

# Regular Governing Board Minutes



02/10/2015

at 5:30 p.m.

Board Room

343 N. Carlisle Avenue

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, February 10, 2015

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

Place: **Board Room** 343 N. Carlisle Ave.

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Attending Board:	Araceli Juarez	Lorena Zendejas	Carlos Gonzalez
	Fernando Villegas		
Absent Board:	Leticia Yopez		
Attending Staff:	Jerry Cabrera	Dr. Noel	Melissa Porchas
	Margarita Camacho	Lydia Rodriguez	Martin Velasco
	Patricia Weissenberg	Luciano O. Munoz	Jody Attaway
	Maria P. Vasquez	Juan C. Duran	Zayda McIntire
	Maria C. Villarreal	Adela Monteon	Liz Beas
	Elisa Rouse	Patricia Miranda	
Attending Public:	Esperanza Rodriguez	Alberto Rodriguez	Erika Hernandez
	Patricia Miranda		

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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 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Noel.

Dr. Noel recommended for agenda item 2.31 & 2.3.2 to report first. Agenda item 1.3 Executive Session to be moved to the end of the agenda.

Ms. Zendejas made a motion to move agenda items 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 to report first and agenda item 1.3 and for the Executive Session to be moved to the end of the of the agenda. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mrs. Cawley presented the Robotics Teams from SMS: Cobratrons, Cobranators, and Technocobras.

The students presented:

- FLL Components: Project, Core Values and Rrobot Game
- Yuma County rRobotics and State Tournament Results
- Each fall, FLL releases a new challenge from teams that focuses on a different scientific topic.

- Cobratrons: The problem was: How can we improve the way that someone learns Sign Language? And our innovative solutions is a PSL Tablet.
- Cobranators: The Problem was: How can we improve the way intellectually disabled children perform daily living skills? And our innovative solutions is a Survival Toy Kit.
- Technocobras: The Problem was: How can we improve the way newcomers learn how to speak and communicate in English? And our innovative solution is “English Easy.”

DSS Student Council reported the following:

- Student council continues to clean up the playground every Thursday morning before school.
- ELL students have been taking a practice AZELLA test during the past couple of weeks to help them see what they have to learn to score proficient on the English language test.
- On January 28th, DSS held its Annual Spelling Bee.
- Students and teachers are working hard to raise money for field trips and other student related expenses.
- Thank you for inviting us to share all the wonderful things that are going on at DSS.

## 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.

**No comments from the audience.**

## 1.3. Call for Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to **A.R.S § 38-431.03.A1**-Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public office.

### **A.R.S. §15-843 (F1-3; G1-2; H; I) Executive Sessions**

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1. Be notified of the intended action.
2. Decide, in executive session, whether to hold a hearing or to designate one or more hearing officers to hold a hearing to hear the evidence, prepare a record and bring a recommendation to the board for action and whether the hearing shall be held in executive session

The Board may enter into Executive Session for the hearing and decision for the Expulsion of Pupil, unless parent requests public meeting.

Approval of Hearing Officer’s Recommendation for Pupil Expulsion from SMS.

## 2. Report/Discussion Items

### 2.1. Superintendent Report

2.1.1. Comprehensive Preschool Grant Opportunity Meeting 2/18/15

2.1.2. Parking Violations

2.1.3. Legislative Proposal ([Proposal](#))

**Dr. Noel mentioned the following:**

- Dr. Noel will be attending the Preschool Development Grant meeting to learn more about the proposal.
- Parking Violation: Signs are posted.
- Legislative Proposal: FY 2016 Budget does include cuts.
- Board Members are invited to visit the new classrooms at ELC.
- Future agenda items for March board meeting: Stipends, and Policy for Substitute.

## 2.2. Board Members Report

### 2.2.1. President and other Board Members Comments

Mr. Gonzalez thanked ELC for the great job done with preschool licensing and inspection especially Mrs. Encinas.

Ms. Zendejas attended the DSS PTO meeting and commented on the bullying presentation. The powerpoint was very informative to the parents.

