

MINUTES

**Oracle School District
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 6:30 p.m.
Oracle Ridge Boardroom**

Oracle School District is a community dedicated to learning as a life long process, encouraging one another to meet the challenges and choices of the present and the future.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Beaman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Mrs. Susan Beaman, Dr. Boyd Bosma, Mr. Mike Carran and Mr. Jack Walden. Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon was absent. Also present were Mr. John Clark, Mr. Dennis Blausner, Mrs. Dawn Ruiz, 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, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Recognitions – Students of the Month

The board recognized and congratulated the Oracle Ridge and Mountain Vista students of the month.

Oracle Ridge students: Liliana German, Genevieve Estrada, Makayla Martinez, Gabriel Sanchez, Gentry Graham, Zachery Riddle, Gilbert Medina, David Carman, Michael King, Isabella Benavidez, Darby Nicholson, Kevin Pallanes.

Mountain Vista students: Taylor Spearman, Allen Chavez, Ciara June, Kirsten Schiffers, Ayiana Lopez, Sedona Funderburg, Brianna Gonzalez, Alex Matlock, Deja Nicholson, Marcus Martinez, Marissa McRae, Isai Chavez, Jesus Franco, Angel Cano, Jacob Lovendahl, Kaitlin Armstrong, Joshua Butler, and Reyna Vindiola

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.

Becky Greer, community member, thanked the board for expedient manner in which they conducted the superintendent search and selected a finalist for the position.

Richard Spitzer, SaddleBrooke resident addressed the board regarding the contract for the new superintendent and his opinion regarding the term and salary that should be offered.

John Clark, Oracle resident and district superintendent, asked the board to have a moment of silence in memory of Frank Corona.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. Special Meeting February 6, 2008
 - 2. Regular Meeting February 12, 2008
 - 3. Special Meeting February 15, 2008
 - 4. Special Meeting February 23, 2008
 - 5. Special Meeting February 29, 2008
- b. Ratification of Vouchers:

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| # 8029 Expense \$ 20,649.90 | Payroll # 22 \$ 123,899.77 |
| # 8030 Expense \$ 21,184.61 | Payroll # 23 \$ 125,361.81 |
| # 8031 Expense \$ 9,299.79 | Payroll # 24 \$ 26,877.03 |
- c. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of March
- d. Approve/Ratify Out of District Travel
- e. Acceptance of Donations: \$4,000.00 – Wings Over America – for National Honor Society Student trip to Washington D.C. and New York City; Pat Armelin – Computer system; Richard Reeder – computers and bicycles; and Gary Vargas – printers, fax and scanner
- f. Out of district travel – 8th grade students trip to Six Flags, California
- g. Approval of Agreement Amendment between Local Education Agency (LEA) (Oracle School District #2) and Maximus, Inc – Medicaid Administrative Claiming
- h. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Between Oracle Elementary School District #2 ESD) and Central Arizona College (CAC)
- j. Approval of Grant Application – Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society

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

Old Business

6. Second Reading/possible adoption policy IHB and IHB-R – Special Instructional Programs

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to adopt policies IHB and IHB-R – Special Instructional Programs, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion/possible action of Report on AZ Water Company Testing

Mr. Clark reported on the testing that has been done by the water company and also by the Pinal County Department of Development Services Division of Environmental Health. The results of both of the tests indicate that the water at the Mountain Vista campus is safe to drink.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the board authorize Mr. Clark to spend up to \$500.00 to buy filters and start installation of them.

Discussion was held and it was reiterated that the water is safe to drink and that depending on the type of filters used the filters may not be tamper proof.

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

Dr. Bosma requested the item be referred to the advisory committee for their recommendation. Mrs. Beaman stated that could be done.

New Business

8. Discussion/possible action 2008-2009 School Calendar

Mr. Blauser presented the calendar and went over the process he went through to develop the presented calendar.

Mr. Walden moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the board adopt the 2008-2009 school calendar as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Discussion/possible action first reading of policies

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the board accept the first reading of the policies as listed:

- GCCC – Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay
- GCCC-EA – Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay
- GCCC-EB - Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay
- GCCC-EC - Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay
- JR – Student Records
- JR-R – Student Records

Discussion was held, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Item 11 was taken prior to item 10 to allow time for Mrs. Carnes to arrive.

