

# Regular Governing Board Minutes



12/13/2016

at 5:30 p.m.

Somerton School District

Board Room

343 N. Carlisle Ave

Somerton, AZ 85350

## Notice of Public Meeting

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.02. Notice of this Public Meeting has been appropriately posted. The Board will consider the item(s) listed on the agenda and will take action when necessary and appropriate. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. The Board may vote to go into Executive Session for legal advice on any item on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3. One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephone.

### Somerton Elementary School District #11

#### Governing Board Agenda

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Time: 5:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting and Executive Governing Meeting

Place: **Board Room** 343 N. Carlisle Ave., Somerton, AZ 85350 • (928) 341-6000 • [www.ssd11.org](http://www.ssd11.org)

Attending Board: **Araceli Juarez** **Lorena Zendejas** **Carlos Gonzalez** **Leticia Yopez**

Absent Board: **Fernando Villegas**

Attending Staff: **Dr. Laura Noel** **Jerry Cabrera** **Margarita Camacho** **Melissa Porchas**  
**Maria P. Vasquez** **Anna Fermanis** **Patti Weissenberg** **Kim Ser**  
**Jody Ricker** **Luciano Munoz** **Lydia Rodriguez-Vaughn** **Mia Armenta**  
**Bibi Garza** **Joshua Colson** **Tiffany Middleton**

Attending Public:

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## 1. Regular Governing Board Meeting Agenda

### 1.1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

**Miss Juarez called the board meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Zendejas.**

### 1.2. Comments from the Audience

Under Comments from the Audience, the public may address the Board on any subject not listed on the agenda. An individual may only address the Board once under this item. Five (5) minutes may be allotted to each speaker but can be extended by a Board member, if so desired. The Board cannot act on non-agenda items and cannot respond to issues other than to provide general information or giving direction to the Superintendent to add to a future agenda or for the Superintendent to follow up with speaker. The individual shall state his/her name and address before addressing the Board.

**Miss Juarez asked if there were any comments from the audience. No comments from the audience.**

## 2. Report/Discussion Items

### 2.1. Superintendent Report

#### 2.1.1. Date for Board Training with attorney on January 2017

- January 10th at 6:30 pm or after the board meeting
- January 24th at 5:30 PM

#### 2.1.2. Proposition 206

#### 2.1.3. Change school name: Encanto Learning Center (ELC) vs Valle Del Encanto Learning Center (VDELC)

#### 2.1.4. Robotics Tournament ELC and SMS

Dr. Noel discussed the following items:

- Board members training with the attorneys: Board members would like the board training to be on Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 pm.
- Proposition 206 on minimum wage passed. Mrs. Porchas mentioned that by law any employees under \$10.00 will be required to pay them \$10.00 effective January 1st. The salary schedule will change as of January 1st and any new staff will be hired at that wage. We do not need to change anyone else because that would be considered a gift of public funds. The budget will reflect this change over a period of three years. In 2018 it will be \$10.50. In 2019 it will be \$11.00 and in 2020 it will be \$12.00. This change will affect only six of our employees.
- Dr. Noel asked the board member to begin discussions about Valle del Encanto Learning Center now that it is a K-5 school; whether the school will use ELC or VDELC. Board members agreed to continue using ELC, Encanto Learning Center.
- Dr. Noel mentioned SMS and ELC attended the First LEGO League Robotics competition on Saturday, December 3rd at AWC. Mr. Munoz reported this is the first year ELC 5th grade students attend a state tournament. Thirty-six local teams competed, including ELC's Bionic Stars team. Ten teams compete at state level. There are three main Core Awards given to teams, the Project Award, Core Values Award, and the Robot Design Award. ELC received the Core Values Award. This award celebrates a team that is empowered by their FLL experience and displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit.

#### 2.2. Board Members Report

##### 2.2.1. Board Members Attendance ([Information](#))

Mr. Gonzalez attended the ELC and TDS Christmas Programs and gave kudos to all staff.

Ms. Zendejas attended the Yuma Light Parade and mentioned that band students did an awesome job! They are very proud of themselves! Ms. Zendejas said she was disappointed with the band uniforms they are too large for the students. She expressed an interest in helping out the Band Booster Clubs to support their efforts.

Mrs. Yopez thanked the community and staff for their support in being appointed school board member once again.

#### 2.3. Administrators/Directors Report

##### 2.3.1. No Reports

### 3. Other Discussion Items/Presentation/Information

#### 3.1. Number of suspensions District Wide ([Information](#))

### 4. Consent Agenda

The following items may be approved in one motion under the Consent Agenda. If a particular item is to be discussed it may be pulled from the Consent Agenda and taken as a separate agenda item. The Board may take action on the following items or defer them to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

#### 4.1. Approval of Board Minutes

##### 4.1.1. Governing Board Regular Minutes November 10, 2016 ([Minutes](#))

##### 4.1.2. Governing Board Executive Session Minutes November 10, 2016

#### 4.2. New Hires FY 2016-17

	Position Description	Location	Level	New Status
4.2.1	Contreras, Claudia	Instructional Assistant	ELC	33 Temporary
4.2.2	Ramirez, Maribel Quezada	Instructional Assistant	ELC	33 Temporary
4.2.3.	Danganan, Jennilyn	Instructional Assistant	SMS	33 Temporary

