

**Minutes**  
**Oracle School District Governing Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Oracle Ridge Board Room**

**1. Call to Order**

Board President, Mrs. Susan Beaman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 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 Blausler, Mrs. Nannette Soule, Mrs. Dawn Ruiz, Mrs. Carmen Trejo and those who signed the guest register.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Dr. Bosma requested to move items # 6 and 7 to follow item #8. Mr. Walden seconded.

Mr. Clark stated that as advised by Mrs. Beaman he is requesting the removal of items: 7 - Discussion/Action on obtaining consulting services to evaluate district facilities and to secure recommendation and cost for possible new facilities. (to determine what needs improving, repairing or replacing; whether or not to build a new school at our existing sites and whether to build a new K-3 school in or near the Eagle Crest area.); 12 - Discussion/Action of an extension of the superintendents contract; 13 - Discussion/Action for the board to consider a resolution to move forward with the override renewal at the next appropriate election date; and 15 - Review of current status of policies and amendments adopted in 2007, with discussion and possible action (See Attached Listing of policies). Mr. Clark stated he would also like to remove item # 8. Discussion was held.

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to remove items 7, 12, 13 and 15 from the agenda, all in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to discuss items 6 and 8 simultaneously, Dr. Bosma, Mrs. Beaman, Mr. Carran and Mr. Walden in favor, Mrs. Harmon opposed, motion carried.

**2. 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.

Genelle Day, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Co-President, addressed the board and let them know about the PTO sponsored Benefit Dinner to assist the Corona family, she gave ticket information.

Nellie Doran, community member, addressed the board and expressed her opinion regarding the importance of the override.

### 3. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. *Approval of Minutes:*

*Regular Meeting August 14, 2007 –[pulled from consent agenda]*

b. Ratification of Vouchers:

#7054 Expense \$ 24,661.79	Payroll # 4 \$ 105,960.99
#7055 Expense \$ 292,931.15	Payroll # 5 \$ 114,648.72
# 8006 Expense \$ 41,634.78	
#8007 Expense \$ 27,111.86	
#8008 Expense \$ 14,600.89	
#8009 Expense \$ 89,452.72	

c. Financial Reports for the Month of August

d. *Out of District Travel: - removed from consent agenda*

Marge Clark –e-IEP PRO Software Training, August 13, 2007, Phoenix, AZ;  
Crystal McGinnis & Anna Parra – DIBELS Training – Florence, AZ Aug. 13 & 14, 2007

Maria Croci – ADE – Special Education Training – Tucson, AZ October 22, 2007

Ramona Willis & Jocelyn Berg – Auxiliary and Student Activities Funds Workshop – Sept. 21, 2007 Phoenix, AZ

Dennis Blausier & John Clark ASBA Law Conference – Litchfield Park, AZ Sept. 6-7, 2007

Dennis Blausier ASA The Principal and the Law Conference –Phoenix, AZ November 15, 2007

Michele Gagnon & Catherine Allen – Pinal County Gifted Consortium Meeting, Florence, AZ Sept. 4, 2007

Tori Johnson - Coaching Collaborative Teams in Flagstaff, AZ October 15-16, 2007 and March 7, 2008 Flagstaff

Nancy Ritchie –HELP for Early Learning Professionals, Phoenix, AZ September 27 & 28, 2007

e. Approval to change the title of policy BEDBB to read Agendas for Future Meetings instead of Future Meetings and Agendas – pulled from consent agenda

f. *Grants: Early Childhood Block Grant, Title IA, IIA, and VA [pulled from consent agenda]*

Dr. Bosma requested to hold item “d” and “f” of the consent agenda. Mr. Walden requested to pull the August 14<sup>th</sup> minutes from the consent agenda.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the consent agenda minus the August 14<sup>th</sup> minutes and items “d” and “f”. Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, Mrs. Harmon and Mr. Walden in favor, Mr. Carran opposed, motion carried.

