

**MINUTES**  
**Governing Board Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 13, 2007 6:30 p.m.**  
**Oracle Ridge Boardroom**

**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Harmon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Walden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Mrs. Susan Beaman, Dr. Boyd Bosma, Mr. Mike Carran, Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon and Mr. Jack Walden, also present were Mr. John Clark, Mr. Dennis Blauser, Mrs. Nanette Soule, Mrs. Carmen Trejo and those who signed the guest register.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve the agenda as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

**3. Recognitions – Spelling Bee Winners**

Mr. Blauser recognized spelling bee winners Allan Chavez, Peter Schwartz, Heather McRae and alternate Fernanda Chavez. These students will be competing on the county level in on Friday, February 16, 2007.

Mr. Blauser also presented Cougar Pride Shirts and pins to Governing Board members.

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

Mrs. Harmon read the call to the public and opened the floor for members of the public to address the board.

Genelle Day, parent of Mountain Vista student, addressed the board and told the board of the actions of a district bus driver, staff members and volunteer parents who were witnesses to a car accident today on the way home from a field trip. The bus driver stopped the bus and called for help and they administered first aid until the paramedics arrived. Mrs. Day wanted the board to be aware of the exceptional staff of the district.

Nellie Doran, member of the community, read a prepared statement giving input to the board members based on her experience as a previous board member and board president. (Statement attached as part of the record per request of board member)

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. Organizational and Regular Meeting January 9, 2006 – (removed from consent agenda per motion below)

b. Ratification of Vouchers:

# 7027 Expense	\$ 75,593.72	Payroll # 19	\$ 93,938.70
# 7028 Expense	\$ 17,767.95	Payroll # 20	\$ 103,199.31

- # 7029 Expense \$ 43,538.55          Payroll # 21 \$ 103,162.71
- # 7030 Expense \$ 37,502.65
- # 7031 Expense \$ 5,126.18
- c. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of January
- d. Ratification and Approval of Out of District travel:
  - John Clark and Carmen Trejo – Arizona School Boards Association – BOLTS Seminar January 17, 2007, Tucson, AZ
  - Carmen Trejo – Pinal County Administrative Assistants Meeting – January 24, 2007, Florence, AZ
- e. Approval of E-Rate Funding Commitment Year 2006
- f. Ratification of payment of professional development for district staff for the Spring 2007 semester

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve the consent agenda with the removal of January 9, 2007 minutes, all in favor.

**Discussion/Approval of January 9, 2007 minutes**

Mrs. Beaman asked for “item tabled” and the notation “tabled per implied consent” be removed from page 2, item #3 Election of the Clerk, there were no objections. Mr. Bosma mentioned his intent in regards to item #13 Academic Director’s Report-Grants Update and he also asked the wording on page 8 second paragraph that starts with “Discussion was held ..... be changed to strike out “the board agreed it was not an appropriate agenda item” and use the words, “topic was withdrawn”. There were no objections.

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board accept the minutes with the 2 item corrections as listed above, all in favor motion carried.

**Old Business**

**6. Election of Board President**

Mrs. Harmon opened the floor for nominations for board president.

Mr. Walden nominated and Dr. Bosma seconded, Dr. Boyd Bosma for president.

Mr. Carran nominated and Mrs. Harmon seconded, Mrs. Harmon for president.

Mr. Carran expressed his thoughts on having a member of the Oracle community elected as president.

Discussion was held which included Mrs. Harmon and Dr. Bosma stating their reasons for wanting to fill the board president position.

Vote taken, Mr. Walden and Dr. Bosma for Dr. Bosma.

Mr. Carran and Mrs. Harmon for Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Beaman abstained.

Discussion was held and Mrs. Beaman suggested looking at other alternatives

Mr. Walden nominated Dr. Bosma for president and Mrs. Beaman for co-president. (there was no second to the motion)

Mr. Carran asked how that would work, and much discussion was held regarding clerk position vs. co-president position. Mr. Walden referenced the statute regarding election of president and governance of board.

Mr. Clark referenced the information from Mr. Harris, Deputy County Attorney, regarding the similar situation at another school district. Mr. Clark stated his recommendation to the board to continue with Mrs. Harmon as president and schedule a meeting for organization of the board with the board's attorney at a future meeting.

Mrs. Harmon asked for clarification regarding Mrs. Beaman,s suggestion.

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board explore other alternatives for board president and clerk.

Alternatives were suggested such as rotating the board presidency, splitting 6 months each, co-president, etc.

Mrs. Beaman noted the board may have to exercise policy BGF – Suspension/Repeal of Policy and discussion was held regarding the policy.

Board members continued discussion on other alternatives and together formulated an alternative solution to handle the board president position, until a president can be elected.

Subject to approval by the board's attorney, Mrs. Beaman moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that until the impasse is resolved to temporarily suspend the policies related to the duties of the Board president under the authority of policy BGF and move that the board appoint Mrs. Harmon and Dr. Bosma to serve as temporary alternating Board Presidents and to jointly consult with the superintendent for all meeting agendas.

