



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. – January 11, 2006 – Sub Hall B – 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 6:33PM. Also in attendance were Mike Lurkins, Clerk of the Board, Board members Diana Kellermeyer, Martin McGee, Tom Murphy, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela and Director of Business Charlotte Gates. There were 27 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

IA. Reorganization of the Governing Board

1. Election of President – Discussion and Possible Action

President Elaine Hall called for nominations for the office of president. Mr. McGee nominated Mr. Mike Lurkins as president.

Mrs. Kellermeyer moved to close the nominations and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. A vote was taken to approve closing the nominations.

The Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Mike Lurkins as President.

2. Election of Clerk – Discussion and Possible Action

President Mike Lurkins called for nominations for the office of clerk. Mr. McGee nominated Mr. Tom Murphy as clerk of the Board.

Mrs. Kellermeyer moved to close the nominations and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. A vote was taken to approve closing the nominations.

The Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Murphy as Clerk of the Board.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda with the following deletions:

Item VII. C. 3. Sahuaro Girl Scout Council Request to Waive Facilities Rental Fees and **Item VII. D. 2.** Set 2006-2007 Goals

Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried 5-0

III. Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2005

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2005 regular meeting. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll voucher 12 in the amount of \$583,906.71, payroll voucher 13 in the amount of \$596,533.27, payroll voucher 14 in the amount of \$528,458.94, and new payroll voucher 15 for the pay period ending January 13, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, She further recommended approval of expense vouchers 7032-7036 in the amount of \$819,996.10. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

v. Call to the Public – None

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

Phelps Dodge, Inc., Margaret Link

Dr. Valenzuela introduced the “Friends of Sahuarita” award honoree: Phelps Dodge Corporation – Mr. Jearl D. Joslin, The Phelps Dodge Corporation is sponsoring the “Leaders in Character” award. The Phelps Dodge Corporation is providing the funds to be used to purchase each of the recipients a gift card to Barnes and Noble

Dr. St. John introduced Margaret Link. Ms. Link was recognized for being selected as the 2006 Spirit of Advising award recipient for the state of Arizona.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. AIMS Presentation from Jack Lehmkuhl – Information Only

Mr. Lehmkuhl presented information on the progress of the juniors and seniors in regards to the AIMS testing program.

Currently, there are 196 students in the senior class. One hundred seventy six (176) of them have successfully met or exceeded the standards on all three sections of the AIMS examination. Twenty (20) students have not yet met the requirement; fifteen (15) of them are only short one of the three assessments.

B. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Naming of the Principal for the new K-8 School

Dr. St. John recommended Mrs. Kathy Shiba as the principal of the new K-8 school. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

C. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. SFB Resolution

Dr. St. John distributed information from the School Facilities Board in terms of the new K-8 project. The Board has been asked to approve a resolution setting aside \$48,000.00 of the district's funds to add to the project. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the resolution. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Naming of the New K-8 School

Dr. St. John recommended the new K8 School be named after the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. In short **Anza Trail School**. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

Dr. St. John introduced Jeff Axel, Park Ranger, Tumacacori National Park Service who brought with him Juan Bautista de Anza. Both shared information about the first European to establish an overland route from Mexico, through the Sonoran Desert, to California. Anza camped in this area on October 27, 1774. It was a significant day due to the death of one of the women on the trip.

3. **Sahuaro Girl Scout Council Request to Waive Facilities Rental Fees**

Item was removed from the agenda

4. **Child Evangelism Fellowship/Good News Program**

At the December 7, 2005 Governing Board meeting a gentlemen in attendance by the name of Ron Habegger made a presentation to the Board regarding a Good News Program in the district. Mr. Murphy made the motion to approve the program and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 4-1 with Mr. McGee voting nay.

5. **Proposed Tuition Schedule/SUSD Early Childhood Center**

Dr. St. John distributed the proposed tuition schedule for the SUSD Early Childhood Center. The District is hoping to open the center in March 2006. Mr. Murphy made the motion to approve the tuition schedule and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 5-0.

D. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. **Review 2005-2006 Goals – Discussion Only**

Dr. St. John reviewed the 2005-2006 District Goals. He stated that many of the goals had been met and several of them are being

worked on. The Board has approximately six more months to work on these goals.

2. **Set 2006-2007 Goals**

Item was removed from the agenda.

3. **Appointment of Representative to the Superintendent's Committee on Boundary Realignment**

Dr. Valenzuela requested that the Board appoint a representative to the Superintendent's Committee on Boundary Realignment. This will be the committee that makes recommendations to the Governing Board about how to set the boundaries for the new K-8 building. Mr. McGee made the motion to appoint Mr. Murphy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried 5-0

4. **Continental School District Educational Foundation Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Continental School**

Dr. St. John will be attending the event on February 15th at the Quail Creek Country Club. He extended the invitation to all the Board members.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Mr. Larry McKee – Tom Horne, State Superintendent, visited the school on January 4, 2006 and gave his annual address from the gymnasium at SHS. He presented the school with a plaque for highly performing high school. He also helped recognize 19 students who have exceed the standards on all sections of the AIMS test.

