



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

*Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Intermediate School
Sopori Elementary School*

*Sahuarita Middle School
Sahuarita Primary School
Anza Trail School*

Office of the Superintendent

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES 6:30 P.M. – MARCH 8, 2006 – SUSD 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 6:30PM. Also in attendance were Tom Murphy, Clerk of the Board, Board members Elaine Hall, Diana Kellermeyer, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela and Director of Business Charlotte Gates. Board member Martin McGee arrived at 6:35pm. There were 78 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2006

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes from the February 22, 2006 regular Governing Board meeting as they were distributed. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 4-0.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 18 in the amount of \$591,146.91, new payroll Voucher 19 for the pay period ending March 10, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$800,000.00, new payroll Voucher 20 for the pay period ending March 24, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 and new payroll Voucher 21 for the pay period ending April 7, 2006 in the amount not to exceed \$800,000.00. She further recommended approval of expense voucher 7044 and 745 for a total amount of \$159,109.55. Mrs. Hall 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 – Bond/Override Committee/Volunteers:

Kris Ham, Joann Corneliusen, Laurie Stuckey, Averrell Garcia, Sarah Elliott, Elena Cozine, Barb Day, Kelly Noble, Joelle Hoogerwerf, John Sullivan, Julie Ingham, Robin Karnes, Gail Lankow, Kim Sykes, Heather Hunter and Kristy Harris. The Governing

Board recognized the above members of the community for their time, efforts and support of the Bond/Override Election that was held in November.

Dr. Valenzuela introduced the “Leaders in Character” Honorees: **Favian Lopez, 5th Grade – Sopori, Kylee Wilkinson, 2nd Grade, Sydnie Chittum, 4th Grade, Hadley Schulz, 6th Grade, and Eric Tumilowicz, 11th Grade**

The Governing Board recognized the above students for their excellent display of leadership and service amongst their peers at each of their perspective schools.

VII. New Business

A. Instruction

1. School Wellness Policy – Discussion Only

Alice Sanchez and Joann Harris distributed a draft copy of the School Wellness Policy. The Board members along with administrators have been asked for any feedback on the new proposed School Wellness Policy. Alice and Joann may be contact by phone or e-mail.

2. Open Enrollment Capacities for 2006-2007 School Year – Discussion and Possible Action

Dr. St. John reminded the Board of the Open Enrollment Law in the State of Arizona. A student may attend any public school in Arizona if they are legal residents of Arizona and if the school has the capacity. Each school must set their open enrollment capacities. The following are the capacities for the 2006-2007 School Year:

Sopori Elementary School - Four (4) open enrollment places are available in the 1st through 6th grade. Kindergarten will be looked at after registration.

- SPS is at capacity – No open enrollment
- SIS is at capacity – No open enrollment
- SMS is at capacity – No open enrollment
- SHS is at capacity – No open enrollment

B. Personnel

1. Presentation on Highly Qualified Teachers – Elsa Young – Information Only

Elsa Young, Director of Human Resources, made a presentation to the Board on Highly Qualified Staffing. Mrs. Young reported that in January 2002, NCLB was signed into law that stated:

- All “paraprofessionals” or non-certified support personnel who work with students in an instructional capacity must meet the definition of “highly qualified” by January 2006
- All teachers must meet the definition of “highly qualified” if they are teaching a core subject, as defined by the law, by the end of school year 2005-2006

HQ Paraprofessionals

- Possession of a high school diploma or GED; AND
- Possession of an Associate's or higher degree; OR
- Possession of 60 units/credits of college from an accredited college/university; OR
- Passing score on a state approved paraprofessional exam
- No paraprofessionals hired at SUSD after January 2002 if HQ requirements not met
- Paraprofessional positions at SUSD include: Instructional Aides, Inclusion Health Specialists, Library Technicians and Technology Assistants
- ParaEducator Learning Network and ParaPro (paper & pencil test) offered to paraprofessionals to meet requirements

Where is Sahuarita?

