

MINUTES

Oracle School District – Governing Board Special Meeting(s)
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 12:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 25, 2009 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M
Oracle Ridge Boardroom

1. Call to Order

Board president Elizabeth Harmon called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Mrs. Alicia Bristow, Mr. Dave Bowersock, Mr. Mike Carran, Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon and Mr. Kurt Steffens. Also present were Mr. Todd Kissick, Mrs. Dawn Ruiz, Mr. John Gordon and Mrs. Carmen Trejo.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Oracle School District Budget Workshop presented by Business Manager and Superintendent

Mrs. Ruiz gave a Presentation of School Finance Information to the Governing Board. She reviewed the Monthly Financial Reports that are in the monthly board packet. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions. Mrs. Ruiz also gave a short briefing on the 2009/2010 budget explaining that there are still not any definite figures regarding what the funding formulas will be and whether or not there will be substantial funding cuts. The federal stimulus package will also most likely have an impact on the districts funding for the 09/10 and 10/11 years, but the details of the availability of federal funds are still unknown.

Mrs. Ruiz completed her presentation at 1:15 p.m.

The board took a break and resumed the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

4. Board Workshop with Arizona School Boards Association consultant John Gordon on School Board- Superintendent Relations and Review of District Mission & Vision and Goal Setting.

a. Role of Governing Board Member

Mr. Gordon went over information with the board that outlined board member roles. These items were discussed and Mr. Gordon gave suggestions on how the board members can be more visible, such as making visits to the school and

attending school activities. He suggested the member contact the school principal ahead of time to advise of the upcoming visit.

A break was taken from 2:15 -2:30 p.m.

b. Importance of Relationship between Administrators and Board Members

Mr. Gordon discussed the importance of the relationship between the administration and board members. He went over a variety of board policies with the board including those that guide the board and administration in setting the agenda for board meetings.

The meeting was recessed at 3:52 p.m., February 24, 2009.

The meeting was resumed at 8:25 a.m., February 25, 2009

c. Goal Setting

Mr. Gordon led the board in a process to identify the critical issues of the district and the leadership team. These critical issues will be further developed and reviewed to guide the board in setting goals.

5. Discussion/possible action on Memorandum of Agreement for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Partners – Participation in the Copper Corridor Consortium Safe School/Healthy Students Project (SS/HS)

Mr. Steffens moved and Mrs. Bristow seconded to table this item, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Carran moved and Mrs. Bristow seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

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Minutes approved _____