



Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30

Sahuarita High School
Sahuarita Primary School

Sahuarita Middle School
Sahuarita Intermediate School

Sopori Elementary School
Sahuarita Intermediate School

Regular Governing Board Meeting Meetings 6:30 p.m. – March 09, 2005 – District Auditorium 350 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Elaine Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Also present were Board members Michael Lurkins, Diana Kellermeyer, Thomas Murphy, Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John, and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 54 guests.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes for the February 23, 2005 regular Governing Board meeting as they were distributed. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 18 in the amount of \$481,997.09 and new payroll Voucher 20 for the pay period ending March 25, 2005 in the amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 and new payroll Vouch 21 for the pay period ending April 8, 2005 in the amount not to exceed \$550,000.00. She further recommended approval of expense vouchers 6032 through 6033 in a total amount of \$427,156.13. Mr. McGee 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 - None

VII. New Business

A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Approval of 2005-2006 Teaching Calendar

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the 2005-2006 Teaching Calendar as it was distributed. The calendar includes two rodeo days, which was voted on by staff. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Open Enrollment Capacities for 2005-2006 School Year

Dr. St. John recommended the following open enrollment capacities:

K-12 at the main campus – 0

Sopori School:

K-2 – 0

3rd Grade – 2

4th Grade – 2

5th Grade – 8

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

3. Traffic Study

Dr. St. John distributed a traffic study to the Board as the Town of Sahuarita presented it to him. A lengthy discussion was held regarding several issues such as student safety, bus turning radius, funding, and drop off locations. The Board directed Dr. St. John to return to the Town with their ideas.

4. Judy Cutler – Grants – Discussion Only

Dr. St. John introduced Mrs. Judy Cutler, CIMT Supervisor and Grant Writer. Mrs. Cutler made a presentation to the Board regarding several grants that the District has secured and several that are in progress. The following grants have been funded to the District:

1. NAU K-12 Center – Sahuarita New Teacher Mentoring Program - \$43,826
2. Foundation for Arizona's Future – Geometry Expo - \$2300-\$2400
3. Foundation for Arizona's Future – Our Home in Space - \$2500

The following grants are in progress:

1. Raytheon – HS Math Collaboration
2. SMARTer Kids Foundation (3) – Connections – Program
3. Character Education – Character Counts - \$1500
4. Arizona Dept. Ed. – Even Start Family Literacy Program - \$75,000 - \$125,000

B. Personnel – Discussion and Possible Action

1. SUSD Dress Code Standards for Employees

Dr. St. John distributed the Dress Code Standards for Employees that was developed by the administrators. Discussion was held regarding blue jeans. Several members felt that blue jean could be worn as long as they were in good condition. Discussion was also held regarding site-specific dress codes. Mrs. Kellermeyer reiterated her opinion that staff dress attire should be dealt with at the school site level versus implementation of a district wide dress code. No

motion was made, the Board directed Dr. St. John to return to the administrators to consider their ideas.

C. Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Request for use of Baseball Field by Copper Hills Little League

The Copper Hills Little League requested the use of the baseball field, which is their traditional request. Daryl Rawson, Director of Facilities, Larry McKee, High School Principal, and Larry Cleveland, High School Athletic Director, indicated that they were not interested in having the Board approve the request. They feel the fields are greatly over utilized. Additional maintenance on the fields is already necessary and there is not enough staff to support the work that is needed. Dr. St. John recommended approval of the request at this time. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. Discussion followed regarding additional options for the league such as Anamax Park. Another item discussed was to allow the use of the facilities this year in order to give them time to find other resources. The Board requested a meeting with the different leagues to obtain ideas about future use. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Additional Resources for the District

Dr. St. John presented information from Mrs. Gates regarding the effects of a Capital Override and/or Bond issue would have on the property tax rates. It appears that the Board will need to make a decision soon as to whether they would like the community to be asked to provide additional resources for the district for construction, modification of existing facilities and transportation equipment.

D. Governing Board – Discussion and Possible Action

1. Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. St. John stated that some organizations require verbatim minutes. He stated that the Board traditionally tries to provide the motions and formal actions. After consultation with the attorney, verbatim minutes are not recommended and tapes should be destroyed after minutes are approved. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion to keep the minutes as they have been in the past, which includes motions, formal actions and necessary discussions. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Selection of ASBA Official Delegate

Elaine Hall asked that the Governing Board to designate one of its members to be the official delegate at the ASBA Delegate Assemble. She has traditionally had that role and she would like to offer the opportunity to another Board member. Mrs. Kellermeyer made the motion to keep Elaine Hall as the official delegate. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Hall made the motion to elect Mr. Murphy as the alternate delegate. Mr. McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Student Drug Testing

One of the goals that were established for the following school year is drug testing of students involved in extra curricular activities. Mr. McKee and Mr. Lehmkuhl attended the National Association of Secondary School Principals Conference recently and brought back information. Dr. St. John shared that information with the Board. The Board requested future discussions on the subject. No action was taken.

VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Mr. McKee reported that the AIM's test have been completed, all but four of the students have been tested. Good results are expected.

Registration dates are set for April 5 – 7. Planning and conferences have been held with the individual chairpersons. Students have been asked for their opinions also.

He thanked the Board for the five added teachers they approved at the last meeting. Those teachers were added to the core classes. The recruitment fair was held this past Saturday and he felt it was a success; they were able to interview approximately 26 candidates. Many will be invited back for 2nd interviews next week.

