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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

MINUTES
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2009– 6:30 P.M. DISTRICT AUDITORIUM, POD B
350 W. SAHUARITA ROAD – SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Elaine Hall called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. Also in attendance was Board Clerk, Mike Lurkins, Members Tom Murphy, Diana Kellermeyer, and Kris Ham, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manny Valenzuela, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 59 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John was absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Valenzuela recommended approval of the agenda as it was revised. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. 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 \$947,152.87, new payroll 14 for the pay period ending January 8, 2010, new payroll 15 for the pay period ending January 22, 2010, and new payroll 16 for the pay period ending February 5, 2010 in the amount not to exceed \$6,000,000. She further recommends approval of expense vouchers 1033 through 1034 in the amount of \$244,313.91. The motion to approve Mrs. Gates recommendation was made by Mr. Lurkins and seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

IV. Call to the Public

Melissa Smith – Captain of the Green Valley Fire District and a resident: The Green Valley Fire District and the Town of Sahuarita would like to thank the Sahuarita Unified School District and staff for your kind generosity and support of the Halloween Safe House. The Safe House, held October 30th and 31st, was free of charge and donations were collected for the community food bank. Several thousands of children and families attended over the two nights. The event featured several activities for kids young and old: Haunted House, Haunted Walk, Carnival, Prize Booth, Jumping Castles, D.J. & Music, Story Time, and a Concession stand. The Green Valley Fire District would like to thank you and your staff, especially the transportation department and bus drivers. We were striving to create a safer event this year and without the help of the school district it would not have been possible. Budgets were tight and we really had to get creative to make the event a success. With Dr. St. John's approval, we were able to utilize your parking lots, buses, drivers and lights and all the fees were waived. In addition, we had close to 100 students from the high school volunteer to help at the event. The kids assisted in setting up, running the prize booth, dressing as zombies, and cleaning up. Some of the high school groups that assisted were STAC, STOP, National Honor Society, ROTC, Student Council and government students. Although several firefighters and their families volunteer, many more people are needed to get the job done. The kids were a huge help and they had fun doing it. In tough economic

times, it is nice to know that we can depend on people and businesses to help make our town a great place. We hope to continue to be a place where our families can come for a fun and safe Halloween.

VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community

A. December “Leaders in Character” Honorees

Dr. Valenzuela introduced the following December “Leaders in Character” Honorees Jesus Camarillo, Kindergarten, Sopori; Anjelica Montes, 4th Grade, Anza Trail; Auston Wimberly, 1st Grade, SPS; Adrian Chapman, 4th Grade, SIS; Cristian Corralez, 8th Grade, SMS; Caitlin Rieman, 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.

A. Community Day Presentation – Mrs. Desi Raulston

Special thanks to the following business who participated: Arizona Physicians Inc, APIPA, American Hair, Amado Food Bank, U.S. Census, Downs Party Rental, Green Valley Library, Eat Well Be Well, Project PPEP, United Community Health Center, Mariposa Community Health Center, United Way, Kool Smiles, Child Care Resources and Referral, Sahuarita Adult Learning Program, Mad Science, Optimist Club, Sahuarita Unified District, Family Literacy, Amado Alliance, Elephant Head Fire Department, Gold Wing Riders, Department of Public Safety, Safeway, Fry’s, Arivaca Fire Department, and Lifenet (Helicopter), and Hayden DJ.

Special thanks to the following Sopori School Staff and Parent Teacher Organization PTO volunteers: Darlene Hanna, Kathy Sheldon, Robin Kleinholz, Veronica Orozco, Jana Turner, Will Ahrens, Jenn and Augie Huerta, Molly Alcaraz, Irlene Warner, Audrey Reid, Wendy Dresang, Claudia Vasquez, Lila Salcido, Isabel Alvarez, Gloria Luz Williams, Betty Ybarra, Marcella Whelan, Marcie Lamb, Bill Ferrill, Karen Salcido, Terri Hudecek, Gloria Williams, Darci Byrne, Claribel Alvarez, Jose Alvarez, Sky Fisher, Gemma Madril, Monica Grijalva, Cara and Carlton Hayden, Larry Wood, Stephanie Brown, John Dwyer, Paulina Lopez, Sam Salisbury, Yamile Camarillo, Roxy Rivera, Yoiva Loreto, Julio Alvarez, Martin Alvarez, Leo Morando, Federico Lopez, Marysol Navarro, Daniel Cisneros, and Maria Lopez.