- **84** paraprofessionals on staff
- **83** paraprofessionals meet HQ requirements
- =98.8%**

HQ Teachers

- Bachelor's degree; AND
- A valid Arizona teaching certificate; AND
- Completion of one of the following:
 - Passing score on the AEPA in the content area; OR
 - An advanced degree in the content area; OR
 - National Board Certification in the content area; OR
 - 24 credits in the content area; OR
 - Successful completion of the HOUSSE rubric
- "HOUSSE" is the High, Objective, Uniform, State Standard of Evaluation
- Teachers who earn 100 points or more by completing the HOUSSE rubric are highly qualified
 - ✓ years of experience teaching content area
 - ✓ college credits taken in content area
 - ✓ professional development workshops taken in content area
 - ✓ service/awards, presentations, publications
- All teachers must be "Highly Qualified" by the end of school year 2005-2006
- NCLB requires annual public disclosure of each teacher's status relative to "highly qualified" at the building, district and state level

Where is Sahuarita?

- **199** certified teachers on staff
- **172** teachers are HQ, just by virtue of holding an approved area or endorsement in their content areas
- =86.4%**

2. Staffing Needs for the 2006-2007 School Year – Discussion and Possible Action

Dr. St. John stated that at a Board Retreat in February, the administrators presented what they felt were their staffing needs to the 2006-2007 school year. Here is what they presented:

Sopori – 2-6th Grade Teachers, 0.5-Music Teacher, 1-Instructional Aide, 1-Custodian

SPS – 2-1st Grade Teachers, 1-2nd Grade Teacher, 2-Campus Monitors

SIS – 2-3rd Grade Teachers, 1-4th Grade Teacher, 2-5th Grade Teachers, 0.5 Guidance Counselor, 1-Instructional Aide/SPED, 3-Campus Monitors

SMS – 1-Science/Math Teacher, 1-Language Arts/SS Teacher, 1-Assistant Principal, 3-Clerk I

SHS – 1.6 Social Studies Teacher, 0.6 PE Teachers, 1.6 Health Teacher, 0.4 Character Ed. Teacher, 2 Math Teachers, 0.4 Spanish Teacher, 1 Science Teacher, 1.4 English Teacher, 1 Secretary, 0.5 Health Assistant, 1 Technology Assistant, 1 Instructional Aide/CTE

Student Services – 1.8 Speech/Language Pathologists, 1 Assistant for Psychologists, 1 Clerk II/SPED

Maintenance – 1 Maintenance Tech, 1 Groundskeeper 1, 1 HVAC Tech, 1 Electrician, 1 Plumber

Technology – 1 Computer/Network Tech Specialist

Business Office – 1 Accounting Clerk/AP, 1 Accounting Clerk for Payroll/Fixed Assets

Assistant Superintendent's Office – 1 Professional Development Specialist, 1 Alternative Education Teacher, 1 Instructional Aide

Anza Trail School – 1 PE Teacher, 1 Music Teacher, 1 Art Teacher, 1 Guidance Counselor, 1 Secretary/Elementary, 1 Custodian, 3 Instructional Aides/SPED, 1 Attendance Clerk

Total Costs with Benefits for the above positions would be \$1,866,877.

Dr. St. John and Charlotte Gates spoke with the Board and advised them that they feel fairly comfortable in predicting an approximate growth rate of 14% for next year, which translate into approximately \$1, 700,000.

