

MINUTES
Oracle Elementary School District #2
Governing Board Public Hearing
Regarding the Revised 2008-2009 School District Expenditure Budget
Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Oracle Ridge Boardroom, Oracle, AZ

1. Call to Order

Board President Elizabeth Harmon call the Public Hearing on the Revised 2008-2009 School District Budget to order at 6:35 p.m. Dawn Ruiz, business manager, went over the revised budget and explained the changes that were made to the budget. There were no comments or questions from the members of the public.

2. Adjournment of Public Hearing

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Steffens seconded to adjourn the public hearing at 6:38 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Governing Board Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2008, Immediately following Public Hearing
Oracle Ridge Boardroom, Oracle, AZ

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Harmon called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m., Mr. Steffens led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Mr. Dave Bowersock, Mrs. Alicia Bristow, Mr. Mike Carran, Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon and Mr. Kurt Steffens, Also present were Mr. Todd Kissick, Mr. Dennis Blausner, Mrs. Nannette Soule, Mrs. Dawn Ruiz, Mrs. Carmen Trejo and those who signed the guest register.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Call to the Public

Mr. Carran read the call to the public. Mrs. Harmon opened the floor for members of the public to address the board.

Nellie Doran, member of the Oracle community, addressed the board and thanked Mr. Carran for attending the recent PTA meeting. She also spoke about recycling and encouraged the board to have a future agenda item to deal with this issue. She also hopes the board will consider a future community forum.

Dennis Blauser and Ron Small also addressed the board in regards to the recycling topic.

4. Approval of Consensus Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting August 13, 2008

Special Meeting August 18, 2008

a. Ratification of Vouchers:

# 8049 Expense	\$ 914.77	Payroll # 4	\$ 107,795.14
# 8050 Expense	\$ 16,585.03	Payroll # 5	\$ 120,516.65
# 9005 Expense	\$ 81,150.57		
# 9006 Expense	\$ 83,520.00		

b. Approval of Financial Reports for the Month of August

c. Ratification/Approval of Out of District Travel

Toni Parkhurst, Trina Duarte, Jocelyn Berg, and Lydia Smith –
Heinfield & Meech Student Activities Workshop, Sept. 16, 2008
Tucson, AZ; Nannette Soule - AZ SAFE Implementation Workshop on
October 1st at the Westward Look in Tucson.

e. Oracle Ridge Handbook

f. Affirmation of Oracle Elementary School District #2 - 2008-2009 Tax Rate

g. Ratification/approval of submission of Capital Plan and other reports to be submitted to School Facilities Board (SFB)

h. Appointment of Student Activities Treasurer – Ramona Willis

i. Approval of Permanent Food Service Agreement between Oracle School District and Arizona Department of Education (Most current valid agreement from ADE)

Mr. Steffens moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the consent agenda as listed, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Discussion/action on Revised 2008-2009 Oracle Elementary School District #2 Expenditure Budget

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded to approve the Revised 2008-2009 Oracle Elementary School District #2 Expenditure Budget as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Presentation/Discussion via internet of Board Book – paperless board meetings

This item was taken at 7:00 p.m. An online presentation of the BoardBook program was given by Scott Ballew a BoardBook representative. He demonstrated the functions of the program and answered questions. At the conclusion of the presentation board members discussed the pros and cons of going with paperless board meetings.

Mr. Kissick stated he would bring the item back for board action at a future board meeting.

8. Discussion/possible action on Resolution to request that Tom Horne Superintendent of Public Instruction recalculate State Aid to the District for prior years and adjust State Aid for the District in the current budget year due to a change in assessed valuation that occurred as the result of a judgment in accordance with A.R.S. § 42-1623 (QWEST corporation tax settlement for 2004, 2005 and 2007)

Mr. Kissick provided information on the item and recommended the board approve the resolution as presented.

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded to approve the resolution as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Discussion/possible action on Resolution petitioning Orlanda Roberts, the Pinal County School Superintendent, and the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to authorize the District to exceed its budget limitation as the result of judgments made in accordance with A.R.S. § § 42-1623 and 42-16214

Mr. Steffens moved and Mr. Carran seconded to approve the resolution as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Discussion/possible action on Reimbursement of Tuition for Continuing Education for Administrative Staff

Mr. Blausen and Mr. Kissick presented this information and stated the maximum reimbursement would be \$900.00 per semester for each of the three administrators.

Mr. Carran moved and Mrs. Harmon seconded that the Governing Board approve the reimbursement of tuition costs not to exceed \$900.00 per semester for administrative staff who take a class at an accredited university. Discussion was held and Mr.

Bowersock asked if there should be some indication that the class must be related to the administrator's career. Mr. Kissick stated there would be a form designed that would require a review/approval of the class to be taken and reimbursed. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Discussion/possible action on addition of Position and position changes for 2008-2009

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded that the board approve the following new positions for the 2008-2009 school year: Information Technology Assistant II and Community Schools Coordinator. Mr. Kissick and Mr. Blausen presented information on the two new positions and recommended the board approve the positions.

Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

12. Discussion/possible action on School Facilities Board (SFB) visit to school district

Mr. Kissick reported that Mike Barfield, SFB representative, recently visited the school district and during his visit he provided additional information regarding funding sources for the roofing project at the Mountain Vista campus. The administrative team is

following up on the current capital funds and current priority expenditure items and will be working closely with Mr. Barfield to prepare the scope of work for the roofing project.

13. Discussion/possible action on early payoff of school bus lease(s)

Mr. Kissick requested the board approve the early pay off of the current school bus leases. Information in the board packet showed the amount of savings for each of the four current lease/purchase agreements.

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded that the board approve the early payoff of the school bus leases.

14. Discussion/possible action on permission to solicit for bids for playground and bathroom improvements

Mr. Blausen recommended approval of this item as they are priority capital items. Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded that the board authorize Mr. Kissick to solicit bids for playground and bathroom improvements, all in favor, motion carried.

15. Personnel Issues

a. 21st Century before/after school instructors

395 Funding

Anway, Jim	5th Homework Help
Bott, Judy	3rd Reading & Math
Flores, Angelina	1st-6th Spanish Club
Garcia, Brenda	2nd Homework Help
Godbout, Marlene	3rd Reading & Math
Munoz, Patricia	6th Homework Help
Peck, David	1st Reading Practice
Smith, Verdean	7th-8th Morning Tutoring
Soule, Nannette	7th-8th Morning Tutoring
Tate, Lori	4th Homework Help
Villanueva. Lisa	6th-7th-8th Homework Help

526 Funding

Chastain, Mariah	4th-6th Gardening Club 1st-6th Cooking for Kids
Vigil, Jamie	
Otero, Monique	1st-6th Sports
Gonzales, Francisco	1st-6th Arts & Crafts 4th-8th Art Without End
Wainio, Marguerite	End
Walsh, Bonnielee	4th-8th Write On

b. Extra- Curricular Contracts –

- Chantel Sloan – Oracle Ridge Head Teacher
- Richard (Rick) Benavidez – Flag Football head coach
- Anthony Benavidez – Flag Football Assistant Coach
- Janice Vigil – Girls “A” Volleyball coach
- Michele Gagnon – Girls “B” Volleyball coach
- Janice Vigil – Girls “A” Basketball coach
- Veronica Martinez – Girls Basketball “B” coach
- Trina Duarte – Boys Soccer Head Coach

- c. Connections Learning Center Director – Richard (Rick) Benavidez
- d. Connections Learning Center Tutors
 - Tutor III: Timothy Gort, Jamie Vigil, Monique Otero, Nicole Perea
 - Tutor II: Brandon Blausler, Richard Benavidez Jr., Alexis Cundiff
 - Tutor I: Alina Valenzuela, Corina Romero
- e. Additional hours: Marie Huff – MIPS reporting; Juleen Poskey – Oracle Ridge Library Hours; Tabitha Lindberg – Cafeteria Substitute

Mr. Bowersock moved and Mr. Steffens seconded that the Governing Board approve items a. – e above, all in favor, motion carried.

- f. Mr. Steffens moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded to approve the transfer of Rosa Flores from part-time office clerk position to full-time Community Schools Coordinator all in favor, motion carried.
- g. Mr. Steffens moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded to approve the Change to new position for Andrew Poskey – from Technology Assistant to Technology Assistant II – Andrew Poskey, all in favor, motion carried.
- h. Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded to approve Lorelie McRae as an Emergency Teacher for the 2nd grade teacher position for the 2008-2009 school year, all in favor, motion carried.

16. Principal Report

Mr. Blausler reported on Mountain Vista activities – extracurricular tutoring, and after school activities are going strong. The athletic seasons have started and many students are participating.

17. Superintendent Report

Mr. Kissick reported on the following:

- a. District Current Events – the maintenance consultant spent 2 days at the district with district personnel and will be forwarding a written report to the superintendent.
- b. Fire Marshall Report/Update-Inspection of Fire Alarm System
Recent inspection by the Arizona fire marshall went well. Items out of compliance and in need of correction have taken priority and corrective action has taken place to bring all areas into compliance. This included an inspection of the fire alarm system.

18. Board Report – Arizona School Boards Association Law Conference – attended by board members on September 4-6, 2008

Mr. Steffens reported on the Law Conference and stated it was a great learning experience and he appreciated the opportunity to attend. Mrs. Harmon also reported on the conference stating she learned about internet social networking that is taking place

with our youth and also mentioned there were some good sessions on many interesting topics.

19. Future Meeting Dates & Topics:

Special Board Meeting Policy for continued policy review – October 8, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2008 6:30 p.m., Oracle Ridge Boardroom
Suggested topics: Recycling – incorporating “green” into our thinking; community input survey and possible community forum.

20. Adjournment

Mr. Carran moved and Mr. Bowersock seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., all in favor, motion carried.

Board President

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Minutes approved _____