The State Department has named SHS the Rural High School for the month of February, which means the school will be featured on the Arizona Department of Education website. A picture of the 19 students along with a paragraph regarding the school and the community will be sent to ADE to be posted on the website.

The boy's soccer team has only lost one game, their record is 7-1, and the girl's soccer team is 6-2. The wrestlers are undefeated in tournament play, the boys and girls basketball teams are number 2 in the league. Friday there will be an assembly to honor all sports and those students who have made honor roll. There will be two home wrestling matches, January 18 & 25th.

Mrs. Kathy Shiba – Thanked the Board for her new roll as Principal of the Anza Trail School. She is looking forward to the challenge. Katie Rieman won the middle school spelling bee today, she and several other students will continue on to the district spelling bee on Wednesday January 18th in the Auditorium. Last week over 600 students received awards for a 3.0 or better. Kathy thanked all of her teachers for the incredible job they do. Each quarter the teachers put together a positive incentive program, this quarter the teachers put on a carnival for the students. She also thanked Trico for all their help with the Life Skills Class.

Dr. Wayne Ross – Kiara Murphy, 5th grade student, from SIS won second place in the State Wide Masonic Lodge Essay contest. Carly Mougeot, 6th grade student, from SMS received 1st place and Anna Gutierrez, 7th grade student, from SMS received 2nd place. Three 5th grade students place 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in the Elks Essay Contest. They will be presenting awards to those students this week. SIS had three student teachers from the University of Arizona this semester and one from Northern Arizona University. This week an intern in counseling from Northern Arizona University started with the K-5 counselor. Maynard Epperson won the SIS spelling bee and the runner up was Cody Daniel. The staff held a service for Mr. Baird who is retiring this Friday. His replacement will be Sue Carolan.

Mr. Scott Downs – SPS has 796 students and going strong. Every other day there seems to be more enrolling.

Scott thanked Mrs. Stewart for her work on the Galileo tests.

Monday was the playground equipment dedication ceremony. Thank you to the PTO for all their hard work and thank you to the Board members who were able to attend. The Green Valley News will be at the school tomorrow to take pictures.

January 25th will be a jump rope exhibition for the American Heart Association.

SPS has five student teachers on the campus at this time.

All classes will be participating in the 100th day door decoration contest.

Mr. Charles Oldham – All the students were excited to return to school after the winter break.

Ron Hickey will represent Sopori at the District Spelling Bee as well as six other runners up.

The staff spent the afternoon working on an improvement plan and goals. The Galileo program at Sopori is moving forward, all students have been tested.

Mrs. Charlotte Gates stated that she will be working on the FY06 budget revision and will present it at the next Board meeting.

There is a transportation meeting scheduled for next week with all administrators. They will be discussing discipline and safety issues.

During the winter break, the lights at the SIS gym were replaced to conserve energy. The district should save approximately 17%.

Dr. Manuel Valenzuela – Many exciting things are happening throughout the district.

The district is moving forward with a Reading Grant Proposal, this is a very competitive, comprehensive grant under Title I, No Child Left Behind.

Dr. Valenzuela commended the Sopori staff for their input on the grant.

Dr. Jay St. John had a conversation with the owner of Wildfire Security. He would like to install security cameras on the outside of all the buildings. There will be no cost to the district; Ken Ross from Wildfire will be raising the funds for the district.

The district received \$128,00.00 in tax credits this year. The district appreciates the community for their contributions.

The Board received information from the Attorney General regarding the role of teachers and reporting issues. There was also information about volunteers for the Board to read.

SFB gave its final approval for the new K8 School and they have also approved a new high school. The new high school will be 96,614 sq feet, \$13,801,310.00.

The Metropolitan Education Commission along with Clear Channel will be putting up a billboard somewhere in the vicinity, which will state, “The Metropolitan Education Commission salutes Sahuarita Class of 2006 who are committed to graduate. Goal One Graduation.”

The 40th day 2002–2003/2003–2004 was a 231 difference or approximately 12.85 increase. That same two years the 100th day was 252 students. In October 2004 the district had 2895, the district now has 3485,

a difference of almost 590 students, which is a 20.37% increase in the student population. This is a very serious number and the buildings will be really cramped for space. The district cannot continue to float 600 students financially and will have to look at a Capitol Override in the future.

Dr. St. John shared with the Board that one of the Crystal Apple Awards issued by the Metropolitan Education Commission would be given to honor the District’s partnership with Rancho Sahuarita and the amount of funds/land donations they have given to the district.