Mrs. Rauiston gave a presentation of the Community Day event at Sopori. As a way to draw greater awareness of health, wellness, and safety to the local community, Sopori Elementary School and over 25 organizations worked together to share information, offer free services, and provided demonstrations for Sopori’s third annual **Community Day** on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009. She recognized the above vendors and volunteers and thanked them for their participation.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action – None

B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Budget Cuts

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Jan Tenney – SPS Teacher – 612 Paseo Celestial, Sahuarita, AZ 85629 – She expressed her concern regarding the budget cuts and explained that the music program lays a strong foundation and requested the Board to support the music program.

Chris Sanders - 18022 Placita Octubre, Green Valley, AZ 85629 – Expressed concern regarding the budget cuts. She stated the following:

I was so sorry to hear the override did not pass. Unfortunately, I understand you are forced to make some cuts. I would not want your job. It will not be easy to decide what should stay and what should go.

I am the P.E. teacher at the Primary School. I have been teaching Physical Education for 30 years and am a strong believer in the program.

Today, obesity is one of the most pressing health concerns for children. More than 23 million kids are overweight or obese- and physical inactivity is a leading contributor to the epidemic.

Schools serve as an excellent venue to provide students with the opportunity for daily physical activity, to teach the importance of regular physical activity for health, and to build skills that support active lifestyles.

I just want to finish with a few key points:

1. Studies consistently show that more time in physical education and other school-based physical activity does not adversely affect academic performance.
2. In some cases, more time in physical education leads to improved grades and standardized test scores.
3. Physically active and fit children tend to have better academic achievement.
4. Evidence links higher levels of physical fitness with better school attendance and fewer disciplinary problems.
5. There are several possible mechanisms by which physical education and regular physical activity could improve academic achievement, including enhanced concentration skills and classroom behavior.

I'm sure that everyone feels as strongly about their program as I do, but I truly hope that Elementary Physical Education will not be affected by the cuts.

She thanked the Board for their consideration of this matter.

Dr. Valenzuela stated that the majority of community members did not vote for the M & O Override in November. The community was notified that certain programs would be deducted if the Override did not pass. He stated that the District's plan is to provide the Board with the concrete list and to be ethical and honest. A determination will eventually need to be made. Dr. Valenzuela provided a list of programs that would be affected if the M & O Override is not passed in March. He explained that there is no action needed at this time but suggested that the Board review and assess the information provided. **EXHIBIT "A"**

2. Approval of Resolution to Call for an Election ++

Dr. Valenzuela stated that a new house bill was recently passed allowing school District's to hold a special override election this March. House bill 2122 increased the maximum amount for maintenance and operations (M&O) override from 10% of a school district's revenue

control limit (RCL) to 15% of the RCL and repeals the K-3 override. Basically, what this means for the District is that we can bundle the 10% override with the 5% K-3 override currently in place. Dr. Valenzuela recommended that the Board approve to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special maintenance and override election to be held in and for the District. The plan is to bundle the M&O override and the current K-3 override and request the community to vote on a 14% override election. The motion to approve Dr. Valenzuela's recommendation was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and was seconded by Mrs. Ham. The motion carried.

Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she was saddened to hear that the override did not pass at the last election. She explained that she cannot go to a child and look him/her in the eye and tell him/her that the voters in our community voted to take away music, P.E., ROTC, and counselors. Our children enjoy the benefits of these programs and to take them away would be devastating to our students.

Mr. Murphy stated that it would cost the average homeowner .63 cents per \$100.00 of secondary assessed valuation. The estimated cost to an owner of a home with a full cash value of \$157,560 (the average home in the District) would be approximately \$99.55 per year.

Mrs. Hall stated that if anyone needs factual information to please contact the District Office for any clarification and or explanation of the override.