After discussions with Central Office Administration, Dr. St. John recommended the following new staff positions be approved:

Sopori – 1-6th Grade Teacher, 0.5-Music Teacher, 1-Instructional Aide, 1-Custodian

SPS – 2-1st Grade Teachers, 1-2nd Grade Teacher, 2-Campus Monitors

SIS – 2-3rd Grade Teachers, 1-4th Grade Teacher, 2-5th Grade Teachers, 1 Guidance Counselor, 2-Campus Monitors

SMS – 1-Science/Math Teacher, 1-Language Arts/SS Teacher, 1-Assistant Principal, 3-Campus Monitors

SHS – 6 Teachers, 1 Secretary, 1 Instructional Aide/Tech Lab, 1 Instructional Aide/CTE

Student Services – 1.8 Speech/Language Pathologists, 1 Clerk II/Psychology, 1 Clerk II/SPED

Maintenance – 1 Maintenance Tech, 1 Groundskeeper 1, 1 HVAC Tech, 1 Electrician, 1 Plumber

Technology – 1 Computer/Network Tech Specialist

Business Office – 1 Accounting Clerk/AP, 1 Accounting Clerk for Payroll/Fixed Assets

Assistant Superintendent's Office – 1 Professional Development Specialist, 1 Alternative Education Teacher, 1 Instructional Aide

Anza Trail School – 1 PE Teacher, 1 Music Teacher, 1 Art Teacher, 1 Guidance Counselor, 1 Secretary/Elementary, 1 Custodian, 1 Attendance Clerk, 2 Campus Monitors

Total Costs with Benefits for the above positions would be \$1,661,000.

Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she appreciates the time and effort the staff took to narrow down the list. The administrators know better than anyone what the staffing needs of the District are for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion carried 5-0

3. Presentation on District Boundaries – Dr. Valenzuela – Discussion and Possible Action

Dr. Valenzuela made a presentation to the Board on District Boundaries.

The Goal of the SUSD Boundary Realignment Committee was to use a comprehensive and methodical process to gather input from the community, and review & analyze all data in order to make a sound recommendation to the Governing Board regarding the designation of school attendance areas.

Rationale:

Anza Trail School is currently under construction and scheduled to open, at least in part, in January 2007.

Sahuarita is one of the fastest growing school districts in Arizona and must plan with vision and careful thought.

The First Step:

Create a diverse and well-rounded committee:

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER:

Mr. Tom Murphy

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Manny Valenzuela

Director of Business Services – Mrs. Charlotte Gates

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Director of Transportation – Mr. Fred Huff

Laidlaw Dispatcher – Mrs. Denise Rodriguez

BUILDING ADMINISTRATION:

Sahuarita Middle School Principal – Mrs. Kathy Shiba

FACULTY MEMBER:

Sahuarita Middle School Teacher – Mr. Stacy Abend

SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER:

District Receptionist – Mrs. Nicole Herbst

PARENTS:

Mrs. Kris Ham

Mrs. Jackie Kiernan

Mrs. Theresa Noe

COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

Mrs. Cathy O'Connor

The Process:

Develop a consensus on the critical attributes that will serve as the guiding principles in the decision making process.

Meet with the Community to hear ideas and concerns.

Analyze the data consisting of:

Current enrollment statistics

Projected future enrollment

Transportation variables

Space availability

Community input

Solidify a recommendation based on the entire process.

Make a formal recommendation to the Governing Board

The Critical Attributes:

Student Safety

Transportation Elements:

Bus routes proximity

Expense

Safe access to walking/bikes routes

Student Enrollment:

Current enrollment

Projected future enrollment

Building capacity

Natural and man-made physical boundaries.

Sensitivity to new and traditional community perceptions.

Campus equity – creating diverse and well-balanced learning communities.

Community Feedback:

“I’m concerned about class size, regardless of where my child goes.”

“What is the start time going to be at the new school?”

“I appreciate the Board for asking for the community’s input on things like this and the calendar before deciding.”

“There needs to be another stop sign or signal on Rancho Sahuarita Boulevard.”

“Will students be allowed to walk to school?”

“I want to stress the importance of balance on both campuses with the new and the experienced staff, facilities, and program. Otherwise, I don’t care which school my children go to.”

“Will we be doing this again in 1 year?”

“Will there be open enrollment slots?”

“We’d like more information about contacting state officials regarding state funding for new schools.”

