

**MINUTES
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Hearing on the Revised 2007-2008 School District Budget**

The Oracle School District Governing Board held a Public Hearing on the revised 2007-2008 School District Budget. The hearing was called to order by Mrs. Susan Beaman, board president, at 6:33 p.m. Business Manager Dawn Ruiz, went over the proposed revisions. Members of the public had an opportunity to comment. The hearing was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

**Oracle School District
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2008 6:30 p.m.
Oracle Ridge Boardroom**

1. Call to Order

Board president Susan Beaman called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and 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 Blauser, Mrs. Dawn Ruiz, Mrs. Nannette Soule, Mrs. Carmen Trejo and those who signed the guest register.

2. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to combine the discussion of agenda items 6 - *Discussion/possible action – Report from Advisory Committee Chairperson Alex Gort*, 8 - *Discussion/possible action on correspondence from School Facility Board regarding Oracle School District facilities and update regarding the need for further assessment of the Bateman Building*, and 9 - *Discussion/possible action on superintendent report of follow up regarding CO2 content in classrooms, cracking at Bateman building, septic system and mold inspection*, to all be discussed together.

Mrs. Beaman requested and Dr. Bosma seconded to remove item 15 a-e *Discussion/possible action on Position changes for 2008-2009*

- a. *Technology Assistant – revised Job description to include change of Level*
- b. *Library and Computer Paraprofessional III –2 part-time positions to 2 full time positions*
- c. *Childcare Paraprofessional I – change of 1 part-time position to 1 full time position*
- d. *ISS – Paraprofessional II – change to job description to full time position*
- e. *Special Projects Secretary – change to job description and funding*

from tonight's agenda because the district does not have sufficient information to know if there will be budget capacity in 2008-2009 for the recommended changes and the item could be brought back when there is more information available.

Mrs. Beaman called for a vote to accept the agenda with discussion of items 6, 8, and 9 combined and with the removal of item 15 a-e, Mrs. Beaman, Mr. Carran, Dr. Bosma, and Mr. Walden in favor, Mrs. Harmon opposed, motion carried.

3. Recognitions – Students of the Month

Mrs. Beaman and board members recognized the following Mountain Vista Students of the Month: Adriana Otero, Tony Bracety, Fernanda Chavez, Daniel Rangel, Nick Navarro, Vickie Spearman, Juan Echeverria, Kevin Gamez, Millie Mercer, Maritza Sanchez, Sierra Worthey- Tittle, Miguel Florez, Jeffrey Jones, Sam Yankovich, Keefer Gagnon, Larissa Smith, Elian Gamez, Connor Lamb, Alexis Prenskofski, and Ronaldo Martinez. There were not Oracle Ridge students of the month for May.

Mrs. Beaman presented a plaque to Mr. John Clark on behalf of the Governing Board in appreciation for his years of service as superintendent. Mr. Clark accepted the plaque and stated he has enjoyed his years as superintendent here in Oracle and he will continue to be a part of the community and be involved.

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. No members of the public addressed the board.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting April 8, 2008

2. Special Meeting April 10, 2008

b. Ratification of Vouchers:

8035 Expense \$ 60,778.44

Payroll # 27 \$ 124,275.90

8036 Expense \$ 436,962.25

Payroll # 28 \$ 123,450.66

8037 Expense \$ 15,852.73

Payroll # 29 \$ 9,367.96

c. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of April

d. Approve/Ratify Out of District Travel – Dennis Blauser, Erika Estrada, Andrew Poskey, Geri Benavidez and Margie Goodwell, Heinfeld & Meech Student Attendance Workshop, May 6, 2008 in Tucson, AZ

e. Authorization of Completion/Signatures of General Statement of Assurance for 2008/2009 (*Dawn Ruiz, Business Manager, Dennis Blauser, Principal, Nannette Soule, Academic Director, and Todd Kissick, Superintendent-effective July 1, 2008*)

f. Acceptance of Donations: San Manuel Rotary - \$250.00 to Connections Learning Center

g. Professional Growth Tori Johnson Horizontal Movement from BA+15 to MA for 2008-2009

h. Grant Application submissions 21st Century Community Learning Centers (2-applications)

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

Old Business

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

Mr. Gort gave a report from the Advisory Committees April 15 and April 29th meetings. He reported that Mike Barfield, School Facilities Board (SFB) Liaison, had attended the April 29th meeting and done a preventative maintenance review with the districts administration and maintenance staff. Mr. Gort also distributed a written report to board members.

