learned in the CTE program daily.

4. October "Leader in Character" Honoree - Vanessa Kelley, 1st Grade, SPS

The Governing Board recognized Vanessa Kelley was recognized as the October Leader in Character for SPS for her excellent display of leadership and service among her peers. Ms. Kelley received a framed certificate and a gift certificate to Borders.

5. November "Leaders in Character" Honorees – Daniel Lopez, 1st Grade, Sopori; Angelo Papakonstantinou, 5th Grade, Anza Trail; Cameron Legate, 2nd Grade, SPS; Jayden Freund, 5th Grade, SIS; Andrew Farmer, 7th Grade, SMS; Tyrell Glover, 12th Grade, SHS.

Dr. Valenzuela introduced the following November "Leaders in Character" Honorees – Daniel Lopez, 1st Grade, Sopori; Angelo Papakonstantinou, 5th Grade, Anza Trail; Cameron Legate, 2nd Grade, SPS; Jayden Freund, 5th Grade, SIS; Andrew Farmer, 7th Grade, SMS; Tyrell Glover, 12th Grade, SHS. The Governing Board recognized the above students for their excellent display of leadership and service among their peers at each of

their perspective schools. Each student received a framed certificate and a gift certificate to Borders, thanks to the sponsors of Freeport McMoRan. Dr. Valenzuela thanked Freeport McMoRan for sponsoring the program.

C. Governing Board Recognition

1. ASBA Certification of Orientation

Dr. Valenzuela stated that our District participates in the Arizona School Boards Association who is a professional organization that provides training, support, and advocacy for effective School Board governments in the State of Arizona. Mrs. Hall is involved at the state level and is also a County Co-Director in Pima County. ASBA has a strong professional development training program for Board members. One of our School Board members is recognized through a certificate for completing the core introduction of School Board Government. Dr. Valenzuela stated that it is an honor to recognize Mrs. Kris Ham with the ASBA Certification of Orientation.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Structured Recess Policy

Dr. Valenzuela stated that a public information meeting regarding structured recess took place prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting pursuant to A.R.S. 15-108. The Legislature is requesting us to consider implementing a structured recess policy which includes 30 minutes of structured recesses everyday and cannot include lunch recess. The public meeting allowed for an informative discussion. In general, the feeling was that wellness and health are important and the District currently has a policy in place. Dr. Valenzuela questioned if it is necessary to request additional restrictions unnecessarily that would bind us to such requirement. He stated that if he did not feel it was necessary and we will be over restricted. Dr. Valenzuela recommended that the Board not adopt the proposed recess policy and to allow the District to continue with the policy that is currently in place. A motion to approve Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation not to adopt the proposed recess policy and to allow the District to continue with the policy that is currently in place was made by Mrs. Ham and seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that everyone would agree that having an activity is good. We heard from some of our Teachers that our current policy allows us to continue be creative. She stated that she felt it is not the District's responsibility in terms of childhood obesity and it should start at home.

Mr. Lurkins asked how many physical education teachers the District has grades K-5. Dr. Valenzuela stated that every school has a physical education teacher. Mr. Lurkins asked if our District was one of the few who had that. Dr. Valenzuela stated that during this economic situation some Districts may have been forced to cut in this area.

Mrs. Hall stated that she has read a lot of studies that kids could be over structured and kids need time to do nothing and allow them to be creative. Mrs. Hall and her husband had lunch with the third graders at SIS. She stayed for recess and did not see one student sit still. At that age, she does not think that kids sit still. Mrs. Hall stated that she

thinks we are doing a great job and does not like the idea of a state mandate recess policy.

Mrs. Ham stated that Teachers also need the down time as well as the students.

B. Business-- Discussion and Possible Action

1. Walden Grove Additional Cost Guarantee – Over SFB Payment

Dr. Valenzuela stated that the School Facilities Board is in the final stages of approval of funding for Walden Grove High School. There is one piece of unfinished business. Walden Grove High School was designed above the standards established by the Arizona School Facilities Board. This increase in design standard has subsequent cost associated with it. The School Facilities Board will not pay for this additional cost. To ensure approved payment of the \$21,359,681 funding for this project, by the SFB, the School District must ensure the payment of all additional design and construction over this approved amount. From the 2007 Bond Election, monies have been allocated to this project to cover the difference.