### 2.2.2. Board Members Attendance

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Araceli Juarez												
Carlos Gonzalez												
Fernando Villegas												
Leticia Yepez												
Lorena Zendejas												

## 2.3. Administrators/Directors Report

### 2.3.1. SMS— Suspension Procedures —Ms. Garza

Ms. Garza explained and presented a powerpoint on the student discipline referral process.

Mrs. Patricia Miranda asked the board if she can be allowed to address them regarding a concern at SMS.

Miss Juarez reminded Mrs Miranda that there are five (5) minutes allotted to speakers.

Mrs. Miranda expressed her concern regarding the bullying at SMS and the student that committed suicide.

Dr. Noel stated that as a school district we have to be very careful about what is said in order to protect the privacy of adults/children and both children who have difficulty and children who are accused of causing difficulties. The district works hard to follow the proper legal means and address every need. If any of those needs has not be addressed, then the district absolutely needs to address those. The district can't always tell people or individuals every thing that is done. However, the proper authorities are always notified.

Miss Juarez mentioned that when a school reports something to law enforcement, the school receives very limited information regarding the investigation.

- Robotics Field trip—Mrs. Postestades-Cawley

Carolina Gonzalez, Magnus Yuen, Gabriel Rodriguez, Adrian Montenegro, Fernanda Villegas, Mina Jobar, Sebastian Hernandez

### 2.3.2. DSS— Student Council Activities

## 3. Other discussion items/Presentation/Information

### 3.1. 100 Day Enrollment

1/27/14	1/30/15
2959	2947

3.2. Number of Suspension District Wide (Information)

Schools	MONTHLY January	Cumulatively
SMS	15	66
OGE		
DSS		
TDS		
ELC		
TOTAL		66

Dr. Noel mentioned that agenda item 3.1-3.2 is for information only.

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 Minutes January 13, 2015 ([Minutes](#))

4.2. New Hires FY 2014-15

	Position Description	Location	Range	New Status
4.2.1	Ceja, Isaac Instructional Assistant	DSS	28	Temporary
4.2.2	Mena, Dani Parent Liaison	ELC	28	Temporary
4.2.3	Arriola Valenzuela, Alberto Instructional Assistant	SMS	31	Part-Time

4.3. Additional Assignments/Stipends 2014-15

	Position Description	Location	Range
4.3.1	Burruel, Norma Develop lesson plans on STEM	DSS	\$28.00
4.3.2	Zazueta, Cathy ADE Training	ELC	Hourly Rate
4.3.3	Avila, Yanet Homework Club	SMS	Hrly Rate
4.3.4	Madrid, Ricardo Adult Ed.	SMS	\$22.00

4.4. Resignations/Terminations/Retirement.

	Position Description	Location	Leave Date	Status
4.4.1	Perez, <a href="#">Luis</a> Parent Liaison	DO	2/6/15	Resignation
4.4.2	Volpe, <a href="#">Thomas</a> Teacher	ELC	9/7/15	Retirement

4.5. Reassignment FY 2014-15

	<b>New Position Description</b>	<b>Old Position Status</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>New Range</b>	<b>Status</b>
4.5.1	Franco, Abbygail	Long-Term Substitute	Substitute	OGE	\$140.47 Temporary
4.5.2	Gutierrez, Gisele	Long-Term Substitute	Substitute	DSS	\$75.00 Temporary
4.5.3	Moreno, Olga	Long-Term Substitute	Substitute	SMS	\$75.00 Temporary

4.6. Leave Request FY 2014-15

	<b>Position Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Leave Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
4.6.1	Garcia, Yesenia	Teacher	DSS	2/02/15-3/25/15 FMLA
4.6.2	Castillo, Elvia	Instructional Assistant	DSS	1/20/15-2/19/15 FMLA

4.7. Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Somerton School District and United Way of Yuma. (The parties will cooperate to promote the success of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.) (Agreement)

4.8. Acceptance Student Activity Fund Report. (Report)

4.9. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers for the Month of March 2014-15. (Vouchers)