“Please don’t do a multi-track system...AZ is too hot!”

Connections to the Critical Attributes:

Safety – Traffic issues, balanced numbers, consideration of access points for both campuses.

Bus Routes – Creating boundaries that support walking where possible. Specific transportation routes will be determined by the Transportation Department.

Enrollment Numbers – Balancing between the campuses, planning for capacity to absorb future growth, adjust for constantly fluctuating numbers.

Future Growth Projections – Eller Study, balanced assignment of new developments.

Natural/Man-Made Physical Boundaries – i.e. Rancho Sahuarita Boulevard

Transportation Costs – State regulations for providing transportation services while maintaining focus on safety.

Equity – Both school campuses will have diverse, balanced learning communities to support strong learning opportunities for all.

Sensitivity – Our schools, our community.

Important Points to Remember:

Equity and excellence in professional faculty, programs, and facilities will be a top priority.

Staffing and student assignments will proceed expediently this spring. The goal is that every affected faculty member and student will know his/her assignment by end of the 05-06 school year.

It is projected that 30 of the classrooms will be available for use in January '07.

Dr. Valenzuela recommended the following District Boundaries:

Wrangler, Ocotillo, Curly Horn and McGee Ranch Areas - MAIN CAMPUS

Las Quintas and La Canada Areas - MAIN CAMPUS

Sahuarita Heights, Wilmot/Houghton Area, and Helveita - ANZA TRAIL

Rancho Sahuarita neighborhoods NORTH of Camino Rancho Tierra,

EAST of I-19, EAST and SOUTH of Rancho Sahuarita Boulevard,

WEST of the Santa Cruz River - MAIN CAMPUS

Rancho Sahuarita neighborhoods SOUTH of Camino Rancho Tierra,

EAST of I-19, WEST and NORTH of Rancho Sahuarita Boulevard,

NORTH of Sahuarita Road - ANZA TRAIL – (Map - Attachment A)

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

4. Hearing for Mr. Ragan Bach – Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Ragan Bach, teacher at Sahuarita High School, requested a hearing with the Governing Board of SUSD. The following action took place on March 8, 2006:

- a. Set Hearing Dates for Bach Hearing – On advice of attorney the following dates should be set aside for the hearing: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday March 20, 21 and 22 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 5-0.
- b. Authorize Governing Board President or Governing Board Clerk to issue subpoenas. – Mr. McGee made the motion to authorize Mr. Michael J.

Lurkins, Governing Board President and Mr. Tom Murphy, Governing Board Clerk to issue subpoenas as requested by the parties involved and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried 5-0.

C. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of Contract with T-Mobile for a Cell Tower

T-Mobile contacted Mr. Scott Boone, Technology Director for the district. T-Mobile would like to replace one of the high school football light standards with their cell tower. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the request.

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

2. Approval of Changes to Course Fee's for SHS Band

The Board members received a recommendation from Christine Garcia, SHS Band Teacher, to increase course fees for some of the music ensembles. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the fee changes. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. Discussion followed: Mrs. Kellermeyer stated that she has no objections to fees and she would support the changes as long as no child is excluded due to the fees. Mr. Murphy and Mr. McGee also stated that they would support the changes only if no student would be left out of the program due to the fact that they cannot pay the fees. Dr. St. John assured her that the District would not leave any student out if they would like to participate. The district would find a way to pay the fees. Mr. Murphy asked what the fees were before. Dr. St. John stated that he would get that information to the Board. The motion carried 5-0.

D. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of out of state travel for Board member Diana Kellermeyer to attend the NSBA 66th Annual Conference in Chicago.

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the out of state travel for Board member Diana Kellermeyer. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Charles Oldham – The solutions team from the State department visited Sopori this week. They spent three days at the site. They found Sopori to be the wonderful place that it is and left some recommendations for the staff. The Board will receive a copy of those recommendations. Mr. Oldham stated that one of the representatives from the solutions team told him that after the second day they were on campus, the children treated them like they belonged. They were very impressed with the students and how well they were received.

