

**Minutes**  
**Oracle School District**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2006, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Oracle Ridge Boardroom, Oracle, AZ**

**1. Call to Order**

Nellie Doran, board president, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. John Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Nellie Doran, Susan Beaman, Elizabeth Harmon, Patrick Schifano and Jack Walden. Also present were John Clark, Dawn Ruiz, Nannette Soule, Dennis Blauser, Carmen Trejo and those who signed the guest register.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve the agenda as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

**3. Communications and Call to the Public**

Elizabeth Harmon read the call to the public and Nellie Doran opened the floor for members of the public to address the board. No one addressed the board.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting July 14, 2006
- Special Meeting July 20, 2006

b. Ratification of Vouchers:

# 6052 Expense	\$ 20,500.48	Payroll # 1	\$ 9,845.87
# 6053 Expense	\$ 11,859.45	Payroll # 2	\$ 48,130.78
# 7001 Expense	\$ 25,681.48		

a. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of July

b. Approve Out of District Travel – B. Duarte – Heinfeld & Meech Surviving Student Attendance Audit, Monday August 14, 2006, Tucson, AZ

c. Approval to join 2005-2006 Pinal County Educational Service Agency Gifted Consortium

d. Approval of The Cooperative Purchasing Network - Pinal County Educational Service Agency – Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

e. SaddleBrooke Rotary Club Foundation - Request for Program Funding

Jack Walden moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Susan Beaman had a question regarding the letter about the gifted consortium. A copy of the letter was provided to the board. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **5. Second Reading and Adoption of Governing Board Policy BH-R – Board Communications – Guidelines for Use of Electronic Communications**

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded to amend Governing Board policy BH-R Board Communications and refer it to Donn Williams of ASBA before forwarding to Linda Good for approval. Discussion was held regarding the recommended changes Mr. Walden suggested.

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded to amend his motion to bring policy BH-R back for a third reading and to do the homework and try to come up with substitutes for censorship. Discussion was held. Jack Walden and Susan Beaman in favor, Nellie Doran, Elizabeth Harmon and Patrick Schifano opposed, motion failed.

Vote taken on original motion to amend policy with recommended changes that Mr. Walden recommended and send for review. Jack Walden in favor, Nellie Doran, Susan Beaman, Elizabeth Harmon and Patrick Schifano opposed, motion failed. Discussion continued with suggested changes to the policy including changing the word “may” to “shall” in the first bullet (at the bottom of page 1) of the presented policy BH-R.

Susan Beaman moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded to approve policy BH-R with a change to the first bulleted paragraph to change the word “may” to “shall”. Discussion was held, vote taken, all opposed, motion failed.

Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of policy BH-R Board Communications-Guidelines for Use of Electronic Communications as presented in the board packet, Susan Beaman, Nellie Doran, Elizabeth Harmon and Patrick Schifano in favor, Jack Walden abstained, motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **6. Approval of 2006-2007 Extra-Curricular/Extra Duty Salary Schedule**

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the 2006-2007 Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule as presented. Mr. Clark noted the addition of the stipends that have been previously approved by the board. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

#### **7. Approval of Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule 2006-2007**

Patrick Schifano moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve the Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule for 2006-2007. Mr. Clark noted that this is an increase of \$10.00 an hour and this will allow the district to be more competitive for substitutes. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**8. Presentation & Approval of School Handbooks**

Patrick Schifano moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the handbooks for Oracle Ridge and Mountain Vista School. Discussion was held and corrections will be made as noted on the next printing of the handbooks. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**9. Extension of High School Advisory Committee into 2006-2007**

Jack Walden moved that the Governing Board not approve extending the High School Advisory Committee through the 2006-2007 school year. No second.

Patrick Schifano moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve extending the High School Advisory Committee into 2006-2007 school year.

Discussion was held and Mr. Clark reminded the board that the committee was an advisory committee and they have not completed the task presented them from the board. The committee may last, with board approval, as long as it takes to make their recommendation to the board.

Vote taken, Susan Beaman, Nellie Doran, Elizabeth Harmon and Patrick Schifano in favor, Jack Walden opposed, motion carried.

Mrs. Doran called for a break at 7:30 p.m., the meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

**10. Approval for Payment of Classified Staff Professional Development**

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the payment of classified staff professional development. Mr. Clark thanked the board for their support of classified staff professional development. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**11. Personnel**

- a. Elizabeth Harmon moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the following 2006 – 2007 Substitute Teachers: Elaine Fagan, Laura Reinhert-Helfrich, Ellie Read, Marianne Moeseh, Gus Frye, Charles Quinn, Verdean Smith and Judy Kennedy

Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded to amend the motion to approve Verdean Smith as an Emergency Substitute, as listed on her certificate, with all others listed as in original motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Vote taken on original amended motion, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Elizabeth Harmon moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the employment of teacher – Janet Martin, all in favor motion carried.
- c. Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the employment of Paraprofessionals – Mechelle Egan Level 1, Step 6 - 32.5 hours a week, Erika Estrada Level 1, Step 1 – 20 hours a week, and Leeann Marrero Level 2, Step 4 – 12 hours a week, all in favor, motion carried.

- d. Patrick Schifano moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the change of status of Otilia Baeza, to full time due to the combination of custodial and food service positions (20 hours each) for 2006-07, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. Susan Beaman moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve the employment of Bus Driver (s) Part-time bus driver Theresa Throop Level 4, Step 4; and Probationary (full-time) Greg Spencer Level 4, Step 1, all in favor, motion carried.
- f. Jack Walden moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve 21<sup>st</sup> Century Administrative Contract Addendum of \$3,000.00 for Dennis Blauser for additional duties, Nellie Doran, Elizabeth Harmon, Patrick Schifano and Jack Walden in favor, Susan Beaman abstained, motion carried.
- g. Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the Pre-Advanced Placement Stipends of \$2,000.00 each for Michelle Gagnon, Lisa Villanueva, Joanna Soule, Allison Hendrix, Dale Tom, and Evelyn Spitzer, all in favor, motion carried.
- h. Susan Beaman moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board extend the Medical Leave of Absence for Manuel Sanchez from August 6, 2006 through September 15, 2006. Mr. Clark recommended the board approve the extension as requested in the letter submitted by Mr. Sanchez. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

## **12. Principal Report**

Mr. Blauser reported on the following items:

- a. AIMS Test Scores – a summary of the scores was passed out. Mr. Blauser discussed the strategies that will be used to raise reading scores.
- b. Start of School – August 2, all the staff will be back to work, and on August 3, the students will start. All teachers are ready and excited to get the new school year started.

## **13. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Clark reported on the following items:

Bus Schedules are being finalized. With new Junior High start time more bus runs will be necessary.

Start of School – Mr. Clark invited board members to attend the district welcome back breakfast and in-service tomorrow at 8:00 am, and also encouraged the attendance of board members to the Mountain Vista Luau.

Emergency Response Committee – Mr. Clark stated the committee would be meeting soon to review procedures. He also stated the district staff is aware of the lockdown procedures and the type of situation that would call for a lockdown.

14. **Board Report** – no board report this month.

15. **Future Meeting Dates & Topics:**

Regular Board Meeting September 5, 2006 – Oracle Ridge Boardroom; Set date for Workshop for District Goals (it was determined this could be an item during a regular board meeting). Special Meeting to complete Governing Board Handbook to be scheduled/discussed at the next regular meeting.

Future topics: report on strategies for improving academic areas, attorney issues, office staffing.

16. **Meeting Evaluation**

Board members were all in agreement that generally speaking the meeting went well.

17. **Adjournment**

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

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