Therefore, it is necessary to document the Sahuarita Unified School District Governing Board's approval to ensure payment of all costs over the School Facilities Board funding. Mr. Downs recommended approval for the School Board to guarantee funding of the excess construction cost of Walden Grove High School that exceeds the School Facilities Board allocation of \$21, 359,681 to eliminate future financial problematic circumstances.

Dr. Valenzuela recommended approval as presented by Mr. Downs. The motion to approve guarantee funding of the excess construction cost of Walden Grove High School that exceeds the School Facilities Board allocation of \$21,359,681 was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

2. Award of RFP 2011-1 Architectural Services

The sealed RFP's were opened on October 21, 2010 at the 2:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room. Thirteen companies responded and tabulations are included in the Board packet. Dr. Valenzuela recommended award of RFP 2011-1 Architectural Services to EMC2 Group Architects, Merry Carnell Schlecht, Inc., & Swaim Associates LTD. A single award is not advantageous to the District. Mrs. Gates added that the District is suggesting multiple awards because the expected volume of work and the potential lack of availability of selecting one single firm. In addition, if we select a single firm to do all the work and for some reason they fail to perform, the District would not have anyone to take its place. By selecting three firms it keeps the price competitive. The motion to approve Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation as presented was made by Mrs. Ham and seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

3. Award of RFQ 2011-4 CMAR New Early Childhood Center

The sealed RFQ's were opened on October 22, 2010 at the 2:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room. Six companies responded and tabulations and are included in the Board packet. Dr. Valenzuela recommended award of RFQ 2011-4 CMAR New Early Childhood Center to CORE Construction. The motion to approve Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation as presented was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

4. Award of RFQ 2011-5 CMAR New K-5 & 6-8 or K-8 School

The sealed RFQ's were opened on October 22, 2010 at the 1:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room. Seven companies responded and tabulations are included in the Board packet. Dr. Valenzuela recommended award of RFQ 2011-5 CMAR New K-5 & 6-8 or K-8 School to CORE Construction. The motion to approve Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation as presented was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

5. Award of RFQ 2011-6 CMAR Various Existing Facility Remodel Projects

The sealed RFQ's were opened on October 22, 2010 at the 3:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room. Five companies responded and tabulations are included in the Board packet. Dr. Valenzuela recommended award of RFQ 2011-6 CMAR Various Existing Facility Remodel Projects to CORE Construction. Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation as presented was made by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kellermeyer asked if all of this would be paid with bond monies. The motion to approve Dr. Valenzuela confirmed that these projects would be paid out of the bonds.

Larry Vendura of CORE construction was present at the Board meeting and stated that he is thankful for the work and is looking forward to completing the football stadium project. He stated that the high school stadium will be the best stadium in Southern Arizona.

6. Award of RFQ 2011-7 CMAR Anza Trail School Drainage/Parking Improvements

The sealed RFQ's were opened on October 22, 2010 at the 2:30 p.m. in the District Conference Room. Three companies responded and tabulations are included in the Board packet. Dr. Valenzuela recommended award of RFQ 2011-7 CMAR Anza Trail School Drainage/Parking Improvements to Sun Western. Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation as presented was made by Mrs. Hall and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action - None

D. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Part Time Student Services Position

Dr. Barbara Smith, Director of Student Services has articulated that work cannot be accomplished in the Student Services Department, due to the cut backs in the Department. Dr. Smith has requested that the Governing Board approve a new 20 hours/week position to assist with this issue. Based on this information, Mr. Downs concurs with her recommendation. Dr. Valenzuela stated that this will have a budgetary impact of \$13,874.76 and recommended approval of this additional position. A motion to approve a new 20 hours per week student services position was made by Mrs. Ham and seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

2. Inclusion Health Assistant for SPS

Dr. Smith is requesting (1) Inclusion Health Assistant-Special Education for SPS due to increased numbers of Autistic students enrolling. The position will be funded from IDEA Grant – Fund #220. Dr. Valenzuela recommended approval of the additional position. A motion to approve an Inclusion Health Assistant-Special Education for SPS was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

3. Approval of Walden Grove High School Principal – Name to be Announced.

Dr. Valenzuela stated that there are many responsibilities in the opening of a new school. A recommendation for a school principal is a key component to better schools. Furthermore, leaders in any capacity are valuable to any team. In the matter of Walden, not only do you have a new building principal but you have a school that is under construction. With the opening of a new school one needs to work with staff to build the culture, manage the finances, addressing programs, and curriculum.