The high school will be hosting the Relay for Life fundraiser on Friday. The community event will be held from 5:00 on Friday, April 1 to 9:00am on Saturday, April 2. Mr. McKee arranged it so that students who would like to participate would not have to be out all night, but will start at 1:00pm. The staff and students have been invited to participate. The registration fee is 10:00 for adults and 5:00 for students.

Mrs. Salica represented the middle school in Mrs. Shiba's absence. She reported that over rodeo weekend the SMS cheerleaders attended a competition for the first time. They represented the district very well.

On March 2, SMS hosted a Desert Planes Girls Basketball Tournament. Thank you to Wayne and his staff and LINK and their staff for making other arrangements so the intermediately school gym could be used. The SMS girls basketball team placed 3rd at this tournament. At the same time, a soccer tournament was held at SMS and SHS. The SMS soccer team placed 1st at this tournament.

March 2nd was also career day, twenty four guests with various jobs met with the 8th graders.

The girl's basketball team won the league sportsmanship award that is given out every season.

There are 130 students signed up for track this year. Thank you to the Board for the extra track coach they approved this year.

The job fair was phenomenal, there were five new positions approved at that last Board meeting, two of which will be filled with those from the job fair.

At this time there are 761 students at SMS.

Dr. Ross – Four graders are working on dioramas that show their knowledge of historic civilization in Arizona history. Some of these along with 3rd grade and 5th grade projects will be entered in the Pima County Fair.

He received comments from Kartchner Caverns stating that the 5th grade conduct during their visit was excellent. Their knowledge of the caves were impressive.

Who's Who Among Americas Teachers have recognized Mr. Mike Lewis, 5th Grade Teacher.

Dr. Ross thanked the Board for the new positions. The recruitment fair was enjoyable.

Dr. Smith – Teachers are excited about the Relay for Life that is being held at the high school.

The recruitment fair was a huge success; over thirty-two candidates were interviewed.

Teachers are working hard at finishing up report cards for the quarter.

There are several field trips planned in the near future.

Mr. Oldham stated that the recruitment fair was a very important event and it served the district well.

Friday will be Kite day from 1:30 – 2:30.

The Kindergarten class will put on its annual production of The Wind Blew on Friday at 9:30am. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Sopori's report cards will be sent home Friday after Spring Break.

Mrs. Gates and Alice Sanchez reported that on March 1, 2005, Sopori School would be implementing Breakfast in the Classroom. This program is well supported and sponsored by The Dairy Council of Arizona. There are several hundred school districts nation wide who have implemented this program.

Dr. St. John distributed information from Mr. Maki comparing AIMS and Standardized test results between VocEd and Regular Education students.

The classroom dollars and prop 301 results show that the spending in the classroom has increase by 5% over the last two years.

A Long Range Planning Committee summary was distributed to the Board. Dr. St. John thanked Mary Sullivan for the report.

A copy of a memo from Dr. Ross to Dr. St. John regarding how the swimming program is going to work was distributed to the Board. This program will cost the district approximately \$2600 - \$7400 per employee this doesn't include transportation costs.

The recruitment fair was very well done.

IX. Consent Agenda – Action

The superintendent recommended approval of those items on the consent agenda, as they are routine items. Mr. Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Kellermeyer. The motion carried 5-0.

A. Employment

1. Teresa Waters, Instructional Aide III – Project Inspire – Substitute - Ratification to 02/23/05
2. Dorothy “Dotty” Brack, Speech/Language Therapist – New Position - Ratification to 02/21/05
3. Elizabeth C. Hill, Temp School Psychologist – As Needed Basis – Ratification to 03/07/05
4. Teresa E. Quiroga, Temp School Psychologist – As Needed Basis – Ratification to 03/04/05

B. Approval of New Certified Substitutes – Ratification to 02/21/05 – Elena Cozine, Kay Finn, Ramon Quihuis, Denise Reis, Stephanie Rosenbaum, Gail Slosser, Charles Spillar, Taffy Tarr, Lisa Abramson

C. Resignations/Terminations/Separations

1. James T. Cash, Security – SHS – Resignation Effective 03/31/05

D. Volunteers

1. Averell Garcia – SIS – Effective 03/09/05
2. David R. Swigert – Sopori – Effective 03/09/05
3. Roger C. Minor – SPS – Effective 03/09/05

E. Gifts & Donations

1. Good Shepherd United Church of Christ Women’s Fellowship – \$100.00 – SMS Music Program

F. Approval of Food Program Service Agreement for 2005-2009

X. Board Communication

Mrs. Hall stated that she attended the Job Fair held on the high school campus. The fair was very well organized and well attended.

Mr. Murphy also attended the Job Fair held on Saturday March 5. The fair was very well organized. He thanked Rancho Sahuarita and Pulte Homes for providing food for the staff. He also thanked the three members of the ROTC who escorted the candidates to their interview rooms.

Mrs. Kellermeyer also attended the Job Fair held at the high school campus.

XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – April 13, 2005 District Auditorium

XII. Executive Session

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Mr. Lurkins moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 to hear the possible request of several students in the Alternative Suspension Program to return to the mainstream classroom setting and to hear the possible appeal of the decision of the hearing officer in a long-term suspension hearing – Discussion and possible action and pursuant to §A.R.S. 15-843 for approval of action of the hearing officer in the expulsion hearings of two intermediate school students – Discussion and possible action. The time was 8:25pm. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Board returned to regular session at 9:00pm and adjourned the meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried.

Respectfully,

Clerk of the Board