

MINUTES

**Oracle School District
Board Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2008 6:30 p.m.
Oracle Ridge Boardroom**

1. Call to Order

The organizational meeting was called to order by board president, Susan Beaman at 6:32 p.m. Board members present were Mrs. Susan Beaman, Dr. Boyd Bosma, Mr. Mike Carran, Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon and Mr. Jack Walden.

2. Election of President

Mrs. Beaman opened the floor for nominations for president. Mr. Carran nominated Elizabeth Harmon. Mr. Walden nominated Susan Beaman. There were no other nominations.

Vote taken for Elizabeth Harmon – Mr. Carran and Mrs. Harmon in favor.

Vote taken for Susan Beaman – Dr. Bosma, Mr. Walden, and Mrs. Beaman in favor, Susan Beaman elected as board president.

3. Election of Clerk

Mrs. Beaman opened the floor for nomination for clerk. Mr. Walden nominated Dr. Boyd Bosma. Mr. Carran nominated Elizabeth Harmon. There were no other nominations.

Vote taken for Dr. Bosma – Mrs. Beaman, Mr. Walden and Dr. Bosma in favor.

Vote taken for Mrs. Harmon - Mr. Carran and Mrs. Harmon in favor.

Dr. Bosma elected as board clerk.

4. Establishment of Date, Time and Place of Regular Oracle School District Governing Board Meetings for 2008

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to continue to hold the regular board meetings at the same time and place as established, on the second Tuesday of the month, and change later as necessary.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried, regular meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., in the Oracle Ridge Boardroom located at 725 N. Carpenter Dr., Oracle, AZ.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to adjourn the organizational meeting at 6:35 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

**Oracle School District
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2008
To begin immediately following the Organizational Meeting
Oracle Ridge Boardroom**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to remove item # 8 - Discussion/possible action. Notwithstanding Mr. Clark's retirement effective June 30, 2008, Arizona law (A.R.S. § 15-503D) requires the Board take formal action to either offer Mr. Clark a new contract for the next school year or provide written notice to Mr. Clark of the Board's intention not to offer a new contract, and bring the item back before February 15 as indicated by the attorney. Discussion was held and Mrs. Harmon expressed her reason for wanting to hold off on the item. It was also requested by Mr. Clark that item 12, Discussion/possible action on the Oracle School District ELL program, be removed.

Vote was taken on the removal of item 8, Mrs. Harmon and Mr. Carran in favor, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, and Mr. Walden opposed, motion failed.

Vote taken on approval of agenda with the removal of item 12, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Recognitions – Students of the Month

Mrs Beaman and board members recognized the January students of the month. Students from Oracle Ridge: Sabrina Garcia, Johnathan Baker, Manuel Pinon, BaiLee Hill, Mikayla, Reagan Martin, Elena Hendrix, Michael Gonzales, Jimmie Madrid Jr., Yesinya Smith, Daniel Stamps and Elizabeth Black students from Mountain Vista: Shantell Archunde, Dustin Wismer, Morgan Panknin, Nicholas Pisciotta, Ernest Graham, Selina Romero, Jessica Sanchez, Dakkota Waltermire, Serra Casares, Zach Hatfield, Julian

Hunter, Nicole Mendez, Samantha Keilman, Ismael Tovar, Alexandria Cota, Alissa Johnson, Victoria Sanchez, and Angel Barriga

4. 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.

Deanna Apodaca addressed the board regarding agenda item number seven and asked the board to consider the bathrooms as part of their facility evaluation and to think about the students of the district and not anything else.

Elaine Jeremy, Eagle Crest resident, addressed the board in regards to item number eight and expressed her opinion that it makes sense that Mr. Clark should remain superintendent for the 08/09 school year.

Ellen Galloway, Mountain Vista parent, addressed the board regarding item number eight and stated that the community would like Mr. Clark to remain superintendent and feels the board should offer Mr. Clark a contract for the 08/09 school year.

Anne Mohr, Eagle Crest resident, addressed the board in regards to item number eight and expressed her full support of maintaining Mr. Clark as superintendent for another year and that the recall effort is a statement of Eagle Crest residents desire to keep Mr. Clark for another year.

Becki Greer, Oracle resident, addressed the board and stated she also represents the community and would like the board to move forward in seeking a superintendent for the 08/09 school year.

Marney Fairbanks, Mountain Vista parent, addressed the board regarding the water that comes out of the drinking fountain and that she would not drink the water, and she would like to see this addressed. Mrs. Beaman asked Mr. Clark to look into this.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting December 18, 2007

b. Ratification of Vouchers:

# 8023 Expense \$ 21,825.59	Payroll # 18 \$ 123,724.19
# 8024 Expense \$ 23,279.50	Payroll # 19 \$ 113,815.31
# 8025 Expense \$ 386,628.26	

c. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of December

d. Approve/Ratify Out of District Travel

Dr. Allen – Workshop – Phoenix, AZ

John Clark – Special Meeting – Mediation, Phoenix, AZ, January 28, 2008

John Clark and Carmen Trejo Arizona School Boards Association BOLTS,
Tucson, AZ January 30, 2008

Nannette Soule and Maria Croci, Full House, Building Community & Capacity in After school, Southwest Regional After school Conference, February 12-13, 2008 Tuscan Las Vegas, Nevada

- e. Statement of Assurance – Teacher Evaluation System Status 2008-2009
- f. Donations: Tax Credit Donations total through December 31, 2007 estimated total \$94,050.00.