Mr. Downs lead a comprehensive search and there were multiple applications for this position. The committee consisted of parents, building administrators, teachers, and an assistant superintendent who went through the process. By a strong committee consensus, the committee recommended Ms. Teresa Hill.

Mrs. Teresa Hill has been in education for 17 years. Mrs. Teresa Hill started her career as a high school dance and mathematics teacher for 12 years, with one of those years as a department co-chair, before being named Assistant Principal at Flowing Wells High School, where she also currently serves as the CTE Director. She has a Bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University and a Masters degree from Northern Arizona University. Mrs. Teresa Hill promotes a strong school culture, where everyone has immense pride in their school. She states that, "Pride allows all constituents to work at their best and give them the drive to push to the next level. It also allows each person to take ownership in their job for the betterment of the entire organization."

Dr. Valenzuela recommended approval of Teresa Hill as the new principal of Walden Grove High School. A motion to approve Teresa Hill as the new principal of Walden Grove High School was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

Teresa Hill addressed the Board - First and foremost, Board President and members of the Governing Board I would like to thank you as I am truly honored to be given this opportunity to become a member of your family. Everything that I have learned about Sahuarita School District is that you promote excellence and I am truly excited to make this my home. Thank you.

Teresa Hill introduced the members of her family who were in attendance and introduced her husband Derek, son Demetri, daughter Angelique, and her parents from Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dr. Valenzuela stated the he is working with Superintendent Clement at Flowing Wells to allow Ms. Hill to work with us part time during before Christmas and to start full time during Christmas break.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Dr. Valenzuela stated that Mr. Ramsey has successfully completed the bus evacuation for all buses, as safety is a very important part of our District. He shared that the middle school has raised \$450.00 for the Arizona Cancer Center as part of the U of A Cat Walk. This exemplifies our desire to be an active part of the greater community.

Dr. Valenzuela stated that the implementation of PowerSchool, the District's student information systems, has gone remarkably smooth. We have had some glitches and we are working hard to address strengths, refinements, data, and training issues. He shared that we continue to move forward with the newly adopted Language Arts resources. Dr. Valenzuela expressed gratitude to Lizette for taking the lead for orders to get done. The high school order went out today, thanks to the recent override from our community.

Dr. Valenzuela shared upcoming events from the District calendar with the Board. The high school is moving along full speed. Surveys from students are being conducted regarding the new high school and boundary alignments.

Dr. Valenzuela shared that he was asked to participate in a group called, "For Our Town" sponsored by the Town of Sahuarita. The Town is trying to do something what reflects what we value and strive to uphold to, which is promoting a spirit of community, finding a common interest, and working together. The group is trying to find ways to share our time, and talents to move the community forward.

IX. Consent Agenda – Discussion and Possible Action

The superintendent recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda as posted. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Elisanel Backlund, Inclusion Health Assistant, SPS, New Hire – Effective 11/01/10
2. Rosa Griselda Chafin, Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 11/01/10
3. James A. Collins Jr., Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 11/01/10
4. Jeanette A Gallus, Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 11/05/10
5. Vandana Gaur, Classroom Lead, ECC, New Hire – Effective 11/08/10
6. Rebecca Hoy, Substitute Teacher, District, New Hire – Effective 11/01/10
7. Laura Prisco, High School Registrar, SHS, New Hire – Effective 11/08/10
8. Justine Saavedra, Special Education Instructional Aide, Anza Trail, New Hire – Effective 11/01/10
9. Sharon Wilken, Bus Driver Trainee, Transportation, New Hire – Effective 10/28/10
10. Malanie Bodine, LINK Aide, LINK Program, Status Change – Effective 11/01/10
11. Luz Duran, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 10/18/10
12. Marie Sanchez, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 10/18/10
13. Monica Stockellberg, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 10/18/10

