

MINUTES

**Oracle School District
Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday May 8, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
Oracle Ridge Boardroom Oracle, AZ**

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Susan Beaman called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Mr. Blausner 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 Blausner Mrs. Dawn Ruiz, Mrs. Nannette Soule, Mr. Ron Harris, Mrs. Carmen Trejo and those who signed the guest register.

Mr. Clark made a statement to notify the public of the cancellation of the Public Hearing on the Revised 2006-2007 School District Budget which had been scheduled for May 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. He advised those in attendance that the public hearing would be held on Monday, May 14, 2007.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon moved and Mr. Mike Carran seconded to approve the agenda, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Communications and Call to the Public

Dr. Bosma read the call to the public and Mrs. Beaman opened the floor for members of the public to address the board.

Genelle Day, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) member addressed the board and reminded the board of the Staff Appreciation Dinner scheduled for May 11, and expressed her hope that board members would be able to attend. She also recognized the board and presented members with a bag of chocolates as a token of appreciation from the PTO.

Gayle Carnes, San Manuel Miner reporter, stated this would most likely be her last Oracle board meeting as the newspaper is being passed on to their children. She expressed the enjoyment she has had in covering the school district's news.

Nellie Doran, community member, read a prepared statement expressing her opinions regarding recent actions of the board.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting April 10, 2007

Special Meeting April 23, 2007

Special Meeting April 30, 2007

- b. Ratification of Vouchers:
 - #7038 Expense \$ 58,387.77
 - #7039 Expense \$ 25,136.52
 - #7040 Expense \$ 11,967.31
 - #7041 Expense \$ 2,429.26
 - #7042 Expense \$ 7,403.96
 - #27 Payroll 130,822.72
 - #28 Payroll 114,773.01
- c. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of April
- d. Approval/Ratification of out of District Travel: Nannette Soule – May 4, 2007 Math Science Partnership Grant Workshop, Tucson, AZ
Theresa Rodriquez and Juleen Poskey, Mesa, AZ June 27-28, 2007 BEHR Kindergarten Conference
- e. Authorization of Completion/Signatures of General Statement of Assurance (GSA) for 2007 – 2008
- f. Approval to Continue Membership in the Pinal County Gifted Consortium for 2007/2008
- g. Approval of Renewal Service Agreement Contract for the Medicaid Direct Service Claiming Program for 2007-2008 fiscal year
- h. Approval of Revised Cooperative Purchase Agreement for Mohave Educational Services Cooperative
- i. Approval to Renew Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Policy Services Subscription Agreement through 2011

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board remove all the minutes from the consent agenda and approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Mrs. Beaman requested to also remove item i – Approval to Renew ASBA Policy Service Subscription Agreement through 2011 and Dr. Bosma requested the removal of item e – Authorization of Completion Signatures of General Statement of Assurance for 2007-2008, board members agreed to remove the items. Vote taken, all in favor of approval of consent agenda with the exception of removed items.

Discussion/Action of removed Consent agenda items.

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board approve the April 10, 2007 minutes without the attachment of written comments (prepared statements) from the members of the public who addressed the board during the call to the public. Discussion was held and requirements of meeting minutes were discussed. Vote taken, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, Mr. Carran and Mr. Walden in favor, Mrs. Harmon opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the Governing Board approve the April 23, 2007 minutes as presented. Discussion was held. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Regarding the April 30, 2007 minutes Mr. Walden asked for clarification regarding his motion that was not seconded and the discussion that followed the motion. Mrs. Beaman explained the situation. Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to approve the April 30, 2007 minutes as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

General Statement of Assurance (GSA)

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to authorize the General Statement of Assurance with a signature by the Board President. Discussion was held and Dr. Bosma stated why he believed the Board President should be the authorized signer. Mr. Clark explained his responsibility in signed the GSA.

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

Mrs. Harmon moved to approve the GSA for submission as recommended. Dr. Bosma amended the motion to include the Board President as a signer, Jack Walden seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval to Renew Arizona School Boards Association ASBA Policy Services Subscription Agreement through 2011

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve to renew ASBA Policy Services Subscription Agreement through 2011 and for community to have Internet access to Oracle School District Policy Manual. Discussion was held. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business

5. Approval of Revised 2006-2007 Oracle School District Expenditure Budget

Information for preparation for the Public Hearing and approval to take place on May 14, 2007 was distributed to board members.

6. First Reading and discussion of Policy DDA-R Funding Sources Outside the School System

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to accept the proposed regulation DDA-R Funding Sources Outside the School System as presented for a first reading. Discussion was held, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion/possible action concerning Professional Development Calendar

Marlene Godbout, Mountain Vista teacher, presented information on the Professional Development Calendar.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mrs. Beaman seconded to approve the professional development calendar and commend the staff that developed it. Discussion was held, all in favor, motion carried.