Mr. Lurkins stated that he has been on the Board for more than 10 years. His children attended Sahuarita High School and one is still enrolled. He has seen this school District from its absolute worst stages to what it has become. It is a great District now but it's not because that we get from the state but because of our community. Mr. Lurkins stated that he does not see how a family cannot pay \$99.55 per year for students. Yes, he understands that it's a hard economic time. He feels that it is worth that amount of money and some for students to receive a great education. Mr. Lurkins asked the community to stop, think, and ask themselves are our kids worth it.....because he thinks they are!

Mrs. Ham stated that all of us need to tell them how important it is and show them the numbers and get accurate information. She complimented the Keep Kids First for doing such a great job advocating for kids.

3. Donations

Dr. Valenzuela stated that our District is truly blessed with the community in which we live and how businesses collaborate with our District in support of the District's mission of excellence. He publicly thanked Farmer's Investment Company (FICO) for the donation of twenty (20) acres of its property adjacent to Sahuarita Park. He explained that this land donation will provide the District with a straight path to, at last, initiating construction on its second high school. This school, originally approved in 2006 by the Arizona School Facilities Board, has been entangled in various issues related to land appraisals, administrative procedures, and funding shortfalls. The District plans to pursue a comprehensive K-12 campus on the property. The new school is being designed for a student population of 971 students, with a maximum capacity of 1213 students. It will alleviate crowding in the current high school, which was built for 1,200 students and currently serves over 1,400 students in grades 9-12. FICO was not able to attend the meeting but Dr. Valenzuela stated that we will invite them to attend another meeting to thank them for their generous donation.

Secondly, Dr. Valenzuela introduced Hershall McGriff of Park Corporation. Mr. McGriff provided the District with a \$1,000,000 donation. The money was offered in support of advancing the District's educational mission. Some possible uses of the money include building a new offsite 12 inch water line extension, a power line extension, and excess road

improvements. Another possible target of these funds is supporting construction of a small performing arts auditorium adjacent to the new high school.

Dr. Valenzuela stated that both contributions exemplify the collaborative spirit of community that is essential for advancing a mission of excellence, especially in today's financially lean times and graciously thanked them for their donations.

4. Bid #2010-5 Knit Shirts +++

Mrs. Gates stated that the opening of sealed bids for #2010-5 Knit Shirts took place on November 30, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. The District has four vendors respond to the bid. After review, Mrs. Gates recommended awarding Bid #2010-5 Knit Shirts to Madera Promo effective immediately for the duration of FY09-10 school year. She also stated that the District has an option to renew annually for the next 4 years. A bid tabulation was included in the Board packet. The motion to award Bid #2010-5 Knit Shirts to Madera Promo was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Hall. Motion carried.

5. Increase in Adult Meal Prices +++

Mrs. Gates stated that in order to be in compliance with the National Food Program we will need to increase the adult meals to the following:

Breakfast - \$2.00 (currently \$1.00)
Lunch - \$3.00 (currently – in line lunches - \$2.50)

Mrs. Gates recommended increasing the adult meal prices as indicated above. The motion to approve Mrs. Gates recommendation was made by Mrs. Kellermeyer and seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

C. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of Governing Board Letter of Support and Statement of Rationale for the calling of the Election +++

Included in the Board packet was a Governing Board Letter of Support. Dr. Valenzuela recommended approval of the Governing Board Letter of Support and the statement of rationale for the calling of the Election to be printed in the election pamphlet. A motion to approve the Governing Board letter of support and statement of rationale for the calling of the election was made by Mr. Murphy and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Included in the Board packet were the written administrative reports.

Dr. Valenzuela announced that this Saturday is the first annual pecan festival and cooking class. The high school culinary students will be participating in the cooking project where they use pecans in a creative manner. The winner will receive a scholarship. Dr. Valenzuela also announced that he recently received notification that Mrs. Desi Raulston was named one of the finalists in the Rodel's prestigious award. He stated that the Success After School is underway and have been very resourceful and used creative ways to get it going. Lastly, he provided the Board with an update on the H1N1 flu vaccinations that took place at Sahuarita Intermediate School. Announced that 450 youngsters were vaccinated.

