

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

1. Call to Order

Nellie Doran, board president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Harmon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Nellie Doran, Susan Beaman, Elizabeth Harmon, Patrick Schifano and Jack Walden. Also present were John Clark, Dawn Ruiz, Nannette Soule, Dennis Blauser, 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. Mr. Clark asked for the Superintendent Report item c. District office functions be taken immediately following the consent agenda. All board members were in favor, motion carried.

3. Communications and Call to the Public

No members of the public addressed the board.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting August 1, 2006

b. Ratification of Vouchers:

# 6054 Expense	\$ 6,078.43	Payroll # 3	\$ 80,894.94
# 6055 Expense	\$ 32,241.67	Payroll # 4	\$ 1,860.99
# 6056 Expense	\$ 3,165.71	Payroll # 5	\$ 97,315.43
# 6057 Expense	\$ 1,098.96		
# 6058 Expense	\$174,051.33		
# 7003 Expense	\$ 27,222.40		
# 7004 Expense	\$ 28,243.93		
# 7005 Expense	\$ 10,821.83		
# 7006 Expense	\$ 16,621.96		
# 7007 Expense	\$ 26,636.88		

- # 7008 Expense \$ 22,213.88
- # 7009 Expense \$ 14,592.43
- # 7010 Expense \$ 54,885.23
- c. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of August
- d. Approve Out of District Travel – John Clark, Dennis Blausner, and Carmen Trejo, September 7-9, 2006 Arizona School Boards Association Legal Conference, Litchfield Park, AZ; Linda Middaugh, August 22, 2006 McKinney Vento Training – Tucson, AZ; Cheri Clinton ADE Food Service Workshop, Tucson, AZ; Theresa Rodriquez & Juleen Poskey Book Fair Workshop – Sept. 12, 2006 Tucson, AZ
- e. Donations: Family Business Dynamics, LLC, Dr. Nancy Rybski, Ph. D. - \$200.00 for Staff Development,
- f. Approval to join 2005-2006 Pinal County Educational Service Agency Title IV Consortium

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the consent agenda as presented. Elizabeth Harmon asked for the August 1, 2006 minutes to be removed for discussion all members agreed to discussion of minutes. Mrs. Harmon noted the clerical error on page 2, item 7 the correct information regarding substitute salary increase should say \$10.00 per day. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried, consent agenda approved with the correction to the August 1, 2006 minutes included.

New Business

14.c Superintendent report – district office functions reported on by Dawn Ruiz and John Clark. Mrs. Ruiz provided the board with a calendar outlining functions and deadlines of district office personnel. She also updated the board on the schedule for upcoming conversion training for the district business accounting system, which will be taking place in October.

5. Authorization of Legal Services from Arizona School Risk Retention Trust Regarding a Notice of Claim

Jack Walden moved that the Governing Board authorize the Superintendent to draft a letter to the Arizona School Retention Trust requesting that the Trust provide pro bono to the District defense counsel in response to the claim of Richard Kevin Ellis and more so to supply a different law firm from the one that has already been supplied. Motion died for lack of a second.

Susan Beaman moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the governing board authorize legal services at no cost to the District from the AZ School Risk Retention Trust regarding a notice of claim from Richard Kevin Ellis.

Mr. Walden discussed his reason for requesting a different attorney. Mr. Clark explained why the Trust is covering this item and expressed his confidence in Larry Ward who is the primary attorney for the Trust.

Jack Walden moved to amend the motion to ask The Trust to get a different attorney. Motion died for lack of a second.

Vote taken on motion made by Susan Beaman, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Affirmation/Approval of Oracle School District Tax Rate

Elizabeth Harmon moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board affirm the Oracle School District #2 tax rate of 2.7950 primary and .2584 secondary, for a combined rate of 3.0534, Nellie Doran, Susan Beaman, Elizabeth Harmon and Patrick Schifano in favor. Jack Walden opposed. Motion carried.

7. Report/Discussion on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Determination

Mr. Clark and Mr. Blauser reported on the AYP determination for the district, which indicated the district did not make AYP. A big factor in this determination was the fact that the special education students that had accommodations per their IEP's we not counted as having taken the test even though 100 % of all students were tested. Mr. Clark has contacted the State Superintendent's office and they are allowing a further appeal based on additional data, which Mr. Blauser will be submitting. It is hoped that with the additional information the district will make AYP.

8. Approval to Increase Child Study Team Coordinator Stipend to \$4,000 per year

Patrick Schifano moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve raising the Child Study Team Coordinator Stipend to \$4,000.00 per year. Mrs. Beaman asked if this would be a change to the extra-curricular salary schedule or if this would be just for 2006-2007? Mr. Clark stated it would be a change to the schedule, which would be bought to the board for approval in the future. He also gave information regarding the importance and function of the position.

Patrick Schifano moved to amend his motion to add "for the 2006-2007 school year". Susan Beaman seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Vote on amended motion, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Approval of Horizontal Professional Growth K. Brown

Jack Walden moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the horizontal growth for Kathy Brown and issue an addendum to her contract in the amount of estimated at \$649.00. Mr. Clark commented he'd hoped to have more teachers submitting requests for approval of horizontal movement. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Doran called for a break at 7:33 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m.