8. Discussion/possible action of New Certified Teacher Contract Language

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board approve the certified teacher contract language as presented.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to postpone action on this item, as it is a very complicated document/issue. Discussion was held and the urgency of approval was noted.

Dr. Bosma withdrew his motion.

Vote taken on original motion to approve contract language as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Discussion/possible action of Additional Life Insurance Benefits for 2007-2008

Mr. Clark presented information regarding the life insurance benefit and recommended the board approve the term life insurance benefit.

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve the term life insurance benefit of \$25,000.00 for full-time and part-time employees through ASBAIT as recommended, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Discussion/possible action of Staffing Changes for 2007/2008

a. Creation of new position of Assistant Principal

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Walden seconded to table this item. Vote taken, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, and Mr. Walden in favor, Mrs. Harmon and Mr. Carran opposed, motion carried.

b. Technology Assistant – to full time

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to not approve the change to Technology Assistant to full time. Discussion was held and it was clarified that the district office clerk position would also be requested to be a full time position. Mr. Walden withdrew his motion. Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the change to the Technology Assistant to a full time position, all in favor, motion carried.

c. District Office Clerk to full time; Oracle Ridge Secretary/Childcare to full time; Additional ½ day for School Psychologist

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the requested changes to positions as follows: District Office Clerk to full time; Oracle Ridge Secretary/Childcare to full time; Additional ½ day for School Psychologist, all in favor, motion carried.

d. Creation of new Teaching position -ELL/Intervention Specialist Combination

Discussion regarding job description for position was held. Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to table this item, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Discussion/possible action of the following Personnel Matters

a. Approval of ESI Contract Employee – K-3 Reading Specialist Olivia Smith (Authorize Education Services Incorporated to assign retired Oracle School District #2 employees to District for K-3 Reading Specialist)

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to authorize Education Services Incorporated to assign retired Oracle School District #2 employee Olivia Smith to District for K-3 Reading Specialist.

Mr. Walden moved to amend to approve the rehiring of Olivia Smith for 2007/2008 through a regular district contract on her appropriate place on the salary schedule, Dr. Bosma seconded. Discussion was held and Mr. Clark referred to the letter submitted by Mrs. Smith.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board offer Olivia Smith a regular contract and if she prefers to go through ESI offer contract in that matter, all in favor, motion carried. *[No action taken on first two motions]*

Break taken at 8:22 p.m., the meeting resumed at 8:34 p.m.

b. Extended Leave of Absence – Theresa Buchanan; Resignation of Silke Schneider; Approval for Summer Program Employments

Mr. Carran moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to approve the Extended Leave of Absence of Theresa Buchanan for the 2007/2008 school year, accept the resignation of Silke Schneider, and the approval of the summer program employments as listed:

Jim Anway	Georgina Gaona	Flora Silva
Anthony Benavidez	Marlene Godbout	Lori Tate
Leonor Berumen	Merry Lewers	Janice Vigil
Melanie Florez	David Peck	Lisa Villanueva
Judy Bott	Juleen Poskey	Ronda Waltermire
Brenda Garcia	Nancy Ritchie	Maria Croci
Barbara Frost	Theresa Rodriguez	Rosa Flores

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

c. Approval of Regular Substitute Teachers for 2007-2008

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Walden seconded to table this item, all in favor, motion carried.

d. Approval of employment of Heather Herman Special Education Paraprofessional for remainder of 2006/07

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the employment of Heather Herman Special Education Paraprofessional as recommended, all in favor, motion carried.

e. Issue Certified teaching contracts for 2007-2008

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Walden seconded to issue certified contracts to the following teachers:

Allen, Marie-Christine	Godbout, Marlene	Ritchie, Nancy
Anway, James	Gronau, Deborah	Sanchez, Janie
Bond, Monika	Guerrero, Corrie	Sloan, Chantel
Bott, Judith	Hendrix, Allison	Soule, Joanna
Brown, Kathryn (.8)	Johnson, Tori	Spitzer, Evelyn
Clark, Margery	Lewers, Merry	Tate, Lori
Dedrick, Charlene	Martin, Janet	Tom, Dale
Berg, Jocelyn	Peck, David	Vigil, Janice
Gagnon, Michele	Reiser, Greg	Villanueva, Lisa

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

f. Approval of Part-time School Psychologist – Paul Harrison 2007-2008

Mr. Walden moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded to approve part-time employment of Paul Harrison for the 2007/2008 school year as recommended, all in favor, motion carried.

