



## *Sahuarita Unified School District No. 30*

Sahuarita High School  
Sahuarita Primary School

Sahuarita Middle School  
Sahuarita Intermediate School

Sopori Elementary School

### **MINUTES**

#### **Regular Governing Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. March 10, 2004 – Sub Hall B – District Auditorium 350 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629**

#### **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Anthony Bruno called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Also present were Board members Michael Lurkins, Elaine Hall, Daniel Zobenica, Martin McGee, Superintendent Dr. Jay C. St. John and Business Manager Charlotte Gates. There were 50 guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

A moment of silence was held for Marcia Oldham

#### **II. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the agenda as it was distributed. Mr. Zobenica made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2004 Regular Governing Board Meeting**

Dr. St. John recommended approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on February 25, 2004 as distributed. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

#### **IV. Approval and Ratification of Vouchers**

Mrs. Gates recommended ratification of previously approved payroll Voucher 18 in the amount of \$431,918.88. She further recommended approval of expense vouchers 5036 and 5037 in a total amount of \$149,594.35. Mrs. Hall made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee. The motion carried.

#### **V. Call to the Public - none**

#### **VI. Recognition of Staff, Students and Community**

**Suzanne Borth** – Suzanne has done a wonderful job with the high school Academic Decathlon team. The team has done very well under her guidance. She is always positive and upbeat.

#### **VII. New Business**

##### **A. Instruction – Discussion and Possible Action**

##### **1. Approval of 2004-2005 Teaching Calendar – Attachment A**

The superintendent recommended the proposed 2004-2005 teaching calendar be approved as presented. The calendar includes one added instructional day as

required by statute. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

2. Open Enrollment Capacities

The superintendent recommended the new open enrollment capacities for the 2004-2005 school year as listed below. Mr. Zobenica made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

Sahuarita Primary School	none
Sahuarita Intermediate School	none
Sahuarita Middle School	none
Sahuarita High School	none
Project Inspire	none
Sopori Elementary School - grades K-2	none
Sopori Elementary School - grades 3-5	6 each grade level

**B. Business – Discussion and Possible Action**

1. Chris Thomas/Override Information – **Information Only**

Dr. St. John introduced Chris Thomas, Attorney for the Arizona School Boards Association. Mr. Thomas presented information regarding the new laws and the Dos and Don'ts of how to run an override election.

He spoke about A.R.S. 15-511, which is meant to keep public funds from being used to influence public policy decided at the ballot and to keep children out of electoral/political debate. The statute applies to the use of school resources and elections; it states, "A person acting on behalf of a school district shall not use school district or charter school personnel, equipment, materials, buildings or other resources for the purpose of influencing the outcome of elections."

2. Bond Refinancing

Dr. St. John introduced John Baracy and Fred Rosenfeld from RBC Dain Rauscher. RBC Dain Rauscher prepared a Preliminary Numbers Packet relating to the Sale of Refunding bonds.

Last year the Board looked into refinancing but determined that it was not advantageous at the time. At this time the savings has increased and refinancing could save the district approximately 3.36%. John Baracy presented the information and answered any questions. Dr. St. John recommended refinancing the bonds and the best way to do this is by leveling the interest payments. Mr. Zobenica made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Bruno. The motion carried.

3. Awarding of RFP 2004-6 Telephone System Upgrade

Only one response to the RFP for the Telephone System Upgrade was received.

Inter-Tel	Upgrade for Administration	-	\$17,151.00
	Upgrade for Middle School	-	\$17,951.00
	Upgrade for Sopori	-	\$ 3,919.00
	Upgrade for Primary School	-	<u>\$ 3,919.00</u>
			\$42,940.00

Tax     \$ 2,610.75

**TOTAL           \$45,550.75**

Dr. St. John recommended the RFP for the Telephone System Upgrade be awarded to Inter-Tel. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

**4. Call for an Override Election November 2, 2004**

Dr. St. John recommended the Board call for a ten percent seven year override to be held on November 2, 2004. Mr. Bruno made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

**VIII. Superintendent/Administrative Reports**

**Steve Kellermeyer** – Enrollment at the high school is at 794. Taylor Publishing, the publishing company for the yearbook, has nominated the yearbook and Lora Negrito for an Honorable Mention. They are in the top 10% of every yearbook that is made throughout the country by that company.

Tom Herrera, Band Teacher, has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Community Performing Arts Center Foundation.

The Academic Decathlon is doing fabulous in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Mrs. Borth has done many good things with the program.

Spring sports are in full swing. There is a banquet for wrestling and 18 games, matches, and meets this week; 11 of those are at home.

**Kathy Shiba** – The wrestling team has an overall record of 12 and 8 and their high point was beating Flowing Wells. It has been a goal of theirs for a few years. They ended in 5th place out of 17 teams at the Flowing Wells Invitational.

Coaches are trying to figure out how to make sure all students stay active in Track; they had approximately 100 students show up at their first practice.

Last month SMS had a Ground Hog Day Job Shadowing Event. Twenty-eight students were able to shadow employees of a variety of companies in Tucson and Green Valley area. No matter where the students were the sponsors were impressed with how nice they looked and how well behaved they were.

SMS is getting ready for testing. Mrs. St. John and several students from the Jaguar Jaws came up with a great idea. They wondered what would happen if every student in the school got the ones they got right last year and increased their score by getting four more answers correct on the Stanford 9, so the math department is currently calculating what this might be by looking at past test scores. The Jaguar Jaws has decided to put together a program entitled Campaign 2004. They are speaking to students about pride and pledging to raise their score from the previous year by at least four questions. A Campaign 2004 assembly will be held on Monday after Spring Break.