Mr. Clark reported on the SFB's correspondence regarding the Bateman building, and updated the board with information on his communication with the TRUST and their involvement in getting a structural engineer sent to the district to do an evaluation of the building. The tentative date for the engineer's visit is Wednesday, May 21, and he reported the engineer indicated there would be a written report back to the district within approximately 10 days after the inspection. Regarding the CO2 content in the classrooms the district has not received a final written report from the company who did the assessment/testing, but he referenced the verbal report as were reported during the last meeting.

7. Discussion/possible action first reading of Regulation GDB-R – Support Staff Contracts and Compensation

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to accept the first reading of regulation GDB-R Support Staff Contracts as presented. Discussion was held and Mrs. Beaman presented some alternative language. *(Need wording from Mrs. Beaman)*

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

8. Discussion/possible action on correspondence from School Facility Board regarding Oracle School District facilities and update regarding the need for further assessment of the Bateman Building *(discussed during item 6)*

9. Discussion/possible action on superintendent report of follow up regarding CO2 content in classrooms, cracking at Bateman building, septic system and mold inspection. *(discussed during item 6)*

New Business

10. Discussion/Action on Approval of Revised 2007-2008 Oracle School District Expenditure Budget

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to adopt the revised 2007-2008 Oracle School District Expenditure Budget as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Discussion/possible action on Staff Development Calendar for 2008/2009

Mr. Blauser presented information of the Staff Development calendar and process for 2008/2009. Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the 2008-2009 staff development calendar as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

12. Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (a) (5) for the Board to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiation with employee organizations regarding salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body for 2008-2009.

Mrs. Beaman stated she felt there was not a need to have an executive session as she was comfortable with any discussion as needed be held in open session. There was not a motion to go into executive session.

13. Discussion/possible action on 2008-2009 Employee Benefit Package

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the provision of ASBAIT Option A coverage to all full time employees. Discussion was held and Dr. Bosma expressed his feelings regarding employee insurance benefits. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Ruiz also provided additional

information regarding the current benefit plan – ASBAIT Option B that the district pays the full premium for the employee, and stated the employees have the option of choosing Option A and paying the difference.

Mrs. Beaman moved by substitution and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board approve a yearly benefit amount to full time employees to be used for medical insurance in the amount of \$3,576.00, a benefit amount of \$ 2,500.00 for full time employees who opt out of the medical insurance benefit to be used on the cafeteria menu selection and a benefit amount of \$57.00 for \$25,000.00 Employee Life Insurance, all in favor, motion carried.

14. Discussion/possible action on Salary Schedules for 2008-2009

a. Certified Staff Salary Schedule for 2008-2009

b. Classified Staff Salary Schedule for 2008-2009

Mr. Clark recommended that the Governing Board approve both certified salary schedules and both classified salary schedules that are being presented. He explained the differences to the schedules and the wording that has been added to the contract and offers of employment to indicate the 2008-2009 salary placement is subject to the Arizona State Legislature's approval of the state budget, especially concerning the school funding formula.

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to adopt both certified (with 4% and 6% increases) salary schedules as presented.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to amend the motion to adopt the salary schedules that provide for the 4% increases but to defer action the 6% increase schedules until after the legislature has acted on the state budget.

Mr. Clark stated he felt the recommendation to approve both schedules is justified and that the language that has been added to the contract and offer of employment allows for the unknown final action of the legislature.

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

Vote taken on Mrs. Harmon's motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to adopt to adopt both classified (4% and 6% increases) salary schedules as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Beaman called for a break at 8:40 p.m., the meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m.