g. Approval of Part-time School Speech Therapist – Tara Weber 2007-2008
Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the part-time employment of Tara Weber for the 2007/2008 school year as recommended, all in favor, motion carried.

h. Approve Offer of Employment for 2007-2008 to classified employees – per attached list

Mr. Walden moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded to approve the classified employments for the 2007-2008 school year as listed:

(Need to add list)

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

i. Approve Contracts for Exempt Employees for 2007-2008

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the issuance of contracts to include a 6% increase, for exempt employees as listed:

Business Manager – Dawn Ruiz

Information Technologist – Terry McGovern

Social Worker – Linda Middaugh

Administrative Assistant – Carmen Trejo

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

j. Approve Administrative Contract for Nannette Soule for 2007-2008

Mrs. Beaman moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to approve an administrative “Academic Director” contract for Nannette Soule to include a 6% increase, all in favor, motion carried.

12. Executive Session per A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) to obtain legal advice from the Board’s attorney regarding employment terms of the Superintendent’s Contract.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to go into executive session per A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) to obtain legal advice from the Board’s attorney regarding employment terms of the Superintendent’s Contract, all in favor, motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 8:44 p.m.

Reconvened into open session at 9:07 p.m.

13. Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A.1 Discussion or consideration of employment and salaries of public employees. The employee has been provided with written notice of the executive session and may request the discussion occur at a public meeting. Consideration of Extension of Contract and Salary and Benefits for Superintendent John Clark

Mr. Clark has requested this item be held in open session.

Mr. Clark addressed the board regarding consideration of an extension of his contract and a request for a 6% increase to his salary for the 2007/2008 school year as has been granted to all other employees of the district. Discussion was held.

14. Possible Action – Consideration of Extension of Contract and Salary and Benefits for Superintendent John Clark

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board provide for a 6% increase for the 2007/2008 salary for Superintendent John Clark. Discussion held. Vote taken, Mrs. Beaman, Mr. Carran, and Mrs. Harmon in favor, Dr. Bosma and Mr. Walden opposed, motion carried.

15. Discussion/possible action of Intergovernmental Agreement -Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest

Dr. Bosma moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded that the Oracle Elementary School District become a party in the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest and participating school districts, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board adopt the resolution that the Oracle School District desires to become a party to the Intergovernmental Agreement attached, all in favor, motion carried.

16. Discussion/possible action of 21st Century Grant Application for Submission by May 16, 2007

Mr. Walden moved and Mrs. Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the 21st Century Grant application for submission, all in favor, motion carried.

17. Review/discussion/possible action on School Redistricting Commission Plan

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board discuss this item, but take no action at this time, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held. Mrs. Beaman suggested the item be brought back in June. Dr. Bosma gave some history on past legislation related to this item.

18. Discussion/possible action of Governing Board Member attendance to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Events

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the attendance of Governing Board members at the Delegate Assembly in Phoenix, AZ on June 23, 2007 and the ASBA Summer Leadership Institute, Flagstaff, AZ, July 26-28, 2007, and also to appoint Dr. Bosma as the delegate for the assembly and Mr. Walden as the alternate, all in favor, motion carried.

19. Principal Report

Mr. Blausner gave a report on Mountain Vista Current Events, including the Honor Roll Camping trip, National Junior Honor Society Induction and Learning Corners Presentation and other happenings.

20. Superintendent Report

Mr. Clark gave a report on the following items:
a. Current Events – Oracle Ridge Zoo trip.

- b. Parent Teacher Organization Sponsored Staff Appreciation Dinner –Friday, May 11, 2007
- c. Math/Science Partnership (MSP) Grant – information for submission of an application for this grant has been sought, and the information obtained indicates the district is not eligible to apply for this grant.

21. Board Report

Mrs. Harmon and Mr. Carran stated they would report on the National School Boards Association Conference at the next board meeting.

22. Future Meeting Dates & Topics

- Special Board Meeting for Policies –Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Oracle Ridge Board Room.
- Public Hearing and Special Board Meeting Monday, May 14, 2007 5:00 P.M. to include Open Meeting Law Training by Chris Thomas of ASBA
- Regular Board Meeting June 12, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
- Special Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. session on Goals Planning

Requested Topics: Paperless Board meetings, High School student graduation statistics, board policies, Governing Board Handbook, District Credit Card

23. Meeting Evaluation

Board Members gave the following evaluation comments: went well, making progress, concerned with receiving so much information at the last minute, meeting too long, open to suggestions for helping meeting to go faster, good job.

24. Adjournment

Mr. Walden moved and Mr. Carran seconded to adjourn at 10:23 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

Board Member

Board Clerk

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved on _____