11. Discussion/possible action Spring Break Intercession program

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded for the board to approve the intercession program as presented.

Mr. Blauser and Ms. Tate presented information on the program and what students the program targets. Discussion was held and board members thanked the staff and administration for their willingness to have this intercession program. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Acceptance of Donation from San Manuel Miner to Oracle School District in support of school programs – presented by Jennifer Carnes, San Manuel Miner

Mrs. Jennifer Carnes of the San Manuel Miner and her daughter Lauren presented a monetary donation of \$1,000.00 from the San Manuel Miner to the Oracle School District to be used as the district sees fit.

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded that the board accept the donation, all in favor, motion carried. The board and administration thanked Mrs. Carnes for the donation and for all the support the San Manuel Miner has shown to the school district.

12. Discussion/possible action – Report from Advisory Committee Chairperson Alex Gort

Mr. Gort gave a report to the board on the first couple of meetings of the advisory committee. He stated the committee has been reviewing historical and financial information and went on a tour of the facilities. He stated the committee had also reviewed the letter from School Facilities

Board District Liaison, Mike Barfield sent to Mr. Clark regarding his site visit and meeting February 20, 2008. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2008.

13. Personnel - discussion/possible action:

Mr. Clark recommended the board approve the personnel items as listed and provided additional information regarding the need for the childcare position.

- a. Mr. Walden moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the additional position to Childcare Program and fill the position with approval of the transfer of Juleen Poskey to the Childcare position at Level 2, Step 6 - \$9.12 per hour, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the employment of intercession employees as follows: Teachers - Lori Tate and Judy Bott @ \$20.00 per hour; Instructional Aides – Barbara Frost, Verdean Smith, Marie Huff, Leonor Berumen, Penny Parra, and Susan Fairbanks @ \$10.00 per hour; Student Aides – Mariah Chastain, Brent Frost and Nicole Perea @ \$10.00 per hour; and bus driver Rhonda Waltermire @ \$13.12 per hour, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Mr. Carran moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to approve the employment of substitute teacher Theodore Dorr, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. Mr. Carran moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to accept with regret the resignation of Linda Middaugh effective at the end this school year, all in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the board go into Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431-03.A.1 Discussion/consideration of revisions to new Superintendent Contract, all in favor, motion carried.

The board came out of executive session at 7:25 p.m. and took a break.

The meeting reconvened into open session at 7:31 p.m.

- e. Mr. Walden moved to approve the signing of the contract as negotiated with new Superintendent Todd Kissick for the period of 2008-2011, all in favor, motion carried.

14. Principal Report

Mr. Blausen reported on the following:

- a. Honor Roll Field Trip – students are looking forward to the trip and plans are moving along.
- b. AIMS Testing – window for testing is April 7-18, students and staff are ready.
- c. Fourth Quarter Activities – Career day and Science Fair are next big activities
- d. Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) update and activities – group is active and invaluable with all the help they give to the school.

15. Superintendent Report

Mr. Clark reported on the following:

- a. ASBA/School District Policy Review Update – Mr. Clark reported that ASBA consultant Terry Rowles was here February 25 and 26 to conduct a policy review and that the district’s policies were in good shape with few policies being recommended for revisions.
- b. Twenty-First Century Grant update – additional funds have been allocated to the district for this fiscal year.
- c. School Safety Grant update – this grant application will now be competitive and Oracle may not receive the grant next year, depending on the competition for the funds available throughout the state.
- d. Luz Grant and District Satisfaction Surveys – survey results included in the packet indicate a high level of satisfaction from parents and students.
- e. Current Events – Dr. Seuss week this week at Oracle Ridge, exciting to see 4 year olds reading, small class sizes have made a positive difference.

16. Board Report

None

17. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:

Special Meeting – for Budget Workshop, Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting – April 8, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at Oracle Ridge Boardroom

18. Meeting Evaluation

Board members had the following evaluative comments: excellent meeting, went well.

19. Adjournment

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

Board Member

Board Clerk

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Board Member

Minutes approved on _____