- 4.9.1. Voucher No. 1043 not to exceed \$250,000.00
- 4.9.2. Voucher No. 1044 not to exceed \$250,000.00
- 4.9.3. Voucher No. 1045 not to exceed \$250,000.00
- 4.9.4. Voucher No. 1046 not to exceed \$250,000.00
- 4.9.5. Voucher No. 1047 not to exceed \$250,000.00

4.10. Approval of Payroll Vouchers for the Month of March 2014-15. (Vouchers)

- 4.10.1. Voucher No. 55 not to exceed \$ 375,000.00
- 4.10.2. Voucher No. 56 not to exceed \$ 375,000.00
- 4.10.3. Voucher No. 57 not to exceed \$ 375,000.00
- 4.10.4. Voucher No. 58 not to exceed \$ 375,000.00
- 4.10.5. Voucher No. 59 not to exceed \$ 375,000.00
- 4.10.6. Voucher No. 60 not to exceed \$ 375,000.00

**MOTION:** Mr. Villegas made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Action Item

5.1. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Open Enrollment limit of 25 students per classroom at each grade level at each school site. (Policy)

Miss Juarez made a motion to approve the Open Enrollment limit of 25 students with the following information:

- By May 1st of each year, submit the Open Enrollment Attendance application.
- The receptionist will date and time stamp applications as they are received.
- Children of district employees do not need to fill out an application.
- Resident transfer pupils and their siblings who were enrolled in the school the previous year are exempt from the open enrollment policy.

**MOTION:** Mr. Villegas made a motion to approve the Open Enrollment policy. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.2. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the School Calendar for FY 2015-16 (calendar)

Dr. Noel mentioned that is basically the same calendar as last year.

**MOTION:** Miss Juarez made a motion to approve the School Calendar for FY 2015-16 Mr. Villegas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.3. Discussion and Possible Action to Release Hugo Zamudio from his Contract FY 2014-15. (Letter)

**MOTION:** Ms. Zendejas made a motion to release Mr. Zamudio from his contract FY 2014-15.

Mr. Villegas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.4. Discussion and Possible Action to fine a fee of 1% of Hugo Zamudio current contract.

(Recommendation)

**MOTION:** Miss Juarez made a motion to fine Mr. Zamudio a fee of 1% of his current contract.

Ms. Zendejas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.5. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Teacher Contract Language regarding resignation and liquidated damages. (contract)

**MOTION:** Miss Juarez made a motion to approve the Teacher Contract Language regarding resignation and liquidated damages. Mr. Villegas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.6. Approval of offer a contract to certified teachers provide fundings is obtained and certification requirements are met.

Alonzo, Magnolia	Anaya, Gladys	Anderson, Sherilyn	Andrade, Daniela
Arce, Patricia Ann	Armenta, Maria Ines	Arvizu, Paz	Avendano, Cesia X
Beffel, Andrew P.	Bernecker, Owen E.	Blank, Daniel T.	Bowers, Timothy
Bretl, Kelsey L.	Brienza, Patricia	Brown, Rachel	Burgess, Tracy J.
Burrue, Norma	Bush, Julio	Calvey, Rychelle M.	Camarillo, Adriana
Camarillo, Sandra	Campos Maria	Conchola, Francisca	Carlos, Angelica
Carlos, Annale	Carroll, Angelina C	Carter, Christopher	Casey, Jessica
Cash, Tonya N.	Castillo, Cinthia	Cecil, Joshua	Chaira-Sanchez, Nidia
Colson, Joshua	Colvin, Roxanna	Cortez, Epifanio	Crabb, Ladonna
Crayne, Lisa	Daniel, Anthony	Dinwiddie, Lisa	Duenas, Gabriela
Duran, Juan C.	Erfe, Dan August	Escalante, Jessica	Espinoza, Anakaren
Felix, Bernardo	Fermanis, Anna	Fermanis, Chris	Fernandez, Ileri Y.
Flores, Annabel	Foutch, Donna	Fragozo, Haydee	Franco, Maria
Garcia, Alanna	Garcia, Alicia	Garcia, Yessenia	Garcia, Zoila
Garcia-Ortiz, Guadalupe	Garibay, Christian	Gaxiola, Sylvia	Gerg, Anthony
Glenn, Abril T.	Goycoolea, Yolanda	Guiverra, Jessica	Gutierrez, Susana
Hagan, Cassie M.	Halverson, Jessica	Hastler, Jamie L.	Hemphill, Tory M.