#### August 14, 2007 Minutes

Mr. Walden requested an editing change to the minutes Page 3, item 5 first line change “accept” to “approve”, as “approve” was the word used on the original motion.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the August 14<sup>th</sup> minutes with the editing change as requested by Mr. Walden – change “accept” to “approve”. Discussion held, all in favor, motion carried.

#### **Out of District Travel**

Dr. Bosma urged that travel items be listed for board approval ahead of the travel date whenever possible.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the Out of District Travel, with notation to administration that travel items be listed ahead of time whenever possible, all in favor, motion carried.

#### **Grants: Early Childhood Block Grant, Title IA, IIA, and VA**

Dr. Bosma stated he was concerned that the board have opportunity to discuss grants prior to submission and suggested board be provided with ongoing information.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the 2008 Early Childhood Block Grant and the 2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Programs – Titles I-A, II-A, V-A, as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

##### **4. Second reading and possible adoption of policies:**

##### **BEDBA – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination**

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to approve BEDBA – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination as presented. Mrs. Beaman asked for clarification that the motion referred to the version - (As proposed for amendment – August 2007). Mr. Walden confirmed that she was correct. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

##### **BEDG – Minutes**

Mr. Walden moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to postpone action on BEDB – Minutes until October. Mr. Walden stated he has continued to research the specifics of the changes recommended and would like to have items copied for board members along with a new proposal for consideration at the October meeting. Discussion was held. Mrs. Harmon expressed her agreement with Mr. Harris’ recommendation that the current policy be kept as it is and moved to amend the motion to continue with the current policy. It was noted that the current policy is in place and that no action is needed. Vote taken on postponing this item until October, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, and Mr. Walden in favor, Mr. Carran and Mrs. Harmon opposed, motion carried.

##### **BIA-R Board Handbook and Materials**

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to adopt BIA-R Board Handbook and Materials as presented. Discussion was held and Mrs. Beaman requested the word “school” be added to #4 - “List of district staff with *school* phone numbers and *school* e-mail addresses.” Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to adopt BIA-R with the editing change as requested by Mrs. Beaman, all in favor, motion carried.

##### **BDF – Advisory Committees**

Discussion was held regarding policy BDF and a copy of the policy as adopted June 12, 2007 was distributed. Further discussion was held regarding adding the language from the law regarding minutes/electronic recordings.

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Walden seconded to postpone this item until October. Mrs. Beaman, Mrs. Harmon, Mr. Carran and Mr. Walden in favor, Dr. Bosma opposed, motion carried.

**JC, JC-R School Attendance Areas**

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve policies JC and JC-R School Attendance Areas as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

**5. Discussion/Action of Oracle School District 2007-2008 Tax Rate of 3.0019**

Discussion was held and Mr. Clark explained the purpose of this item was so that the public is aware of the tax rate. Mrs. Ruiz also gave information regarding this item and referred the board to the information in the packet.

Mrs. Beaman moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded that the Governing Board affirm/approve the 2007/2008 tax rates as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

**6. Discussion/Action of Forming Oracle School District Citizen Bond Committee**

*[Items 6 and 8 taken simultaneously – SEE ITEM #8]*

**7. Discussion/Action on obtaining consulting services to evaluate district facilities and to secure recommendation and cost for possible new facilities. (to determine what needs improving, repairing or replacing; whether or not to build a new school at our existing sites and whether to build a new K-3 school in or near the Eagle Crest area.)**

*[Item removed during approval of agenda – no action]*

**New Business**

**8. Discussion/Action of creation of a special citizen-based Board Advisory Committee to conduct an objective study and evaluation of current and future financial and facilities needs of the Oracle School district and to present its recommendations to the Board no later than June 2008**

Mrs. Beaman suggested discussing item #6 first, then #8.

Mr. Clark gave a summary of his reason and recommendation to form a Board Advisory Committee to recommend the need to call for a bond election in November of 2008. Discussion was held and board members agreed to the importance of an advisory committee to gather information and present to the board.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board authorize the creation of a special citizen-based advisory committee to conduct an objective study and evaluation of current and future financial and facilities needs of the Oracle School District and to present its recommendation to the Board no later than June 2008.