Today was picture day at Sopori.

Tomorrow the 4th graders will be going to the Buenos Aires Experimental Range.

A community meeting was held with Dr. St. John and Dr. Valenzuela attending the meeting. Next years 6th grade program was presented and input was given on the potential new community building. He thanked Dr. St. John for attending this community meeting.

Scott Downs thanked the Board for the additional positions that were approved earlier in the meeting. There are six different recess times for SPS and the campus monitors will be a big help.

SPS is ready for the Spring Break, but as soon as they return they will be very busy. The kindergarten classes will be going to the Wildlife Museum.

On Saturday, March 25th from 10:00am to 2:00pm, SPS PTO and teachers will be putting on a carnival. There will be jumping castles and obstacle course, 12 paid vendor booths will be set up and teachers will have 10 booths along with the 12 booths the PTO will be setting up. April 7th will be the kindergarten round up.

Teachers are getting ready for parent conferences that will be held on March 30 & 31st.

Dr. Wayne Ross also thanked the Board for the approval of 5 additional teachers.

Today during early release, Mrs. Salica presented the 8-step model of disaggregating test data to the staff. The new Galileo information was utilized.

On March 21st, SIS will be taking it spring pictures.

On March 22nd, SIS will have a special Heart Stroke Health Screening for the staff. There are approximately 10 people who have signed up for the screening. He invited the Board members to attend.

Kathy Shiba thanked the Board for the new positions the Board approved for SMS and the new Anza Trail School.

Kathy thanked Elsa Young, Director of Human Resources, for the incredible job fair that was held last weekend. They interviewed approximately 100 different teachers and there are quite a few people who are coming in from out of state and have heard about the district.

The Science Olympiad Team went to Catalina Island for competition. They have been in four competitions and have done an incredible job.

The 7th and 8th grade Science Fair was held earlier this year, they will be taking their projects to the University of Arizona after Spring Break for the regional competition.

The 6th graders just finished their projects. Over 100 parents attended the event to see all the students' projects.

The spelling bee was recently held and students had a lot of fun.

The cheerleaders took 4th place in the State competition and they will be attending a National competition in California later this month.

The Jazz band did an outstanding job with the Jazz Festival. She thanked the Optimist Club for having the food wagon at the festival. They raised \$250.00 for them. The jazz band will be competing in Phoenix in April.

The Voices of Sahuarita Middle School will be signing at a reception for Terry Goddard, the Attorney General, over spring break.

The Orchestra will be competing at NAU in April.

Athletics are just finishing up; there will be tournaments in the near future. A soccer tournament will be held this Saturday. She thanked the high school for loaning them their fields and she also thanked maintenance for accommodating the request to prepare the fields.

Larry McKee stated that last week SHS started their AIMS testing for sophomores for the first time test takers. The students' that did not taking the writing and reading test last week were rounded up and were given the test. Over 400 students were tested; he believes that 99% of the sophomores were tested.

Over 14 students are in England for two weeks.

Over 40 ROTC students will be leaving for Hawaii tomorrow.

He thanked the Board for the approval of the two trips for the students.

SHS has been notified that Jason Scott, a senior, is a National Merit Scholar.

Mr. McKee thanked Mr. Boone for his donation of funds to SHS for the purchase of Plato programs.

Mr. McKee updated the Board on the concerns of several students at the last Board meeting. The teacher who was on maternity leave has now returned and was able to address and take care of any concerns those students had. Their concerns were taken care of and they are happy with the results.

Dr. Barbara Smith thanked the Board for their support and approval of the new positions.

The SUSD Early Childhood Center is just about ready to open. New enrollment is taking place every day. The center's enrollment was approaching 60 students, which is very good for this time of the year. Dr. Smith thanked Mr. Lurkins and all the other volunteers who spent time painting and putting furniture together. Without that volunteer help, they would not be ready to open soon.