There will be an awards assembly on Wednesday, March 24 at 8:00 am and everyone is invited.

The National Junior Honor Society had a clothing drive and was able to collect over 120 items, which they in turn donated to the White Elephant. While the students were there they helped getting some of those items priced and processed. It was a very good experience for the students. Kathy thanked the Optimist Club for sponsoring the Oratorical contest.

**Wayne Ross** – SIS has 474 enrolled at this time.

The third grade will be beginning a series of creative dance rehearsals. The Funhouse Creative Theater is helping sponsor this through a grant provided by the Green Valley Arts Council and the Pima Arts Council.

The fourth grade will be going to the Old Pueblo Archeology Site to have hands on experience with archeological digs.

The fifth graders are preparing to visit the Kartcher Caverns.

Two fifth graders finished first and second in the Green Valley Elks essay contest.

Two students had their American Heart Associations posters that they created during the Jump for Heart Jump-a-thon forwarded on to judging at the state level. That jump-a-thon raised as a community effort over \$2200.00.

The Spring Concert is on March 31 and the Bobcat Band, Sahuarita Singers and various recorder ensembles will perform in the auditorium at 6:00 pm on March 31.

**Barb Smith** – SPS is business as usual. The quarter is drawing to a close on Friday and teachers are looking forward to Spring Break, but are also preparing for conferences that will be held after the break.

The Kindergarten music presentation will be on March 24 at 6:30 in the primary school.

Through a grant, Barb has arranged to have nine teachers trained in reading testing programs that she would like implement for K-3 next year. The training will be held on April 1 and 2.

Mary Jo Boyter, a teacher at the primary school, had a baby boy last night. Congratulations to her.

**Charles Oldham** – The next few days at Sopori will be busy. Tomorrow is the K-2 music program, Animals on Parade, at 6:30 in the MU Building. On Friday the kindergarten will present their annual production of The Wind Blows. It will be held at 8:30 and at 12:30. On Friday afternoon at 1:00 Sopori will have their annual kite day.

**Jay St. John** – The district received confirmation from the School Facilities Board that they do have the two appraisals on the property that has been donated to the school. The next step is environmental reports.

State legislature Marian McClure voted against house bill 2450, which would have eliminated the cost index on construction and it would have cost the district in the future on construction costs. Dr. St. John emailed her and thanked her for doing this.

House bill 2028 deals with unification. State Superintendent Tom Horne stated that he felt that this would affect the district, but there is an elementary district adjacent to the boundaries that is not a unified district.

Dr. St. John spoke with the elementary school principals; there is no way the swimming program can continue for all grades 1-5. With the agreement of the principals, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be eliminated.

Dr. St. John stated that on the web page, anyone could get the daily high school announcements. John Flannery and Scott Boone have been working together to accomplish this. Arrangements are being made for the middle school Jaguar Jaws announcements can be available once a week. There is also a link for the students and teachers who are in England at this time.

The application part of the search for a new principal has been completed. The district received twelve completed applications. All applicants are from the state of Arizona and their current salaries range from \$57,500.00 to \$102,000.00. Dr. St. John will be interviewing six applicants and screen them to top 2 or 3 and will have them return for another interview. Dr. St. John hopes to have a person by the April 14 Board meeting.

## **IX. Consent Agenda**

The superintendent recommended approval of those items on the Consent Agenda as it distributed. Mr. McGee made the motion and was seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried.

**A. Employment**

1. Thomas Ouellette, Change in Status from Substitute to Balance of Year Contract – SHS – Effective 02/16/04

**B. Resignations/Terminations/Separations**

1. June St. John, SMS, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Language Arts/Media Teacher – Retirement Effective End of 2004-2005 School Year
2. Linda Straightiff, Instructional Aide III, Project Inspire – Verbal Resignation Effective 02/19/04
3. Renee Samaniego, Grounds – Verbal Resignation Effective 02/06/04
4. Enrique Moreno, Maintenance – Retirement Effective 10/05/04
5. Edgar Diaz, Instructional Aide III, Project Inspire – Verbal Resignation Effective 03/22/04
6. Jerry Price, SHS, English III, Pre-AP Teacher – Retirement Effective End of 2004-2005 School Year.
7. Norma Mooneyham, Info Tech, Business Mgmt Teacher – SHS – Resignation Effective 05/20/04
8. Elise L. Hesser, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Sopori – Retirement Effective End of 2004-2005 School Year.

**C. Volunteers**

1. Sue Carroll – SPS – Effective 03/10/04

**D. Approval of Student Activity, Auxiliary and Revolving Fund Expenditures - January 2004**

**E. Gifts and Donations**

1. Arizona State Council of the Knights of Columbus - \$637.70 and \$544.08 – Project Inspire

**F. Extension of Service Program Contract with the Pima County School Superintendent for School to Work Program – Ratification to January 1, 2004**

**G. Revision of Job Descriptions & Reclassification**

1. Lead Groundskeeper
2. Lead Maintenance Technician
3. Lead Inventory Control Technician

**X. Board Communication - None**

**XI. Establish Next Board Meeting – April 14, 2004 District Auditorium**

**XII. Executive Session**

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Mrs. Hall moved the Board enter executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843 to hear the request of a student in the middle school Alternative to Suspension Program to return to 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. A roll call vote was taken with all members aye. The time was 8:02. The Board returned to regular session at 8:10 and adjourned the meeting.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. Mr. Lurkins made the motion and was seconded by Mr. McGee.

Respectfully,

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Clerk of the Board