

MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
Continuance of
Oracle School District Governing Board Regular Meeting
Of
Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Harmon, Board members present were Mrs. Susan Beaman, Dr. Boyd Bosma, Mr. Mike Carran, Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon and Mr. Jack Walden.

Ratification of Date for Continuation Meeting

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board ratify the new continuation meeting date changing it from Tuesday, February 20, 2007 to Monday, February 19, 2007, all in favor motion carried.

New Business

1. First Reading of proposed amendment(s) to Policies:

BBAA-Board Member Authority and Responsibilities

BEDBA – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board accept the first reading of policies BBAA-Board Member Authority and Responsibilities BEDBA – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination with the changes as presented.

Mr. Walden read a statement stating his reasoning for recommending the changes to the two policies and asking the board to support the changes.

Discussion was held regarding the language of the current policy and the changes being recommended. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Harmon expressed their concerns with the recommended language. Mrs. Beaman presented policies from other districts for the board to review as samples of what other district policies say.

Vote taken, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma and Mr. Walden in favor, Mrs. Harmon opposed, Mr. Carran abstained, motion carried.

2. Update of School Facilities Board response to Oracle School District's Capital Plan Information

Mr. Clark reported the School Facilities Board will recommend removing the conceptual school for the Oracle School District at their March meeting, as the enrollment projections do not support the conceptual school plan at this time. Mr. Clark gave a brief explanation of the process by which the SFB determines the need for new schools and answered the board member's questions.

3. Report - Auditor General response to FY 2005-2006 Audit and Uniform System of Financial Records (USFR) Compliance Report

Mrs. Ruiz, Business Manager, explained the Auditor General letter and informed the board that procedures were reviewed and improved to assure strong internal controls.

4. Approval of new position – Paraprofessional – Special Education Behavior Coach

Mr. Clark recommended the board approve a new paraprofessional –Special Education Behavior Coach, 10 month, full-time with benefits position.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mrs. Beaman seconded to approve the position as recommended, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action for board to task the Superintendent to request from the Attorney General 's (AG's) office a 'Satisfaction of Compliance' acknowledgement of the Open Meeting Law (OML) Consent Agreement between the AG's office and O.E.S.D. #2, which was signed on January 10, 2006.

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board have discussion and possible action for board to task the Superintendent to request from the Attorney General 's (AG's) office a 'Satisfaction of Compliance' acknowledgement of the Open Meeting Law (OML) Consent Agreement between the AG's office and O.E.S.D. #2, which was signed on January 10, 2006.

Discussion was held and it was clarified that the current motion was for discussion and possible action. Mr. Walden then made the following motion.

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board task the Superintendent to request from the Attorney General 's (AG's) office a 'Satisfaction of Compliance' acknowledgement of the Open Meeting Law (OML) Consent Agreement between the AG's office and O.E.S.D. #2, which was signed on January 10, 2006.

Discussion was held and Mr. Carran read a portion of the document from Mr. Harris regarding this item. Board members expressed their opinions regarding the item. Both Mrs. Beaman and Mrs. Harmon felt the action was not necessary.

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

6. Personnel

- a. Mr. Walden moved and Mrs. Beaman seconded that the Governing Board accept the resignation of Kelly Hatfield – Title I Aide, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board approve extra-curricular duties of Yearbook Sponsor – Geri Benavidez to be paid at an hourly rate of \$11.99, not to exceed a total of \$675.00.

Discussion was held and there was concern that the hourly rate noted on the board sheet may not be the 2006-2007 figure. Mr. Clark will verify the hourly rate and make sure the employee is compensated at the correct rate. (Research was done and the correct rate for 2006-2007 is \$12.70 per hour not to exceed \$750.00)

7. **Principal Report**

Mr. Clark reported Mountain Vista will be offering an intercession program for students needing additional help.