B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. John Allison, Bus Driver, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 10/27/10
2. Angelica Barreda, LINK Program Specialist, LINK, Resignation – Effective 11/12/10
3. Leslie Jameson-Christian, Substitute Teacher, District, Resignation – Effective 10/06/10
4. Eric Kirkendall, Assistant Wrestling Coach, SHS, Resignation – Effective 10/26/10

5. Natalie Tomcyk, Substitute Teacher, District, Resignation – Effective 10/21/10

C. Addendum

1. Amy Abrahamson, Girls Soccer Coach, Anza Trail – Effective October – December 2010
2. Alycia Numkena Ruiz, After School Enrichment Teacher, SPS – Effective 10/28/10
3. Erica Meyers, After School Enrichment Teacher, SPS – Effective 10/28/10
4. Gabby Saint Paul, After School Enrichment Coordinator, SPS – Effective 10/28/10
5. Samantha Silverman, Teacher, SHS, 6/5ths – Effective 2010-2011 SY
6. Kelly Strayer, After School Enrichment Teacher, SPS – Effective 10/28/10

D. Gifts and Donations

1. Various, Anza Trail - \$150.00
2. Cox Communications, E-Rate, \$2,331.43
3. Robert & Onita Ham, SPS - \$1,242.00
4. Glass on the Move, SHS ROTC - \$100.00
5. Richard Karly Schmidt, SHS ROTC - \$250.00
6. FICO, SHS ROTC - \$500.00
7. Sylvia Contreras, SHS ROTC - \$20.00
8. A. Robert & Rhonda Porro, SHS ROTC - \$25.00
9. M. Charles & Anita Hollenbeck, SHS ROTC – \$50.00
10. Mr. & Mrs. Eichlin, SHS ROTC - \$25.00
11. Donald & Lucetta Harris, SHS ROTC - \$100.00
12. Brian & Angela McCord, SMS - Textbooks
13. Jamie & Jill Boylan, SMS, Library Books
14. Green Valley Lanes, SIS - \$83.60

G. Out of State/Out of Country/Overnight Travel

1. Shelley Lizaardi, Molly Alcaraz, Cynthia Gamillo, Mary Kraus, Wendy Dresang, Mandi Patterson to attend the annual ADE/OELAS conference in Phoenix from December 8-10, 2010.
2. SHS Boys Varsity Basketball Team to travel to Yuma, AZ to compete in Basketball Tournament on December 9-11, 2010.
3. District Music Department, Melissa Ackerley, Erin Blas, Nicole Chorney, Ginger Dunn, Christine Garcia, Tom Herrera, Lou Rodriguez, and Jan Tenney to attend the Music Educators Annual Conference in Mesa, AZ from February 3-5, 2011.
4. Megan Green & Hugh Gallagher to attend the 25th Annual 2011 Careers Conference in Madison, Wisconsin from January 24-26, 2010.

H. Use of Facilities

1. The Arizona Department of Education has requested the use of Pod A for a workshop on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This Event will be sponsored by Desi Raulston, the Principal from Sopori School.
2. The AYSO #837 Soccer League has requested the use of Sahuarita Park from January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Sunday – Saturday to hold youth soccer practice and games.
3. The Christian Youth Theater of Tucson has requested the use of the SIS Portables every Monday starting 11-8-2010 through 1-31-2011 from 4:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. with the exceptions of Holidays and school breaks, for theater classes.

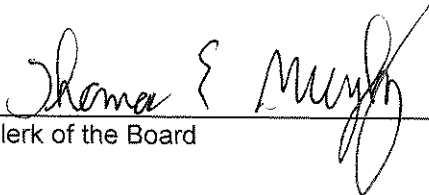
- I. **Approval of Qualified Evaluator:** Marsha Flores
- J. **Student Fundraising Activities – None**
- K. **Approval of Student Activity and Auxiliary Accounts Revenue and Expenditure Reports - None**
- X. **Board Communication - None**
- XI. **Establish Next Board Meeting – December 1, 2010 – 6:30 P.M. – District Auditorium**
- XII. **Executive Session – Discussion and Possible Action**

Mrs. Ham moved the Board enter executive session Pursuant to §A.R.S.15-843 Discussion Pertaining to Pupil(s) Disciplinary Proceedings. – Discussion and Possible Action. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Mr. Tom Murphy was absent. The time was 7:40 p.m. The Board returned to regular session and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Respectfully,



Clerk of the Board