

Minutes
Oracle School District
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2006 6:30 p.m.
Oracle Ridge Boardroom

1. Call to Order

Nellie Doran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Carmen Trejo 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, Nannette Soule, Dawn Ruiz, Carmen Trejo and those who signed the guest register. Mr. Blausner was excused from attending.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Recognition of Governing Board Members

Recognition was given to board members as follows: – Arizona School Boards Association Boardsmanship Awards - Elizabeth Harmon – Associate of Boardsmanship and Certificate of Boardsmanship; Nellie Doran Masters of Boardsmanship - First Cluster – 121; Susan Beaman Masters of Boardsmanship – Second Cluster 202.5

4. 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.

Gayle Carnes, President of the local Coalition Against Domestic Violence, commended Linda Middaugh, Oracle school social worker, for her outstanding presentation at a recent conference.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting September 5, 2006 (removed –see motion below)
2. Special Meeting October 3, 2006
3. Regular Meeting October 3, 2006
4. Special Meeting October 12, 2006
5. Special Meeting October 25, 2006

b. Ratification of Vouchers:

7016 Expense \$ 18,564.53

Payroll # 9 \$ 103,341.75

7017 Expense \$ 18,192.99

Payroll # 10 \$ 112,486.30

# 7018 Expense	\$ 16,625.74	Payroll # 11	\$ 19,720.61
# 7019 Expense	\$ 568.77	Payroll # 12	\$ 94,673.28
# 7020 Expense	\$ 7,468.53		
# 7021 Expense	\$ 21,534.82		

- a. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of October
- b. Ratify participation in Pinal County School's Title III Consortium for School Year 2006-2007
- c. Approval to enter into agreement with Mohave/Aspin Food Services Cooperative
- d. Ratify renewal agreement with Arizona State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement
- e. Approve/Ratify Out of District Travel
 - John Clark, October 29-31, 2006, ASA Superintendent Conference, Prescott, AZ
 - Dennis Blausen – October 10 & 11, 2009, Tucson, AZ 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Awardees Fall Training, Carmen Trejo
 - November 3-4, 2006 and November 17-18, 2006 Phoenix, AZ Arizona Association of School Business Officials – Risk Management Class;
 - Nannette Soule - November 4, 2006 Tucson, AZ Luz Academy Advanced Placement Training

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the consent agenda with the removal of the September 5, 2006 minutes, all in favor, motion carried.

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that his requested agenda items be included in the September 5, 2006 minutes. A lengthy discussion was held and a review of the minutes showed that the items requested to be in the minutes are included in the presented minutes. Mr. Walden withdrew his motion.

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the September 5, 2006 minutes as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

6. Second Reading of Policies

Nellie Doran moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of EBAA-R Reporting of Hazards and Warning Systems, all in favor, motion carried.

Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of IHBB Gifted and Talented Education, all in favor, motion carried.

Susan Beaman moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of IKA Grading/Assessment Systems, all in favor, motion carried.

Susan Beaman moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of policy IL - Evaluation of Instructional Programs with the retention of the following sentence "Test results of individual students are confidential data; they shall be provided to parents as appropriate." all in favor, motion carried.

Patrick Schifano moved and Nellie Doran seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of ILB Test/Assessment Administration. Discussion was held and Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded, to table the item until after discussion and action is taken regarding policy ILC, all in favor, motion carried.

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of LC, LC-EA, LC-EB Relations with Education Agencies, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Repeal of Policy ILC – Use and Dissemination of Test Results

Board members informally discussed the pros and cons of repealing policy ILC.

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board retain policy ILC, all in favor, motion carried.

Action on previously tabled item.

Patrick Schifano moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the second reading and adoption of policy ILB Test/Assessment Administration, all in favor, motion carried.

8. Discussion and possible action on Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) legislative action survey

Board members went over the legislative action proposals sent out from ASBA and indicated which priorities each individual felt was a high priority.

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board submit the eleven priority items identified to ASBA, Nellie Doran, Elizabeth Harmon, Patrick Schifano and Jack Walden in favor, Susan Beaman abstained and stated she does not feel enough time was given to make decision regarding priorities. Motion carried.

The items identified were as follows:

1. Support legislation or initiatives that will fund programs for children and their families
2. Seek legislation that adequately encourages, assists and financially supports the curriculum and instructional needs of Arizona's public schools.
3. Seek legislation that would include meaningful requirements and qualifications for home schooling students including an educational plan based on state standards. Included in the legislation would be provisions for enforcement of registration requirements.
4. Advocate for preservation of community governance of school districts through elected representation and oppose any efforts to erode the authority of governing boards.
5. Support only those unification or consolidation efforts that are initiated by the local school districts, protect the rights of local school district electors to make the final decisions on unification and/or consolidation of school districts, provide adequate funding to cover all costs with unification or consolidation and hold district harmless for any loss of revenue.
6. Seek legislation to clarify that the School facilities Board does not have statutory authority to override decisions of the locally elected school district governing board that is acting on behalf of the citizens and students of the entire school district.
7. Support efforts to allow special needs students to be calculated separately for AZ Learns school accountability profiles.