Mrs. Gates thanked Park Corporation for their generous donation.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

A. Employment / Change of Status /Transfers

1. Carolina Lopez, LINK Aide, LINK, New Hire – Effective 11/23/09
2. Jesus Quevedo, Custodian, SMS, New Hire – Effective 11/19/09
3. James Somerville, Day Custodian, SMS, New Hire – Effective 11/23/09
4. Priscilla Bojorquez, LINK Program Specialist, Sahuarita LINK, Status Change – Effective 11/23/09
5. Maria Galvarro Soria, Bus Driver, Transportation, Status Change – Effective 10/05/09
6. Charlie Kosik, Custodian, SMS, Transfer – Effective 11/19/09
7. Josh Miller, Maintenance Technician, Facilities, Transfer – Effective 11/19/09
8. Martha Salas, Campus Monitor, SHS, Status Change – Effective 07/31/09
9. Richard Wallace, Maintenance Tech, Maintenance, Status Change – Effective 07/01/09

B. Resignations / Terminations / Separations

1. Francisco Arvizu Sr., Custodian, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 11/18/09
2. Joseph Battle, ROTC Teacher, SHS, Resignation – Effective 12/18/09
3. Mark Briston, HVAC Tech, Facilities, Resignation – Effective 10/23/09
4. Michael Fiesler, Mechanic, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 12/04/09
5. Tara O'Reilly, 4th Grade Teacher, Anza Trail, Resignation – Effective 12/18/09
6. Susan Orminston, Health Inclusion Assistant, SMS, Resignation – Effective 11/19/09
7. Keith Parker, Bus Drive, Transportation, Resignation – Effective 11/06/09
8. Cesar Salvador, Custodian, ECC, Resignation – Effective 11/24/09
9. Bernie McCall, Winter and Spring Weight Room Coach/Coordinator, Termination – Effective 11/13/09

C. Volunteers

1. Jose Aramburo Jr., SMS
2. Raymond Beaunais, SHS
3. Jane Battlinger, SMS
4. Joan E. Carrol, SMS & SIS
5. Joan R. DuDeVoire, SMS
6. Karen J. Emshwiller, SPS
7. Monica Grijalva, Sopori
8. Velma J. Haley, SMS
9. Mary C. Harris, Sopori
10. Deborah McClintic, SMS
11. Celma Molina, Anza
12. Barbara Molno, SPS
13. Alvaro Monteverde, Sopori
14. Beatrice (Bea) Olivas, Sopori
15. Chris Ortega, SHS
16. Gordon Roberts, SMS
17. Mary Jo Seel, SMS
18. M. Patricia Thompson, Sopori
19. Karen Wetster, SMS
20. Brad Whelan, Sopori

D. Addendums

1. Chris Sargent, Winter Weight Coach, SHS, New Hire – Effective 12/03/09

E. Gifts and Donations

1. Spencer and Trevor Lee, 25 brand new books - Anza Trail Library
2. Walmart of Nogales, 80 Hungry Caterpillar Books - Anza Trail
3. Country Fair White Elephant, \$500 - Anza Trail Music Program
4. ASARCO Education Foundation, \$758.34 – Anza Trail
5. AZ Commission of the Arts, \$3,560 – Sopori
6. SIS PTP, \$200 – SIS
7. Country Fair White Elephant, \$500 – Anza Trail Band
8. School Children of Pocono's Mountains of Pennsylvania donated six boxes of school supplies and books to Sopori School +++
9. Maureen Timothy, \$10.00 – SMS Student Council +++
10. Wells Fargo, \$500.00 – SPS +++
11. ASARCO Education Foundation, \$758.34 – Anza Trail +++
12. Field Trip, \$559.00 – Anza Trail +++

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

1. SHS CTE Robotics Club (9 Students & 3 Adults) to attend the RAPSA San Diego VEX Robotics Challenge in San Diego, CA on February 19 – 21, 2010.
2. SHS CTE Robotics Club (9 Students & 3 Adults) to attend the OCRL/SMI Vex Robotics Clean Sweep Challenge in Orange County, CA from January 22 – 24, 2010
3. Hugh Gallagher to attend a Careers Conference 2010 in Madison, WI from January 24 – 27, 2010.
4. CTE Precision Manufacturing /Engineering to attend the Arizona FTC Championship Tournament from December 4 – 5, 2009 at Coconino High School in Flagstaff, AZ. +++
5. Charlotte Gates to attend ASBAIT Board meeting and ASBO Bimonthly meeting from January 12 – 13, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ +++
6. Charlotte Gates to attend ASBAIT Board meeting from December 8 – 10, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ +++