15. Discussion/possible action on Position changes for 2008-2009

(Item Removed from agenda – per action during approval of consent agenda)

16. Discussion/possible action on the following personnel matters:

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded to approve personnel items *a. through g.* as listed below, all in favor, motion carried.

- a. Ratification of change to Childcare paraprofessional 1 – A. Wick from part-time to full time

- b. Leave of Absence Toni Parkhurst (with revised dates)
- c. Part-time bus driver Tabitha Lindberg
- d. Temporary additional hours – Andrew Poskey, Juleen Poskey, Rosa Flores, Susie Fairbanks, Lenore Berumen and Laura Helfrich
- e. Transfer – Brenda Garcia from cafeteria substitute to Part-time Kindergarten paraprofessional
- f. Extension of unpaid Leave of Absence – Theresa Buchanan
- g. Summer Program Employments – see attached listing
- h. Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to **Issue certified teaching contracts for 2008/2009 to the following teachers:**
 - Catherine Allen, James Anway, Jocelyn Berg, Monika Bond, Judy Bott, Kathy Brown, Letitia Casper, Charlene Dedrick, Michele Gagnon, Marlene Godbout, Deborah Gronau, Corrie Guerrero, Allison Hendrix, Tori Johnson, Merry Lewers, Patricia Munoz, David Peck, Nancy Ritchie, Janie Sanchez, Susan Servin, Chantel Sloan, Olivia Smith, Joanna Soule, Evelyn Spitzer, Lori Tate, Dale Tom, Jancie Vigil, Lisa Villanueva.
- i. Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to **Issue Offer of Employment for 2008-2009 to classified employees per attached list**, all in favor, motion carried.
- j. Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to **Issue Contracts for Exempt Employees for 2008-2009: Business Manager – Dawn Ruiz and Information Technologist – Terry McGovern** to include an increase of salary of either 4% or 6%, based on the action as outlined in the teacher contracts of the state legislature, all in favor, motion carried.
- k. Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to **Issue Academic Director Contract to Nannette Soule** to include an increase of salary of either 4% or 6%, based on the action as outlined in the teacher contracts of the state legislature, all in favor, motion carried.
- l. Mr. Carran moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded to **Issue a Two year extension of Principal Contract to Dennis Blausner through June 30, 2011**, to include an increase of salary for 2008-09 of either 4% or 6%, based on the action as outlined in the teacher contracts of the state legislature, and salary increase for 2009-2010 at the same rate as offered to certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year, all in favor, motion carried.

17. Discussion/possible action Board member(s) attendance to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) events:

Delegate Assembly in Phoenix, AZ on June 28, 2008 and selection of official delegate for delegate assembly

ASBA Summer Leadership Institute in Flagstaff, AZ July 31, 2008-August 2, 2008.

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the attendance of board members who wish to attend the ASBA events as listed above, all in favor, motion carried. *(Mrs. Trejo will contact board members and let them know of the registration deadlines, etc.)*

18. Principal Report

Mr. Blausner reported on the following:

- a. 8th grade promotion - to be held May 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at Mountain Vista.
- b. Summer School – dates June 9, 2008-June 27, 2008

c. Current Events: Students excited about Honor Roll Roosevelt camping trip – May 18-19, 2008 and National Junior Honor Society trip to Washington D.C. and New York City – June 2-June 7, 2008. Reminder that Learning Corners Bookcase presentation will take place Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mountain Vista Gym, and the Science Fair will be on Thursday, May 15 in the Mountain Vista Gym.

19. Superintendent Report

Mr. Clark reported on the following:

- a. Current Events: Grant applications are being submitted, as for copies in consent agenda item, 2008-2009 Budget process is continuing.

20. Board Report

None

21. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:

Request to have June Regular Board Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. Carran moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded to change the date of the June regular meeting to Tuesday, June 17, 2008 to be held in the Oracle Ridge Boardroom, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Carran requested an update on high school student graduation/dropout rates as a future agenda topic.

22. Meeting Evaluation

Board members made the following meeting evaluation comments: smoother than expected, congratulations to board on all accomplished.

23. Adjournment

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

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