Sue Johnson, Gifted Education Specialist, and Dr. Smith are working to change some of the models for next year's gifted education since the campus is expanding.

A Special Education Comprehensive Multi-Sensory Systematic Reading and Language Arts Program was purchased. It is specifically for the struggling readers in middle school and high school in special education. She will be providing intensive comprehensive training for that program. The program will be utilized beginning in the fall. The training will take place on May 31st and June 1st. The person who developed the program will be providing the training.

There is a new State requirement for Early Childhood Education. Any institution that receives State and Federal funds are required to do a very comprehensive and extension program evaluation. Within the next couple of weeks, Dr. Smith will be starting the audit. She will be putting in approximately 30 hours looking at the Project Opportunity program and the same process will take place at the Early Childhood Center next year.

George Emerson stated that there are currently four maintenance technicians, one part-time preventative maintenance technician, six grounds keepers and three inventory control technicians. One maintenance technician is out on medical leave. The department is currently looking for two maintenance technicians, one HVAC technician and one grounds keeper position.

Work orders are the biggest issue in the department right now. He has been working with administrators to solve the issue. He thanked them for all their help while he has been working on the orders. Over the last three years, the department has averaged approximately 1280 work orders per year. As of today's date, the department has already completed 1166 work orders, so they will be well above the normal. There are currently 150 work orders in progress.

He thanked Manuel Romo, Maintenance Supervisor, for all his hard work. It has been a rough year with many changes in staff. He is doing an outstanding job. He also thanked Dallas Rawson in the Warehouse. He is doing an outstanding job keeping up on the inventory. As the schools are growing, inventory is increasing!!

Fred Huff stated that Charlotte has placed an order for four (4) special education busses and nine large 77-passenger busses. Those busses should be delivered the second week of July. He is still in search of bus drivers!

Charlotte Gates thanked the Board for the two additional positions that they approved tonight in the business office. She stated that the district is very fortunate to have their support and the support of the Superintendent!

Charlotte is a Board member of AZBAIT and at a meeting today, it was decided that there would be no more than a 7% increase for any district in Arizona. There are others who will have a 20% increase.

Dr. Manuel O. Valenzuela wished everyone a nice spring break. He stated that tomorrow morning there would be an extensive workshop for all the district's professional bus drivers.

Scott Boone thanked the Board for the new position in his department and for the support of the cell tower.

Scott stated that he works with George Emerson on a regular basis and he is doing a great job!!

Dr. Jay C. St. John stated that earlier in the evening he commented on the financial limb that the Board is asked to going out on. In November of 2005 the District held a capital override, which unfortunately was not approved. He feels that it wasn't explained to the taxpayers exactly what the capital override would accomplish. The district cannot adjust for teacher's salaries until the 40th of next year. What the district was asking the community leaders to remember was that the bus that your children ride on and the desks that he/she sits in, textbooks they use, and computers in their classroom are all capital items. If your child has moved in after the 23rd day of January of this year, the district will not receive any capital funds until July 1st of 2007. The district can't continue to run this way. In the past the district would receive approximately 20+ new students and there were always 20 or so desks, books, computers around or there was always an extra bus in the bus barn. Now, the district doesn't have the capital funds to float 600 students new to the district while the State of Arizona processes their information. This is what the capital override election is all about!

Dr. St. John attended a Cornerstone Foundation Dinner last week. The Cornerstone Foundation is a group of people from the construction, architect, and sub-contractor industries. They nominated SUSD as one of their possible Owners of the Year.

He had an opportunity to attend the Arizona School Administrators Conference in San Diego. At the conference he had the opportunity to hear Rudy Paine who wrote a very powerful book on students from poverty. He also had the opportunity to meet with the gentleman who wrote the "FISH" book.

On Monday, March 20, 2006 the district will be selling bonds in the amount of ten million dollars at a rate of 4.11%.