Mr. Walden moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented above, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

6. Second Reading/Adoption policies:

GCF and GCF-ED Professional Staff Hiring

GDF and GDF-EF – Support Staff Hiring

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to adopt policy GCF and GCF-ED Professional Staff Hiring, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Clark advised the board that Ms. Willis is completing her E-verify training. Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to adopt policy GDF and GDF-EF – Support Staff Hiring, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion/Action of Selection of members for Board Advisory Committee to conduct an objective study and evaluation of current and future financial and facilities needs of the Oracle School District.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded, to affirm membership of 6 as approved at last month's meeting. Discussion was held and Dr. Bosma clarified that the motion was to approve the make up of the committee to include 3 members from SaddleBrooke, 2 from Oracle and 1 from Eagle Crest, along with the ex-official members (board member and superintendent). Vote taken, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, Mr. Carran and Mr. Walden in favor, Mrs. Harmon opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the Eagle Crest and Oracle committee members: Doris Osan, Alex Gort and Beth Krueger as submitted, all in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve SaddleBrooke committee members: Gary Hammond, Pam Brunelle, and Edward Hughes.

Dr. Bosma moved by substitution to accept SaddleBrooke committee members: Harold Duarte, Gary Hammond and Pam Brunelle, Mr. Walden seconded, vote taken, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma and Mr. Walden in favor, Mr. Carran and Mrs. Harmon opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Walden addressed the board president expressing his thought that it would be apropos to get the committee off to a running start by supplying the members with copies of the following: copy of the bond information, copy of the override information, copy of the SFB reports – both the building renewal information and the student requirements for building new schools, copies of the districts building square footages, and an up to date list of all things that have been accomplished of late.

Mrs. Beaman asked Mr. Walden to give the list to Carmen, administrative assistant.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded that Mrs. Beaman be the board representative to serve on the committee. Discussion was held regarding a board alternate(s) – three board members expressed an interest in being the alternate. Vote taken regarding Mrs. Beaman as board representative, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded for Dr. Bosma to be the first alternate (board representative) and Mrs. Harmon as second alternate (board representative) for the committee, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business

- 8. Discussion/possible action. Notwithstanding Mr. Clark's retirement effective June 30, 2008, Arizona law (A.R.S. § 15-503D) requires the Board take formal action to either offer Mr. Clark a new contract for the next school year or provide written notice to Mr. Clark of the Board's intention not to offer a new contract.**

Mrs. Beaman provided the board members with two letters, one each from attorneys Ron Harris and Lisa Abrams, as additional information on this item.

Mr. Harris addressed the board and stated Arizona law requires the board take formal action under the statute to offer Mr. Clark a new contract or give him notice of the board's intention not to offer him a contract. He explained that since the board took action on September 27, 2008 to accept Mr. Clark's retirement effective June 30, 2008, the board cannot extend his current contract the board has taken the action to confirm that with his retirement the contract will end June 30, 2008. According to the statute the board could offer Mr. Clark a new contract or give him notice of the board's intention not to offer a new contract.

Discussion was held and Mrs. Harmon expressed her opinion regarding her interpretation of the statute. Mr. Clark spoke and read the letter written from his attorney to Mr. Harris regarding the natural end of his contract by his retirement.

Mr. Walden moved that the board notify Superintendent Clark by letter that pursuant to Arizona law A.R.S. § 15-503D and the submittal of his letter of resignation to retire at the end of his contract on June 30, 2008 which was unanimously approved by the Governing Board on September 27, 2007 of the board's intention not to offer a new contract. Dr. Bosma seconded.

Discussion was held and Mr. Carran expressed his thought that given everything going on it would be wise to ask Mr. Clark to stay for another school year to keep an experienced person in charge of this school district. Dr. Bosma also spoke to the item and reminded the board that the board is in the process of recruitment of a new superintendent through a search which the board initiated after the acceptance of Mr. Clark's retirement. Mrs. Harmon also spoke to the item and reiterated her opinion that this action is not necessary.

Mrs. Beaman moved by substitution that the board notify Superintendent Clark by letter pursuant to Arizona law A.R.S. § 15-503D of the board's intention not to offer a new contract. Dr. Bosma seconded.

Vote taken, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma and Mr. Walden in favor, Mr. Carran and Mrs. Harmon opposed, motion carried. Mrs. Beaman presented board members with a letter notifying Mr. Clark of the board's intention not to offer a new contract. Board members Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, Mr. Carran, and Mr. Walden signed the letter and Mrs. Beaman handed the original letter to Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clark expressed his appreciation for his five years of service with the Oracle School District.