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to amend the motion to strike “not later than June 2008” Discussion was held. Vote on amendment Mrs. Harmon and Mr. Carran in favor, Mrs. Beaman, Dr. Bosma, and Mr. Walden opposed, motion failed.  
Vote taken on Dr. Bosma’s motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Beaman called for a break at 7:53 p.m., the meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m.

**9. Discussion/Action to adopt or reject the Technology Standards established by the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA)**

Mr. Terry McGovern, Information Technologist, addressed the board regarding this item. He recommended the board reject the GITA standards and explained that he currently uses standards that are similar to the recommended standards, and if the board were to adopt the GITA standards the funding to support the standards would dramatically take away from funding for other district operations. Discussion was held with board members commenting on the lengthy GITA standards.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded that the Governing Board reject the GITA standards but that the standards be used where applicable as voluntary guidelines for the technology purchases, all in favor, motion carried.

**10. First Reading Policies:**

**EB, EB-R Environmental and Safety Program**

**ECB – Building and Grounds Maintenance**

Mr. Walden moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board accept the first reading of EB, EB-R Environmental and Safety Program and ECB Building all in favor, motion carried.

**11. Discussion/Action of School Facilities Board Capital Plan and Annual reports**

Mr. Clark and Mrs. Ruiz presented the capital plan and annual reports.

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Walden seconded to approve the School Facilities Board Capital Plan and annual reports as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

**12. Discussion/Action of an extension of the superintendents contract**

*[Item removed during approval of agenda – no action]*

**13. Discussion/Action for the board to consider a resolution to move forward with the override renewal at the next appropriate election date**

*[Item removed during approval of agenda – no action]*

**14. Discussion/Action of Personnel Matters:**

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the following personnel items

Extra-curricular contracts – Michele Gagnon – Athletic Director; Rick Benavidez – Head Flag Football Coach; Anthony Benavidez – Assistant Football Coach; Janice Vigil - Girls “A” Volleyball; Veronica Martinez – Girls “B” Volleyball; Geri Benavidez – Yearbook Sponsor; Kathy Brown & Marlene Godbout – Professional Development Coordinators; Joanna Soule & Nannete Soule Co- NJHS Sponsors; Jocelyn Berg Student Council Sponsor; Chantel Sloan – O.R. Head Teacher; Corrie Guerrero K-2, Marlene Godbout 3-5, Allison Hendrix 6-8 - Grade Level Chairs

Fall 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Jim Anway; Deanna Apodaca; Monika Bond; Judy Bott; Kathy Brown; Melanie Florez; Marlene Godbout; Dana Keilman; Merry Lewers; Patricia Munoz; David Peck; Vera Shury; Flora Silva; Lori Tate; Lisa Villanueva; Bonnielee Walsh

Morning Tutors – Joanna Soule; Nannete Soule; Allison Hendrix

Substitutes – Greg Reiser – (Teacher); Lori Ryser (Teacher) Martha Corona (Custodian)

Part-time Bus Driver – Janice Jones

Connections Learning Center Director – Rick Benavidez

**15. Review of current status of policies and amendments adopted in 2007, with discussion and possible action (See Attached Listing of policies)**

*[Item removed during approval of agenda – no action]*

**16. Discussion/Action on whether or not Oracle School District should initiate a free-breakfast program for all students**

Mrs. Harmon moved and Mr. Carran seconded to continue with the current breakfast and lunch program as budgeted for 2007/2008. Discussion was held. It was clarified that no action was necessary to continue with the current program.

**17. Discussion/Action of Paperless board meetings**

Discussion was held regarding paperless board meetings. Board members agreed they would possibly like to have a demonstration/presentation of how a paperless board meeting is prepared for and conducted. Mr. Clark will make some phone calls and gather additional information for future consideration of this item.

**18. Discussion/Action to determine location of future board meetings**

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board continue to meet in the Oracle Ridge Boardroom. Discussion was held on whether or not the board should have at least one meeting in SaddleBrooke per year. Vote taken all in favor of continuing to meet in the Oracle Ridge Boardroom, motion carried.