He attended the Townsend Home Preview and met Louise Townsend. She told him that if there was anything she could do to help the schools she would be more than happy to help.

Dr. St. John will be interviewing scholarship applicants for the Country Fair White Elephant on March 24, 2006.

The CTE Advisory Board met and Margaret Link announced that she would like to send three students to Denver Colorado to attend the Johnson and Wales Culinary School.

Dr. Valenzuela and Dr. St. John met with the Sopori staff today. The staff is very concerned about Mr. Oldham's replacement. They were asked to let them know what they would like to see in their new principal.

He advised that Board that he is dealing with a situation at the high school with a staff member who feels that they were selected as a department chairperson, but has not received compensation. Dr. St. John is researching the issue and will attempt to resolve the issue, but may have to bring it back to the Board at some time.

A group based in Boston contacted Dr. St. John, the Gates Foundation funds the group and they have a concept for a high school called an Early College High School. All courses that are taken in that particular high school as a junior or senior are directed toward college placement. One thing that can be done is to partner with a secondary institution like Pima

Community College or University of Arizona and work together to make sure students take the correct course work that is directed to their college education.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the consent agenda as it was revised. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

A. Employment

1. Susan Stahl, 6th Grade LA Teacher – SMS – Replacement – Ratification to 02/16/06

B. Approval of Addendums

1. Burton Tingle – Assistant Drama Coach - SHS – New Addendum - Ratification to 02/15/06

C. New Guest Teachers for 2005/2006 School Year

1. Christina Bourne
2. Glynn Cannon
3. Eric Larson
4. Casimer Passalino
5. Kathy Williams

D. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. Susan Voorhees, English/Drama Teacher – SHS – Retirement Effective 05/26/06
2. Marcia Koshollek, English Teacher – SHS – Retirement Effective 05/26/06
3. Lori Jorgensen, Guidance Counselor – SHS – Retirement Effective 05/26/06
4. M. Gaye Byrd, Secretary/Counseling – SHS – Retirement Effective 05/26/06
5. Jack Anderson, CTE (Industrial Tech) – SHS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
6. Marlo Nottingham-Smith, Guidance Counselor – Sopori – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
7. Teresa Quiroga, School Psychologist – SPS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06
8. Jamie Woodward, 4th Grade Teacher – SIS – Resignation Effective 05/26/06

E. Gifts & Donations

1. Bridget Atchison – Computer Components, i.e. hard drives, monitors, keyboards, and printer – SMS

F. Approval of New Position Descriptions

1. Bilingual Instructional Aide

G. Approval of Signature Changes for the Compass Bank Accounts

X. Board Communication

Tom Murphy commended Elsa Young for the professional job that was done on the Teacher Job Fair. The feedback that was received from administrators was great. Both the quantity and quality of the attendees was increased. He would like to see the staffing needs of the district assessed a little earlier next year so that those positions will be available for the job fair.

He thanked Jeff from the Arizona Daily Star for attending the Board meetings and reporting on our district, it's great to see the stories regarding SUSD staff and students in the Arizona Daily Star.

He recognized the great wrestling program at the high school and how well they did this year.

Mr. Murphy asked the Board to put together a time to meet with the Town Council.

He commented on the frequency of events regarding border patrol and Sahuarita Police Department. He believes that the District needs to get together with those agencies and get the protocol together.

Dr. Valenzuela shared a phone call that he received from the Border Patrol regarding communication between them and the school. They confirmed with Dr. Valenzuela that they have received the designated emergency extension for the district.

Mrs. Hall met with the legislators in Phoenix. She met with Marian McClure and Jonathon Paton. They emphasized that they want to hear from people, but they do not want form letters.

Today she spent time in Phoenix meeting with the ASBA Safety committee.

XI. Executive Session

Mr. Murphy moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.3. - Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body. The time was 8:33pm. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Board returned to regular session and adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm.

XII. Establish Next Board Meeting – April 12, 2006, 6:30 PM, SUSD Auditorium

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board