8. **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Clark reported on the following items:

- a. County Attorney approval of Classroom Site Fund Plan for submission to Arizona Department of Education - The final document was reviewed by Pinal County Deputy Attorney Ron Harris and response from Mr. Harris is in board packet. The plan has been submitted to Arizona Department of Education.
- b. District Office Staffing – Mr. Clark went over the staffing sheet that was presented in packet.
- c. Information regarding tax rate if district becomes unified – Mrs. Ruiz assisted Mr. Clark in presenting information on this topic and referred to the sheet she compiled that was in the board packet. Mrs. Ruiz reminded the board that there are many unknown variables that could affect the future tax rate, and that the Governing Board would have options as far as approving/disapproving additional adjacent ways funding etc.
Dr. Bosma had questions regarding the information and initiated discussion of the item. Mr. Clark reminded board members that this was a report item and he advised against going into proactive discussion on this item. Dr. Bosma stated he felt it was an adequate time to discuss and that he had checked with the district's counsel and received verification that it was okay to discuss the item since it was listed on the agenda. Mrs. Ruiz restated that the Governing Board would have a say in determining approval of additional adjacent ways or excess utilities funds that may affect a future tax rate.
- d. Review of policy DDA - Funding Sources Outside the School System – Mr. Clark reported he would like the board to review and this policy and have further discussion as an agenda item in the future to clarify and give guidance regarding the policy to the administration. He went over the different types of grants the district receives explaining the difference between “entitlement” and “other” grants.
- e. 100th day enrollment – there is a 28.5 student enrollment increase which will result in additional funding for the 2006-2007 school year. The current Mountain Vista 100 day ADM is 364 and at Oracle Ridge it is 33.5. The actual student numbers for Oracle Ridge are 55 kindergarteners, 38 three year olds and 32 four year olds.
- f. District Override Information on Calendar of Events to prepare for Override Election – this information has been included for the board to be aware of the calendar of

events necessary in preparing for an override election. Mr. Clark stated the county office has recommended districts do election up to a year ahead of time, before funding begins to decrease.

9. Board Report

- a. Arizona School Boards Association Board Operations and Leadership Training Seminar (BOLTS)

Board members reported they thought the BOLTS workshop was helpful.

10. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:

Agenda setting meeting with Superintendent and Board President(s) – Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

March Regular Meeting March 6, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Oracle Ridge Board Room.

Budget Workshop – last week of March – date to be finalized at the March regular board meeting.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board place policy CBI and CBI-E Evaluation of Superintendent on the agenda at the next regular meeting for possible ratification as necessary.

Dr. Bosma also suggested having a review of the Superintendent's Contract and review of policy CBI and what it requires.

Dr. Bosma suggested the board have a special meeting to begin reviewing the Section "B" policies of the Governing Board policies.

Mr. Clark referred to the Board, Staff Community Forum as discussed/requested at previous board meetings. Discussion was held with some board members expressing their desire to do a special meeting regarding policies first. Mr. Clark gave more details regarding a board/staff forum and stated he would bring possible dates for a forum to the March meeting.

March 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. was suggested and agreed to for a special meeting to review the Section B policies.

Mr. Walden moved that the board take the advice of our school attorney Ron Harris and task the Superintendent to provide time for the Business Manager, Mrs. Ruiz, to interface with Tonya Taylor of the Pinal County School Office, to answer the question: "Will the tax rate set forth in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 41-1276I change if Oracle School District becomes a Unified School District?"

Mr. Clark stated the question had been answered at tonight's meeting.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board take the advice of policy services advisories 281, 282, and 283 and discuss policies per advisories.

Discussion was held with Mr. Clark stating these items are already scheduled to be on a future agenda. The motion was withdrawn

Mr. Walden moved that the Governing Board schedule for discussion and possible action an agenda item on the Superintendent's contract and review of his evaluation materials or I move that the Governing Board place on the next agenda policy CBI and CBI-E for possible ratification or amendment. Dr. Bosma seconded.

Mr. Walden stated he thought this was something he feels needs to be followed up on. Mr. Carran asked if this meant Mr. Walden wanted to revisit the superintendent evaluation that was already done. Mr. Walden stated it did not, and that what he moved was to place on the next agenda policy CBI and CBI-E for possible ratification or amendment. There was clarification that Dr. Bosma had made the same motion previously and his motion has not been acted on.

Vote on motion by Dr. Bosma regarding placing CBI and CBI-E policies on the March agenda, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, Mr. Carran, and Mr. Walden in favor, Mrs. Harmon abstained, motion carried.

11. Meeting Evaluation

Board members gave input regarding the meeting – meeting went well, encouraged by the board working together.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

Board Member

Board Clerk

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved on _____