**19. Discussion/Action to change the date of the October and December regular board meeting. Board members discussed considerations for changing the October and December meeting dates.**

Board members discussed the needs of the district and optional dates for the upcoming meetings and the

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to change the October 9, 2007 regular meeting to October 15, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Walden seconded to change the date of the December regular meeting from the 11<sup>th</sup> to December 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

**20. Discussion/Action to consider board member attendance to:**

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board approve the attendance (registration & expenses) of interested board member(s) and administration to the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA), Arizona Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) & Arizona School Administrators (ASA) Sponsored Workshop regarding Financial Budgeting and Monitoring, in Phoenix, AZ on September 25, 2007, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Carran expressed an interest in attending.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board approve the attendance (registration & expenses) of interested board member(s) and administration to ASBA Pinal County Meeting October 4, 2007, at J.O. Combs School District, Queen Creek, AZ, all in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board approve the attendance (registration & expenses) of interested board member(s) and administration ASBA – ASA Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ December 12-14, 2007, all in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Bosma moved and Mr. Carran seconded that the Governing Board approve the attendance (registration & expenses) of one person to attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida – March 29-April 1, 2008. Dr. Bosma expressed his interest in attending. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**21. Discussion/Action of Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) 2008 Political Agenda items to determine the Oracle District's top ten legislative priorities that ASBA should pursue for the 2008 Legislative Session**

Board members came to a consensus on the ten priority legislative action proposals for ASBA to pursue in any Special Session on Education and/or in the Forty-eighth legislature, Second Regular Session.

The Priorities are as follows:

1. Oppose efforts to curtail communications, not including instruction in a language other than English for students, parents and other constituents and advocate for ADE to publish critical items intended for parent distribution in Spanish as well as English.
2. Seek legislation that adequately encourages, assists and financially supports the curriculum and instructional needs of Arizona's public schools.
3. Support legislation that ensures that all public schools are funded and governed in a manner consistent with the Arizona Constitution's requirement of a general and uniform public school system
4. Oppose legislation that would further limit district control of performance pay for teachers under Classroom Site Fund.
5. Seek legislation to ensure that all charter schools are accountable, both financially and in their governance structure, to the public.
6. Advocate for testing that evaluates English Language Learners appropriately to ascertain the level of proficiency for these students and make recommendations for intervention programs.
7. Oppose any legislation that results in the direct or indirect use of public funds to support private schools, including school vouchers and tax credits.
8. Support efforts that would serve to maximize the earnings of the school trust lands for the benefit of K-12 public education.
9. Advocate a complete revision of the school finance formula.
10. Seek legislation that provides increased funding for school personnel salaries.

A break was taken at 9:25 p.m., the meeting resumed at 9:33 p.m.

**Administrative and Board Reports**

**22. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Clark reported on the following:

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - AYP was achieved and congratulations go to the school staff, students and parents for this achievement.

Enrollment update – current enrollment is up 5.5 students from end of year enrollment:  
MV 377, OR 55

Eagle Crest – continues to grow with housing going up daily.

Connections Learning Center Update – Director has been hired and tutors will be hired soon, funding update be sent as information becomes available.

PTO Benefit Dinner – Friday, September 14, 2007 at Mountain Vista School Cafeteria

**23. Board Report**

Board members reported on the following:

Pre-Kindergarten Education – Dr. Bosma has been named to the National Legislative Committee for Pre-Kindergarten Education Legislation of the National School Board Association.

ASBA Law Conference – Board members reported the conference was one of best Law Conferences. Dr. Bosma also mentioned the importance of the Indian Hispanic Caucus.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TOPICS**

**24. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:**

Regular October Board Meeting – October 15, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Oracle Ridge Boardroom

Special Meeting, Goals - Thursday, September 20, 2007, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**27. Meeting Evaluation**

Board member comments: meeting went ok, productive, shorter than previous meetings.

**25. Adjournment**

Mr. Carran moved and Dr. Bosma seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

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