4.2.4	Mojares, Philip	Instructional Assistant	SMS	33	Temporary
4.2.5	Polanco, Christopher	Teacher	SMS	E	Full-Time

#### 4.3. Reassignment FY 2016-17

	Old Position Description	New Position Description	Location
4.3.1	Estrada, Rosa	IA from Aug- Dec.	DSS
4.3.2	Brena, Mercedes,	Long-Term Sub	ELC
		2/27/17	
4.3.3	Villaescusa, Maria L.	Food Service	ELC
		FS Cook	

#### 4.4. Additional Assignments/Stipends 2016-12016-17

	Position Description	Location	Range
4.4.1	Amador, Erandi	After School Programs	DSS
4.4.2	Camacho, Zulema	After School Programs	DSS
4.4.3	Estrada, Rosa	After School Programs	DSS
4.4.4	Monteon, Judith	After School Programs	DSS
4.4.5	Zuniga, Rocio	After School Programs	DSS
4.4.6	Leon, Denisse	IEP Paperwork	SMS
4.4.7	Ricker, Jody	IEP Paperwork	SMS

#### 4.5. Leave Request FY 2016-17

	Position Description	Location	Leave Date	Status
4.5.1	Fermanis, Anna A.	Instructional Srv. Coordinator	DO	1/9/17-2/28/17
4.5.2	Perea, Maria	Teacher	TDS	11/21/16-05/24/17
4.5.3	Ruiz, Rosa	Secretary	TDS	11/14/16-05/12/17
4.5.4	Valdez, Jose	Lead Custodian	TDS	11/03/16-12/16/16
4.5.5	Zacaria, Imelda	Instructional Assistant	TDS	10/29/16-11/22/16

4.6. Approval of (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding between Cocopah Indian Tribe (Cocopah Head Start Prg.) and Somerton School District #11 for the period of 9/1/16-8/31/2021. ([Information](#))

4.7. Acceptance of Student Activity Fund Report ([Information](#))

4.8. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers for the Month of November FY16-17 ([Information](#))

- 4.8.1. Voucher No. 1039 not to exceed \$250,000.00
- 4.8.2. Voucher No. 1040 not to exceed \$250,000.00
- 4.8.3. Voucher No. 1041 not to exceed \$250,000.00
- 4.8.4. Voucher No. 1042 not to exceed \$250,000.00
- 4.8.5. Voucher No. 1043 not to exceed \$250,000.00

4.9. Approval of Payroll Vouchers for the Month of November FY16-17 ([Information](#))

- 4.9.1. Voucher No. 43 not to exceed \$450,000.00
- 4.9.2. Voucher No. 44 not to exceed \$450,000.00
- 4.9.3. Voucher No. 45 not to exceed \$450,000.00
- 4.9.4. Voucher No. 46 not to exceed \$450,000.00
- 4.9.5. Voucher No. 47 not to exceed \$450,000.00
- 4.9.6. Voucher No. 48 not to exceed \$450,000.00.
- 4.9.7. Voucher No. 49 not to exceed \$450,000.00.

Ms. Zendejas requested for agenda items 4.4.6 and 4.4.7 to be tabled from the consent agenda for clarification on the amount.

Dr. Noel explained that a teacher is out on FMLA and instead of hiring a new person to do the job Mrs. Ricker and Mrs. Leon will be doing the work.

Mrs. Ricker said that when the two teachers are out, she gave the opportunity to other school teachers but they decided it would be overwhelming.

**MOTION:** Ms. Zendejas made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Mrs. Yopez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## 5. Action Item

- 5.1. Approval of SMS wrestling team overnight field trip to Arizona Junior High School Wrestling State Championships on January 27 & 28, 2017.

**MOTION:** Mr. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the SMS Wrestling Team overnight field trip.

Mrs. Yopez seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

- 5.2. Approval of the Resolution of the Governing Board of Somerton School District #11 of Yuma County, Arizona, authorizing the execution and delivery of a taxable equipment lease-purchase agreement to finance the lease and ultimate acquisition of curriculum software for any district school that qualifies as a qualified zone academy as directed by this Board and to pay project costs and costs of bond counsel and costs of issuance; authorizing the appointment of an escrow agent; and authorizing the president, superintendent and assistant superintendent to take all actions and do all things necessary to complete the transaction or transactions contemplated herein. ([Resolution](#))

Dr. Noel explained that the Resolution Agreement QZAB terms of interest rate to the district is 0%.

Payment terms of 5 years as follow: 2018: \$135,000 for the first two years and \$800,000 for the last two years.

**MOTION:** Ms. Zendejas made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Governing Board of Somerton School District. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

- 5.3. Acceptance of the following donations: ([Information](#))

5.3.1. SMS Parents donated \$100.00 to SMS Spirit Line Cheer

5.3.2. SMS Parents donated \$608.00 to SMS STEM

5.3.3. City of Somerton donated \$300.00 to SMS Chess Club

5.3.4. Cocopah Indian Tribe donated \$500.00 to SMS Library Rehab Project

5.3.5. DonorChoose Org. donated HP Desktop Computer to Mrs. Araceli Valtierra, DSS Teacher

**MOTION:** Ms. Juarez made a motion to accept donations.

Ms. Zendejas seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

- 5.4. Discussion and Possible Action to adjust the Salary Schedule to meet legal minimum wages requirement of proposition 206. This impact 6 of our employees. The new salary wage will be effective January 1, 2017. ([Prop 206](#)) ([Salary Schedule](#))

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez made a motion to adjust the Salary Schedule to meet legal minimum wage requirement. Ms. Zendejas seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

## 6. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Ms. Zendejas moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

  
Signature of Board President/Clerk

  
Date