Hurlbut, Jeremy	Jensen, Cassandra L.	Joanicot, Eduviges	Jose, Janice
Kulka, Tami	Land, Shonti	Lara, Carolina	Layne, Andrew S.
Leight, Claire J.	Leon-Uribe, Denisse	Linares, Patricia	Lopez, Hilda
Lopez, Maria T	Lucero, Anne	Lugo-Encinas, Margarita	Macedo, Alba
Madrid, Ricardo	Magana, Sandra	Martinez, Erica	Martinez, Graciela
Martinez, Jessica	Maxwell, Irasema	McBride, Anita	McIntire, Zayda
Mendoza, Blanca	Michaels, Williams J.	Miranda, Melissa	Molina, Annabel
Monteon, Adela	Munoz, Dina	Murray, Andrew P.	Nuno, Patricia
Olea, Ariel E.	Olin, Ruth	Onisko, Brandon	Ortiz, Eden
Ortiz, Geronimo	Page, Marco	Pahilajani, Mayur	Paramo, Patricia
Parker, Elizabeth	Parks, Patricia	Parea, Maria T.	Phillips, Cheryl
Poquita, Ervin R.	Potestades-Cawley, Mary	Pulsipher, Nicholas	Rico, Francisca
Ramirez, Ana Laura	Reyna, Yubania	Reynoso, Shantal	Romero, Alejandra
Rios, Anselmo	Rivera, Concepcion	Rodriguez, Vanessa	Salas, Martha
Rouse, Elisa	Rubio, Luz	Rush, Irene	Sattley, Yajayra
Sanchez, Angelica	Sanchez, Rosa	Sandoval, Cruz, A.	Smith, Neysa C
Sauceda, Juana	Sharp, Marichu	Sheppard, Patricia	Sullivan, Jennifer
Snow, Helen M.	Solano, Estela	Suarez, Karina	Vasquez-McCall, Vanessa
Thompson, Eric P.	Ullery, Guadalupe	Valtierra, Araceli	Ward, Mary
Villaescusa, Claudia	Villafana, Juan	Volpe, Thomas	Zielinski, Katherine
Williams, Gabriela	Witbrod, Marlee	Woodruff, Tiffany M	

**MOTION:** Ms. Zendejas made a motion to approve the contract for certified staff FY 15-16. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.7. Acceptance of the following donations:

5.7.1. Education Foundation donated \$462.50 for SMS STEM program ([Information](#))

5.7.2. Somerton Parents donated \$325.00 for SMS Wrestling Team ([Information](#))

**MOTION:** Mr. Villegas made a motion to approve the donations. Ms. Zendejas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.8. Approval of First Reading for the 2015 Calendar of Recommended and Required Actions by Arizona School District ([Information](#))

**MOTION:** Mr. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2015 Calendar. Ms. Zendejas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.9. Approval of SMS Spirit Line field trip for State Competition on March 6, 2015



**MOTION:** Mr. Villegas made a motion to approve the SMS Spirit Line Field Trip. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Call for Executive Session**

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Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation for Pupil Expulsion from SMS.

Dr. Noel recommended to go into Executive Session.

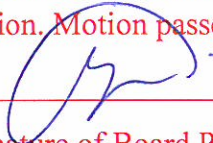
Mr. Gonzalez moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843 (F1-3; G1-2; H; I) Executive Sessions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zendejas. Motion passed.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:35p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Gonzalez moved to resume board meeting at 6:55 p.m. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Mr. Gonzalez moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm. Ms. Zendejas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

  
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Signature of Board President/Clerk

3-10-15  
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Date