Mrs. Beaman called for a break at 7:33 p.m., the meeting resumed at 7:46 p.m.

9. Discussion/possible action on Award of Request for Proposals RFP No. 11-07

Professional Architectural/Engineering Services assessment and overall evaluation of the conditions of the Oracle School district Facilities, Buildings Grounds and Fields

Mr. Clark recommended the board approve Emc2 Architects Planners, P.C. for Professional Architectural/Engineering services.

Mrs. Harmon moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the board award the request for proposal No. 11-07 to Emc2 Architects Planners, P.C. for Professional Architectural/Engineering services assessment and overall evaluation of the conditions of the Oracle School District facilities, buildings, grounds and fields.

Discussion was held and Dr. Bosma raised two concerns regarding the School Facility Board (SFB) evaluation(s) and also the amount of money that may be expended for these services.

Mr. Clark explained the process and how there would be the ability for the vendor to address emergency type services that could possibly be reimbursed by the SFB.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Discussion/possible action on Science Committee recommendations for new science textbooks for 60-day public display and future adoption

Mr. Blausler reviewed the work the committee did in preparing the recommendation of the Harcourt Science Textbook and Kit Series (Kindergarten – Sixth grade) to the board and the committee's reasoning for recommending this series for K-6 and for keeping the current curriculum for the 7-8 grades.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded for the board to approve the display of the Harcourt Science Textbook and Kit Series (Kindergarten – Sixth grade) for 60-day public display, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Discussion/possible action on 21st Century Grant request for Enhancement Grant

Mrs. Soule distributed a copy of the grant application. She stated the district was encouraged to apply for these additional funds by the site reviewer who visited and observed the 21st Century Grant program at Mountain Vista. Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the submission of the grant application as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

12. Discussion/possible action on the Oracle School District ELL program *(Item removed during the approval of the agenda)*

13. Discussion/possible action on Energy Project Development Application

Mr. Walden moved and Mr. Carran seconded to discuss and possibly take action on district's submission of Energy Project Development application to the School Facilities Board. Mr. Clark updated the board on information regarding the energy project. He stated he would forward additional information and the application to the board when it is available and completed. No action taken on this item.

14. Personnel

- a. Employment of 21st Century Instructors for Spring classes:
James Anway, Judy Bott, Monika Bond, Kathy Brown, Marlene Godgout, Merry Lewers, Patricia Munoz, Lori Tate, David Peck, Lisa Villanueva – certified teachers at \$20.00 per hour; and Deanna Apodaca, Rebecca Jones, Vera Shury, Bonnielee Walsh, Graciella Velasquez and Melanie Florez – classified employees at \$10.00 per hour.
- b. Transfer of employee Adrienne McMillion from Oracle Ridge to Mountain Vista
- c. Employment of Para-professional II Linda Towne
- d. Additional hours for Spelling Bee coach Monika Bond

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the personnel items as listed above, all in favor motion carried.

15. Principal Report

Mr. Blausler reported on the following:

21st Century program is going well and the spring classes will be starting soon.
Current Events – Connections mentoring/tutoring program is going well and averaging 30-40 students a night. Parents must check in/check out their child and students are kept on task. The high school tutors are having an impact and are also impacted.

16. Superintendent Report

Mr. Clark reported on the following:

Tax Credit donations this year were a little less than last year as many are dividing their donations amongst many schools.
Current Events – the annual financial audit for FY 2006/2007 is taking place this week and the compliance audit will take place within the next few weeks. Mr. Clark also reported on his observation of kindergarten students writing sentences.

17. Executive Session Pursuant to 38-431.03A3 for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney for the Board on terms and conditions for new superintendent contract.

Mr. Walden moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the board go into executive session pursuant to 38-431.03A3 for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney for the Board on terms and conditions for new superintendent contract, all in favor, motion carried. The board went into executive at 8:45 p.m.

At 9:46 p.m., Dr. Bosma moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded for the board to return to open session, all in favor, motion carried.

18. Board Report

- a. SaddleBrooke tax rates – presentation by board member Boyd Bosma
Dr. Bosma distributed a letter from Dolores Doolittle, Pinal County Treasurer, which included a breakdown of taxes collected in the Oracle School District and taxed collected in SaddleBrooke.

19. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:

- Special Meeting January 28, 2008 – Fleishman – Board
- Special Meeting February 6, 2008 with John Gordon, ASBA Consultant, to review/screen applications for superintendent.
- Regular Board Meeting – February 12, 2008
- Future topics – Amphitheater - Oracle School District joint meeting; School District; Cross training.

20. Meeting Evaluation

Board member comments: long, but a lot accomplished, board will go on, if decisions don't go as you wish, you accept and move forward, thanks for keeping going.

21. Adjournment

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

Board Member

Board Clerk

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved on _____