

MINUTES
Oracle School District
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2006 6:30 p.m.
Oracle Ridge Boardroom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board president Nellie Doran at 6:30 p.m. John Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Superintendent John Clark recognized the service of outgoing board members Nellie Doran and Patrick Schifano and presented them with plaques in appreciation of their service to the Oracle School District. Board members and all in attendance applauded and wished the outgoing board members well.

4. Induction of Elected Board Members

Mr. Walden moved to table this item and to line out the word induction and use “swearing in” instead. Susan Beaman seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

5. 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.

Marney Fairbanks, PTO parent, addressed the board regarding item 14 and let the board know the PTO would be having their holiday store set up next week and if the special meeting (currently scheduled for December 8) for the Superintendent evaluation was rescheduled to one of those days it may cause some difficulties with setting up the holiday store at Oracle Ridge.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. Regular Meeting November 7, 2006
- b. Ratification of Vouchers:

# 7022 Expense	\$ 46,267.64	Payroll # 13	\$ 116,864.70
# 7023 Expense	\$ 26,949.89	Payroll # 14	\$ 105,522.33
		Payroll # 15	\$ 4,057.20
- c. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of November
- d. Approval to enter into agreement with the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind
- e. Approve/Ratify Out of District Travel
 - Nannette Soule - November 9, 2006 Arizona Academic Scholars Pinal County Kickoff – Central Arizona College, Coolidge, AZ
 - Joanna Soule, Janet Martin, Dale Tom, Alli Hendrix, Elvelyn Spitzer, Lisa Villanueva, Michele Gagnon – November 18, 2006 – Advanced Placement Competency Symposium, Tucson, AZ
 - Nannette Soule, Joanna Soule, Lisa Villanueva, Michele Gagnon – December 8 & 9, 2006 - AP English & Social Studies Vertical Team Training, Tucson, AZ
 - Linda Middaugh - November 17, 2006, January 17, 2007 and April 27, 2007 Pinal County Educational Service Agency Workshops – Learning about counseling techniques with children.
 - Kathy Brown Dec 1 & 2, 2006, SEI-45 Training – Phoenix, AZ
- f. Donations: Items donated by Project Catapult for the Mountain Vista Math Lab: 4 new color laser printers, 6 AM scanners, and 300 sets of multiplication flash cards.
 - Tax Credit Donations Received through November 21, 2006 \$16,750.00

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

7. Second Reading and Possible Adoption of Policies

- DJE – Bidding/Purchasing Procedures
- EB – Environmental and Safety Program
- JLIF, JLIF-R and JLIF-E – Sex Offender Notification

Susan Beaman suggested starting with discussion of policy JLIF first, as that policy will affect the other two policies. All were in agreement to start with JLIF. Mr. Clark explained the purpose for the policy and stated he felt each option should be looked at closely and considered for adoption.

Mrs. Beaman stated she had called the county attorney to get more information on the policies. She stated Linda Good explained to her there is already something in the law to handle the policy items. Mrs. Beaman stated she would like a better analysis of the policy from the attorney. Mr. Schifano asked if it was possible to delay the adoption of the policies and have legal counsel come and answer questions regarding the policy. Mrs. Harmon expressed her opinion that some type of policy is still necessary to give guidance to the district regarding what action is to be taken when information is received from law agencies regarding sexual predators.

Patrick Schifano moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board postpone action on the recommended policies JLIF, EB, and DJE, until additional information from attorney is obtained, all in favor, motion carried.

8. Second Reading and Possible Adoption of Governing Board Handbook

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of the presented handbook (with the addition of the Governing Board ethics), subject to review by the attorney. Discussion was held and board members expressed their appreciation of the work Mrs. Beaman did on the handbook. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business

9. Approval of Capital Purchases

- a. Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the following capital purchase: Smart Boards (4) W/Unifi Projectors (4) \$ 18,643.42 from State Contract Vendor – CCS Presentation Systems. Mr. Clark and Mr. Blausner commented on how this technology can be used. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Elizabeth Harmon moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the Playground Upgrade Project purchases as follows: New Playground Equipment for Mountain Vista \$ 16,711.87 from Mohave Vendor – Dave bang, assoc. inc., 24ft x 28ft Sun Shade \$ 8,177.00 from Mohave Vendor – SunPorts, A Division of Shade America, Inc, and Tables, Benches and Garbage Cans \$ 8,472.17 from Mohave Vendor – Dave bang, assoc. inc. Mr. Clark discussed the playground equipment and disposal of old equipment and the administration's desire to continue working on improvement of the district's facilities. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Nellie Doran called for a break at 7:44 p.m. the meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

- 10.** Susan Beaman moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board take from the table item #4 – **Swearing in of Elected Board Members**, all in favor, motion carried.