10. Approval of Bid for Speech Therapy Services 2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09

Jack Walden moved and Susan Beaman seconded that the Governing Board approve the speech bid for speech therapy services from Tara Weber for the following years 2006-2007 \$50.00 per hour, 2007-2008 \$ 55.00 per hour and 2008-2009 \$55.00 per hour. Mr. Clark stated Ms. Weber had submitted her bid in the spring along with the other bid submissions. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Personnel

Jack Walden moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board take the personnel items en mass a, b, c, etc., all in favor, motion carried.

- a. Susan Beaman moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the Extracurricular Contracts for the 2006/07 year as listed below:

Greg Reiser – Athletic Director

Suzanne Smith - Cheer Coach

Rick Benavidez - Football – Head Coach; B-Team Basketball Coach; Baseball Assistant Coach

Raymond Duarte Football – Assistant Coach

Janice Vigil - Volleyball – A Team ; Girls Basketball A Team

Trina Duarte - Volleyball – B Team; Girls Soccer Assistant Coach

Brenda Garcia – Girls Softball Head Coach

Veronica Martinez – Girls Softball Assistant Coach Level 2 Step

Brandi Duarte – Boys Soccer Coach

Robert Smith – Baseball Coach

Chantel Sloan – Oracle Ridge Head Teacher

Corrie Guerrero, Marlene Godbout, Allison Hendrix - Mountain Vista Grade Level Chairs

Jocelyn Dubs – Student Council Sponsor

Lisa Villanueva & Janet Martin – National Junior Honor Society

Nancy Ritchie Child Study Team Coordinator at \$4,000 for the 2006/07 school year

Marlene Godbout & Kathy Brown Staff Development Coordinators

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

b. Substitute Teachers:

Patrick Schifano moved and Elizabeth Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the employment of substitute and emergency substitute teachers as listed:

Susan Beaman asked if the certificate for Ms. Keilman was available, staff responded that it had not been brought in as of today. (file note certificate was issued on 9/1/2006 and brought into the district office on 9/6/2006).

Terrence Habinek, Elissa Hauptman, Lorelie McRae

Emergency Substitute Teachers: Clarissa Vargas, Danna Keilman, Cathy Damron and Brenna Halcomb

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

c. Support Personnel

Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the employment of the following support personnel:

Kimberly Staar Paraprofessional I, Level 1 Step 1 & Viola Perez Paraprofessional I, Level 1 Step 1 up to 7 ½ hours per day as needed

Aimee Belknap – Paraprofessional II Level 2 Step 4, 6 ½ hours per day

Verdean Smith – Substitute Caller - \$10.00 per hour
Joe Corona – Maintenance Extension of short term duties
Dieter Schirmacher – Substitute Bus Driver

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

d. 21st Century Employees as listed in board packet

Susan Beaman moved and Patrick Schifano seconded that the Governing Board approve the employment of 21st Century Employees as listed: board packet sheet with detail attached.

Allen	Catherine	Lewers	Merry
Anway	Jim	Peck	David
Apodaca	Deanna	Sanchez	Janie
Bond	Monika	Soule	Joana
Brown	Kathy	Soule	Nannette
Dubs	Jocelyn	Shury	Vera
Flores	Rosa		
Gagnon	Michelle	Tate	Lori
Garcia	Brenda		
Godbout	Marlene	Villanueva	Lisa
Guerrero	Corrie	Frost	Barbara
Hendrix	Allison	Smith	Verdean

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

12. Principal Report

Mr. Blauser reported on the following items:

- a. His recommendation that Mountain Vista suspend participation in the Hands Across the Border program and explained his reason for asking for the suspension.
- b. 21st Century Program - Participation is high and many students are receiving after school help on academics.
- c. Fall Sports Participation – a record number of students are participating in sports this season. It is great to see so many students wanting to be active in after school sports.

13. Academic Directors Report

Mrs. Soule reported on the following items:

- a. Instructional Improvement – many teachers are using advanced placement strategies in their classrooms. Training for new teachers will take place in October.
- b. Curriculum mapping – allows for teachers to teach same topic- standard etc. at the same time.
- c. Teacher Professional Development – is going well.

14. Superintendent Report

Mr. Clark reported on the following items:

- a. Transportation – an additional bus run to CDO has been added many students are riding the bus.

- b. Student Attendance – according to current counts the district is up approximately 30 students, about a 12% growth.

15. Board Report

None

16. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:

- a. Special Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. for Revision of the 2006-2007 Expenditure Budget
- b. Facility Walk Through scheduled for Thursday, October 12, at 12:00 p.m. meeting at Mountain Vista School
- c. Regular October Board Meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2006 – Topics requested: HATB action item, goals, discussion and possible action re: adequate office staff, discussion and possible action Amphitheater’s involvement in high school, board member handbook, information re: truth in tax levy
- d. Arizona School Boards Association Pinal County Meeting October 5, 2006 at Mountain Vista School

17. Meeting Evaluation

Board members commented the meeting was fine, went well, information available.

18. Adjournment

Patrick Schifano moved and Jack Walden seconded that the Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

Board Member

Board Clerk

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved on _____