Dr. St. John stated that there is a concern with the new K8 building. There is no electricity available at the site. He is working on the situation at this time but it could be an additional cost to the district.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

Dr. St. John recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 5-0

A. Employment

1. Paula Pierson – SHS – CTE (Business) Teacher – Replacement – Ratification to 01/02/06
2. Craig Munyon – SHS – Custodian – Replacement – Ratification to 12/26/05

3. Thomas McIlrath – SPS – Kindergarten Teacher – New Position – Ratification to 01/02/06
4. Paul Kuhlman – SMS – Alternate Classroom Experience Teacher – Replacement – Ratification to 12/15/05
5. Sonia Guevara – Project Inspire – Inclusion Health Specialist – New Position – Ratification to 01/02/06
6. Lynne Forbes – SHS – Part time CTE Secretary – Replacement – Ratification to 12/08/05
7. Emma Alcaraz – SHS – Custodian – Replacement – Ratification to 12/05/05
8. Teresa Waters – Sopori – Instructional Aide – Change in Status – Ratification to 01/02/06
9. Carol A. Webb – SUSD No. 30 Early Childhood Center – Site Director – Ratification to 12/14/05
10. William Woodward – Construction Manager – Change in Status from half-time contract – Effective 01/11/06

B. 2005-2006 New Guest Substitute Teachers – Angela Paul

C. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. Angela Paul – Sopori – Instructional Aide – Resignation Effective 12/16/05
2. Carol Freeman – SPS – Instructional Aide – Termination Effective 12/16/05
3. Jane Benton – SHS – CTE Business Teacher – Resignation Effective 12/16/05
4. Donna Carnes – Project Inspire – Inclusion Health Specialist – Verbal Resignation Effective 11/28/05
5. Nicolas Campoy – Facilities – Assistant Director of Maintenance – Resignation Effective 01/27/06
6. Thomas Baird – SIS – Technology Assistant – Retirement Effective 01/13/06

D. Volunteers

1. Alice Somrah – Sopori – Effective 01/11/06
2. Sheila Ann Park – SPS – Effective 01/11/06
3. John Ostlund – SHS – Effective 01/11/06
4. Denise A Lascurain – SHS – Effective 01/11/06

5. Myron L. “Mike” Kuebler – Sopori – Effective 01/11/06
6. Christie Kuebler – Sopori – Effective 01/11/06
7. Susan A. Johnson – Sopori – Effective 01/11/06
8. Kenneth A. Johnson – Sopori – Effective 01/11/06
9. Diane Horgan – Sopori – Effective 01/11/06
10. LeEtta R. Hansmann – SPS – Effective 01/11/06
11. Barbara Gfroerer – SPS – Effective 01/11/06
12. Barbara Chgett – SPS – Effective 01/11/06
13. Bernie Corralez – SMS – Effective 01/11/06

E. Gifts & Donations

1. Mr. & Dr. Best – 24” x 26” Outdoor Removable Letter Boards/Interchangeable White Letters – SPS
2. Raytheon – 3-Ring Binders – SPS
3. William McHaffie – 1986 Suzuki Truck – SHS Auto Mechanics Class
4. KB Home – \$1500.00 – SPS
5. La Canoa Lions Club – \$320.00 – SUSD

6. Trico Electric – \$100.00 – Sopori Band Program
7. Country Fair White Elephant, Inc. – \$2000.00 – SUSD
8. Country Fair White Elephant, Inc. – \$18,500.00 – Sopori
9. Country Fair White Elephant, Inc. – \$14,000.00 – SPS
10. Country Fair White Elephant, Inc. – \$23,000.00 – SIS
11. Country Fair White Elephant, Inc. – \$30,000.00 – SMS
12. Country Fair White Elephant, Inc. – \$35,000.00 – SHS
13. Country Fair White Elephant, Inc. – \$300.00 – SMS Band

F. Student Overnight/Out Of State Travel

1. Sopori – Mrs. Swigert’s and Mr. Heesacker’s Fourth Grade Classes – Phoenix Zoo – 01/19/06 – 01/20/06
2. SHS Cheerleaders – AIS Spirit Line Championships – Glendale, AZ – 01/20/06 – 01/21/06

G. 2005-2006 Administrative Salary Schedule

H. Approval of New Position Description – Early Childhood Site Director

I. Approval of Revision of Position Description – Custodian

x. Board Communication

Mr. Tom Murphy stated that it is amazing the amount of funds that the district receives from the Country Fair White Elephant. These funds allow the district to do things that would not be able to be done if it wasn't for them.

He thanked all the schools for all they do.

Mrs. Diana Kellermeyer congratulated Mrs. Shiba on her new role as Principal for the Anza Trail School. She also stated how pleased she was with the selection of the new school name because it reflects the rich historical and cultural significance of this region

Mr. Martin McGee thanked everyone at the schools for all their work. He also thanked Elaine Hall for her service as board president over the past year.

Mr. Mike Lurkins stated that the Board received a thank you note from Mr. Downs and Mrs. Stewart for attending the playground dedication ceremony. He stated that this is how the Board gets paid to do what they do.

Mrs. Elaine Hall stated that she received wonderful remarks from Tom Horne's staff about the behavior of the students at his address.

Mrs. Hall was able to attend the Pandemic Flu Preparedness conference, it provided them with valuable information.

xi. Establish Next Board Meeting – January 25, 2006, District Auditorium

xii. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board