Attesting Officer Board President, Nellie Doran, swore in newly elected board member Mike Carran. Mr. Carran will begin his term on January 1, 2007.

11. Discussion and possible authorization to request a legal opinion concerning the applicability of ARS 41-1276(I), Truth in taxation levy for equalization assistance to school districts to Oracle School District #2

Mr. Walden requested informal discussion of this item. Board members agreed. Mr. Walden distributed a copy of ARS 41-1276(I) along with a copy of email correspondence between himself and Chris Thomas of ASBA. Discussion was held and some board members expressed their confusion regarding this item.

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board postpone this item until the board has supporting documentation, Susan Beaman, Patrick Schifano and Jack Walden in favor, Elizabeth Harmon opposed and Nellie Doran abstained. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and possible action on the procedure and methodology of calling substitute teachers

Mr. Walden requested preliminary discussion of this item, agreed to by board members. Mr. Walden recommended postponing and discussing this item in executive session. Mrs. Beaman made a point of order and referred to the agenda item that it is not an executive session item, as it deals with “position” not “employee(s)”.

Mr. Clark offered to go over the district’s current procedure for calling substitutes, as outlined in the board handout.

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board have discussion and possible action on the procedure and methodology of calling substitute teachers. Mr. Clark explained the process. Mr. Walden asked if the district kept track of who is called the most and if any substitutes are not called. Mr. Clark stated that is not a report that district does.

A call for the vote was requested.

Jack Walden moved to amend the motion to have a study/work session, there was no second. Vote on original motion, Jack Walden in favor, Elizabeth Harmon and Nellie Doran opposed and Susan Beaman and Patrick Schifano abstained. Motion failed.

13. Personnel

- a. Patrick Schifano moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the Extra-curricular contracts for Suzanne Smith Cheer Coach-Basketball and Julie McHenry – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Elizabeth Harmon moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve Erika Estrada Part-time - School Office Clerk/Child Care Billing, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve Bonnielee Walsh - 21st Century Instructor, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. Patrick Schifano moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the Change of Status – Greg Spencer – from fulltime to part-time and Dieter Schirramacher – from substitute to part-time, all in favor, motion carried.

14. Designation of Board Delegate for Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Delegate Assembly on Thursday, December 14, 2006

Jack Walden moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board designate Susan Beaman as the delegate and Elizabeth Harmon as the alternate for the ASBA Delegate Assembly on Thursday, December 14, 2006, all in favor, motion carried.

15. Discussion and possible action regarding meeting date for Superintendent Evaluation

Informal discussion was held. Board members expressed their ideas and opinions on changing the date of the superintendent's evaluation and determined the meeting would remain scheduled for December 8, 2006.

16. Approval of Board Members attendance to ASBA Board Operations & Leadership Training Seminar (BOLTS), January 17, 2007, Tucson, AZ

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve all board members who wish to attend the seminar, all in favor, motion carried. The administrative assistant will contact board members prior to the registration deadline to determine who will be attending.

17. Discussion and possible action regarding Board Member(s) Attendance to National School Boards Association 67th Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA – April 14-17, 2007.

Discussion was held regarding the value of a national conference and what can be obtained from attending.

Jack Walden moved and Nellie Doran seconded that the Governing Board postpone acting on this item until January, all in favor, motion carried.

18. Principal Report

Mr. Blauser reported on current events at Mountain Vista, stating the Holiday program is scheduled for December 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

He also reported on the full-fledged mentoring program at Mountain Vista, in which the older students are paired with younger students whom they meet with on a regular basis and mentor.

A field trip to a homeless shelter will take place on Friday.

19. Superintendent Report

Mr. Clark reported on current events at Oracle Ridge. He also reported on the tax credit efforts and the district's goal for receiving tax credit donation for the year.

Referred to letter regarding lawsuit and the trust's handling of such. He stated he will continue to keep the board updated as he has information.

Teacher observations/evaluations are taking place – seeing high quality instruction taking place and continuity of high moral amongst staff.

20. Board Report

Nellie Doran reported she had attended a PTO meeting and enjoyed seeing how energetic and creative the PTO members are.

21. Future Meeting Dates & Topics

Organization of Governing Board and Regular Board Meeting, January 9, 2007
Special Meeting December 8, 2006 – Superintendent Evaluation
Future topics: Purchase of bus. Jack Walden asked for an executive session with the attorney regarding the lawsuit.

22. Meeting Evaluation

Board members commented the meeting had gone relatively well, fine, a little lengthy, good discussion.

23. Adjournment

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

Board Member

Board Clerk

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved on _____