Discussion was held and it was suggested (and there were no objections) Mrs. Harmon will continue to chair this meeting and Dr. Bosma will preside over the next (March) meeting and the board will to continue to have an election of president and clerk at each meeting until the impasse is resolved.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

#### **7. Election of Board Clerk**

Dr. Bosma moved and Mrs. Beaman seconded that the person who is not serving as the (temporary) president at the meeting will serve as the (temporary) clerk, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, Mr. Carran and Mr. Walden in favor, Mrs. Harmon opposed, motion carried.

Mrs. Harmon called for a break at 7:55 p.m., the meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m.

#### **8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Open Meeting Law Training**

Discussion was held and board members expressed their thoughts and suggested time frame and available dates for having additional training and made suggestions as to who could present the training. Mr. Clark suggested he could contact Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) and report information back to the board on possible dates ASBA is available.

#### **9. Discuss Superintendent's 2006 Evaluation conducted in November of 2006**

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board discuss whether or not the board should consider a follow up on the superintendent's evaluation.

Discussion was held and board members Mrs. Harmon and Mr. Carran asked for clarification as to what is meant by follow up? Mr. Walden presented his reasoning for wanting follow up. Dr. Bosma also expressed his reasons for wanting the board to consider additional follow up. Mr. Clark also spoke and gave his input to the item stating he feels his evaluation was completed.

Board members continued to discuss the item and were not all in agreement that additional follow up is needed. Dr. Bosma and Mrs. Beaman brought up points of order during the discussion.

Susan Beaman moved to close the debate, Mrs. Beaman, Mrs. Harmon, and Mr. Carran in favor, Mr. Walden was opposed and Mr. Bosma abstained, motion carried.

#### **10. Discussion/possible action on continuing status of Board Approved High School Advisory Committee**

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mike Carran seconded to accept the resignations of Mike Carran, Ed Nordstrom, Gina Voita and Verdean Smith and approve the attendance of five members to be present and continue the High School Advisory Committee meetings to complete the tasks requested from the board.

Dr. Bosma made a substitute motion that the entire issue will be postponed until the board has an opportunity to hear a report on progress by the chairman of the high school committee and with the opportunity for full discussion by the board. Mike Carran seconded the motion.

A detailed lengthy discussion was held with board members expressing their thoughts on the motions above. Mrs. Beaman explained she had researched her information and found out an advisory committee does not require a quorum be present for the meetings, and that the board can specify the number they require for the committee meetings. It was suggested the question regarding the quorum issue be referred to Mr. Harris.

Vote taken on substitute motion, Mr. Walden and Dr. Bosma in favor, Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Beaman and Mr. Carran opposed, motion failed.

Consideration of the original motion of Mrs. Beaman as addressed.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to amend the motion to drop all the words after accepting the resignations of those people.

Discussion was held and Mr. Walden stated a legal opinion should be received. Mrs. Beaman stated she had already done that. Further discussion was held regarding the high school committee's report to the board. Mr. Walden asked that the opinion received from legal counsel regarding less than a quorum meeting at an advisory meeting, that was given to Mrs. Beaman be given in writing for the whole board.

Mrs. Beaman moved to amend her motion to include pending attorney approval of the 5-member attendance and adding a report from the chair. The new amended motion: Mrs. Beaman moved and

Mike Carran seconded to accept the resignations of Mike Carran, Ed Nordstrom, Gina Voita and Verdean Smith and approve the attendance of five members to be present, pending attorney approval and continue the High School Advisory Committee meetings to complete the tasks requested from the board and have the chair of the high school committee give a report at the March meeting with opportunity for full discussion from the board, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the length of the meeting and the possibility of continuing/completing the meeting at a future date. Mrs. Harmon suggested getting through the “old business” on the agenda first and then considering adjourning and completing the meeting at a future date.

**11. Fourth Reading and Possible Adoption of Policies:**

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

Dr. Bosma asked if there have been any changes to the policies since the last viewing, Mr. Clark stated there were none, and that he had received many verbal and some written comments from staff as included in the board packet.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded to adopt the policies listed above as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

(The board considered adjourning at this time but decided to address item #18 first)

**12. Approval of Board Member attendance to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) /Arizona Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) Legislative Workshop Wednesday February 21, 2007, in Phoenix, AZ and ASBA Legal Seminar, March 24, 2007 in Tucson, AZ (#18 on posted agenda)**

Mrs. Beaman moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to approve attendance of board members to the workshop and seminar above, all in favor, motion carried. Board members will notify Mrs. Trejo of their ability/desire to attend.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. and continue this meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

(On Wednesday, February 14, the meeting date was changed to Monday, February 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.)

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Minutes (for Items 1-11 and 18) of February 13, 2007 approved on \_\_\_\_\_