G. Use of Facilities

1. Child Evangelism Fellowship of Arizona, Inc., Pima County Chapter, has requested the use of the Anza Trail Library to hold Good News Club on Wednesdays starting January 6, 2010, - April 28, 2010, from 1:35 pm – 2:35 pm.
2. Child Evangelism Fellowship of Arizona, Inc., Pima County Chapter, has requested the use of the Sahuarita Primary School Gym to hold Good News Club on Thursdays starting January 7, 2010, - April 29, 2010, from 2:15 pm – 3:25 pm.
3. Santo Tomas Villas HOA has requested the use of a High School Classroom to hold a Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2010, Monday, February 22, 2010, and Monday, March 22, 2010, from 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm.
4. United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona has requested the use of Sahuarita High School Library to train community volunteers to do tax preparation for low income families on Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
5. Sahuarita/Green Valley 49er's Youth Football and Spirit has requested the use of the Anza Trail Cafetorium to hold a Potluck and Trophy Closing Ceremony on Thursday, December 10, 2009, from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. +++
6. The Young Rembrandts of Tucson has requested use of Classroom G100 at the High School beginning January 6, 2010, - March 3, 2010, from 3:00 pm – 5:15 pm to hold two Drawing Instruction Classes for children. There will not be classes on February 24, 2010.

7. The Green Valley Community Coordinating Council has requested the use of the Auditorium and Lobby on February 13, 2010, from 9:30 am to 12:30 noon to hold a Solar Forum for the community. The GVCC has provided a second date option of February 20, 2010. ++
8. Santa Cruz Valley United Methodist Church has requested the use of the Sahuarita Primary Gym on Saturday, December 12, 2009, from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon to conduct a Special Music Practice. ++
9. The Cub Scouts have requested the use of Anza Trail Gym and Cafetorium on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm to hold a Christmas Snowball (newspapers) and Cookie Social. ++

H. Approval of Student Activity and Auxiliary Accounts Revenue and Expenditure Reports

I. Approval of Student Fundraising

1. Approval for the SHS Freshman Class to hold a Dodge Ball Tournament to raise funds for freshman class after school from February 15-19, 2010 in the high school gym. ++
2. Approval for the SHS Spanish Club to distribute Pampered Chef Catalogs and sell items to raise funds for students going to the Puerto Rico Trip from December 4, 2009 – December 14, 2009. ++

X. Board Communication

Mr. Murphy stated that he is very proud of the District and their efforts to bring the District forward.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – January 13, 2010 – 6:30 P.M. – District Auditorium

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board

Possible Budget Override Cuts

Programs	\$ Amount	# of Staff	# of Students
Athletics (9 - 12)	\$169,721.00	53	560
Athletics (6 - 8)	\$92,397.50	37	842
Extra-Curricular (9 - 12)	\$66,956.50	32	***1244
Extra-Curricular (K - 8)	\$16,299.00	15	***318
Athletic Director	\$8,791.00	1	
Voc Ed Director	\$62,004.00	1	
Counselors	\$324,096.20	10	4,935
Music (9 - 12)	\$82,642.20	2	194
Music (K - 8)	\$249,663.74	7	2,739
Art / PE (9 - 12)	\$133,976.32	4	880
Art / PE (6 - 8)	\$111,660.42	3	1,016
PE (K - 5)	\$176,039.36	4	2,433
Grounds	\$18,624.96	1	
Maintenance	\$25,807.68	1	
Warehouse	\$22,487.76	1	
Janitor	\$23,239.44	1	
ROTC	\$63,959.35	2	112
Aides	\$470,401.12	35	
Monitors (Security)	\$179,480.00	15	
PI	\$392,546.95	26	58
Teachers			
	\$2,690,794.50	251	15,331

***Not Final Count