

MINUTES

Governing Board Regular Meeting Thursday March 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Oracle Ridge Boardroom, Oracle, AZ

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Harmon called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Mrs. Bristow led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Mrs. Alicia Bristow, Mr. Dave Bowersock, and Mr. Kurt Steffens. Mrs. Betty Harmon was absent. Also present were Mr. Todd Kissick, Mr. Dennis Blausner, Mrs. Nannette Soule, Mrs. Dawn Ruiz, and those who signed the guest register.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Presentations and Recognitions

a. National Junior Honor Society presentation

Miss Halie Blausner, an eighth grade student at Mt. Vista, represented the NJHS with a presentation about their trip to Washington, D. C. last summer. She shared her memories and pictures from their trip. She thanked the school board for allowing them to have that opportunity.

b. Mountain Vista update presentation

Mr. Blausner gave a report on the upcoming spring intersession. Sixty Mt. Vista students were chosen to participate in the week-long tutoring program. Mrs. Bristow asked about the criteria for choosing the students who attend. Mr. Blausner explained that those students who did not meet one or more standard were invited to attend and would work in small groups to improve their content knowledge. Mr. Blausner also gave acknowledgement to Lori Tate for her efforts as the intersession director.

The AIMS test was delivered this week. Mountain Vista will start with the writing test on April 1st. We will have a three week window to finish all of the testing.

c. *Presentation on Arizona School Boards Association Legal Seminar – attended March 7, 2009.*

Mr. Carran was unable to attend the board meeting so Mr. Kissick gave the report. The seminar dealt with the current budget crisis. Some of the issues discussed were: legal issues in reduction in force, the crisis is not just an Arizona problem it is nation wide, and the Senate has decided not to hear any more bills until the budget crisis is solved.

Mr. Kissick let the board and audience know that our administration team is working on possible solutions with their focus being to preserve the quality for our students.

4. Call to the Public

None of the audience members wished to address the board.

5. Approval of Consensus Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting February 12, 2009

Special Meeting February 24-25, 2009

b. Ratification of Vouchers:

9026 Expense \$ 30,627.63 Payroll # 22 \$ 130,154.65

9027 Expense \$ 24,298.63 Payroll # 23 \$ 125,408.22

9028 Expense \$ 29,740.13 Payroll # 24 \$ /36,469.10

c. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of February

d. Approval of Agreement Between Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) and Oracle School District Local Education Agency (LEA) for Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program and Medicaid Direct Service Claiming Program

e. Ratification of signature of board designee – Todd Kissick to Statement of Assurance re-Teacher Evaluation System Status (FY2009-2010)

f. Approval/Submittal of Saddlebag Notes Community Fund Grant Request and Ratification/Submittal of First Things First grant application

g. Donation - Corbett Alley – computer, monitor and printer

Mr. Steffens, relating to item d, asked if all districts are buying into this agreement. Mrs. Ruiz explained that we do quarterly reports for special education services. MIPS funding is according to IEPs. Mrs. Bristow asked about pre-school being self sufficient and was informed that they are.

Mr. Steffens moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

6. Discussion/possible action on Pinal County Attorney ruling on November Unification Election results.

Mr. Kissick explained that the unification didn't pass because the wording stated that a majority of all registered voters must be obtained, not just a majority of those who voted. We would have to rewrite with the proper language to vote again. No action was required on this matter.

7. Discussion/possible action on Governing Board – Administrator School District Facility tour.

Discussion was held that the tour was previously scheduled to take place before Thanksgiving but was cancelled because of the holidays. No date was set at this time. The board agreed that a tour of both campuses could possibly be held before the next special meeting. No action was required.

New Business

8. Discussion/possible action on ratification of Memorandum of Agreement for the Safe Schools Healthy Students Partners.

Mrs. Soule explained that the grant would be divided between five schools. We were contracted to be part of the consortium. We would need to hire a coordinator, but the grant will pay for everything. This grant would also provide training for parents and staff.

Mr. Bowersock moved and Mrs. Bristow seconded to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Safe Schools Healthy Students Partners, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Discussion/possible action on student overnight out of district trips: May Honor Roll trip and May Eighth grade trip.

Mr. Blauser explained that the May Honor Roll trip is to camp at Roosevelt Lake. The district hires 2 or 3 lifeguards. Only those students (4th through 8th grade) who made honor roll for 3 of the 4 quarters are invited to attend. The 4th grade students must have a parent or chaperone with them. We usually take approximately one hundred students on this trip.

The May Eighth grade trip will be to 6 Flags Magic Mountain. This trip is completely paid for through fundraising.

Mr. Bowersock moved and Mrs. Bristow seconded to approve the May Honor Roll trip and the May Eighth grade trip, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Personnel Issues

- a. Medical Leave of absence – Amber Wick
- b. Employment of intersession employees: Intersession Director – Lori Tate; Teacher – Judy Bott, Instruction aides – Verdean Smith, Leonor Berumen, Penny Parra, Susan Fairbanks, Barbara Frost, and Mariah Chastain
- c. Substitutes Darlene Cavanaugh – Math Lab-Long term and Theron Royal regular substitute
- d. Temporary Assignments– Office Clerk – Verdean Smith and temporary additional duties/hours Mechelle Egan
- e. Wellness Coordinator

Discussion was held regarding item e as to whether it is legal to pay an employee to do the job of Wellness Coordinator. The board decided that legal advice was needed on this matter.

Mrs. Bristow moved and Mr. Steffens seconded that all personal items be approved with contingency on item e pending legal advice from the district attorney, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Superintendent Report

Mr. Kissick reported on the following:

Crazy hat day and celebration at Oracle Ridge to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

The budget meeting with all staff that was held at Mt. Vista – discussion was held about preserving all of our options.

12. Board Report

Mr. Steffens complimented Mrs. Ruiz putting everything together and being well organized. Mr. Steffens also asked if a water bottle machine could be placed in the gym or cafeteria so that students and visitors would have access.

13. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:

Regular Meeting April 9, 2009

The school board budget meeting will be held on March 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom - the administrative team was invited to attend.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Bowersock moved and Mr. Steffens seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

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Minutes approved _____