8. Oppose any legislation that results in the direct or indirect use of public funds to support private schools.
9. Advocate a complete revision of the school finance formula.
10. Support full funding for all-day kindergarten and/or preschool including specifically off necessary capital costs.
11. Seek legislation that provides increased funding for teachers' salaries.

New Business

9. First Reading of Policies

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

Susan Beaman moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board accept the first reading of the policies as listed above. Mr. Clark reminded the board to read the optional language items carefully for consideration at the next meeting of the language the board wants to include. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Presentation from Representative of Board Appointed Advisory Committee to Study Forming Unified School District to Include a High School for Discussion and Possible Action

Committee Chairperson Alex Gort reported on what the committee has accomplished and referenced the summary included in the board packet. He explained the final report to the board would include specific information as tasked in the committee guidelines. The committee will continue to meet to gather the information requested from the board.

11. Approval of 301 Committee Members to Review and Revise Classroom Site Fund plan

Susan Beaman moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the new 301 committee members: Lori Tate and Janice Vigil, David Peck, Corrie Guerrero and Janie Sanchez and Susan Beaman are also members of the committee. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried

12. Approval of Resolution for Oracle School District Expenditures for Food, Awards and Incentive

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve the resolution for Oracle School District Expenditures for Food, Awards and Incentives. Mr. Clark explained this resolution would allow the district to make the purchases as needed throughout the year not to exceed the \$15,000.00 as indicated on the resolution. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

13. Approval of Compensation Increase to Non-administrative Personnel for 2006/2007 from special legislative appropriation

Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve compensation increase to non-administrative personnel for 2006-2007 from special legislative appropriation. Discussion was held and Mr. Clark confirmed this increase is due to the increased funding from the state, which is not guaranteed to be in place next year. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

14. Personnel

- a. Susan Beaman moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve additional hours for Special Education Paraprofessionals: Anna Parra, Delores Garcia, Susie Fairbanks and Melanie Flores, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Jack Walden moved and Nellie Doran seconded that the Governing Board approve the employment of Speech Therapist – Tara Weber. Mr. Clark explained the purpose of changing her from a contracted vendor to a part-time employee, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Elizabeth Harmon moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board accept the resignation(s) of Aimee Belknap, Kimberly Starr, Janice Jones and Brandi Duarte, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. Elizabeth Harmon moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board approve emergency Substitute Teachers: Juleen Poskey, and Theresa Rodriquez, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. Patrick Schifano moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve AP Stipend from Luz Grant for – Janice Martin in the amount of \$1,500.00, all in favor, motion carried.
- f. Susan Beaman moved and Nellie Doran seconded that the Governing Board approve Kindergarten Tutors – Chantel Sloan, Silke Schneider, Janice Vigil, (certified teachers at \$20.00 per hour) Theresa Rodriquez and Juleen Poskey (classified staff \$10.00 per hour), all in favor, motion carried.

15. Principal Report

Mr. Clark reported on both the schools, stating there has been great student participation in extra curricular activities especially athletics. Enrollment has been stable at both campuses. Schedules of December programs will be forwarded as soon as they are finalized. The fencing project at Mountain Vista is pending the receipt of insurance documentation from the vendor and should begin soon.

16. Superintendent Report

Mr. Clark reported the following:

Concrete project at Mountain Vista is almost complete.

Tax credit donation information is going out to residents of the district via mailings and newspaper advertisements.

Stated his appreciation of the board during family crisis and dealing with passing of father in-law.

17. Board Report

Susan Beaman reported the board handbook is almost done and will hopefully be ready for the December board meeting.

18. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:

Set meeting date(s) for Superintendent Evaluation and Board Self Evaluation – Date set for Friday, December 8, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oracle Ridge Boardroom, this meeting will be for both the superintendent and board evaluation.

Regular Board Meeting, December 5, 2006

Jack Walden requested his agenda items as submitted in previous emails be included on the December agenda. Mr. Clark stated the items have been forwarded to legal counsel and will be placed on the agenda once a response has been received. The question of if the February board meeting could be held at SaddleBrooke was brought up and will be discussed further at a future meeting.

19. Meeting Evaluation

Comments were received from board members.

20. Adjournment

Nellie Doran moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

Board Member

Board Clerk

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved on _____