

# Governing Board Minutes



Somerton Elementary School District #11  
Governing Board Agenda  
Executive Session and Regular Governing Board Meeting

**Date:** April 13, 2010  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Governing Board Agenda**  
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**Place:** Professional Development Room • 215 N. Carlisle Ave  
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**Attending Board:** Jose Moreno                      Leticia Yepez      Martha Camacho

**Absent Board:** C. David Gonzalez              Fern Soto

**Attending Staff:** Dr. Reed                      Jerry Cabrera                      Margarita Camacho                      Bill Rhodes  
Kim Seh                      Maria P. Vasquez                      Maria De La Fuente                      Martin Velasco  
Shelly Mezei-Reed                      Jorge Cano                      Maria Villarreal                      Connie Zepeda  
Leon Cramp                      Cecilia Arvizo                      Bob Cassidy

**Attending Public:**

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## 1. Regular Governing Board Meeting Agenda

### Opening and Announcements

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

*Mr. Moreno called the regular Governing Board meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.*

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Yepez*

#### 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.

*Mr. Moreno asked if we had any comments from the audience.*

*Mr. Rhodes, President of SEA addressed the board members regarding the agenda item 4.1 Professional/Support Staff voluntary Transfer of Accrued General Leave. Mr. Rhodes spoke in behave of the association and stated that they are pleased with the decision the administration made regarding this benefit. Itis a great alternative and wonderful opportunity for all staff.*

*Mrs. Daisy Barrios is requesting acceptance for her daughter to enter kinder due to her birth date being after cutoff date. She feels that her daughter is ready for kinder and she has support letters from the teacher.*

*Mr. Moreno stated that the board can not take any action, and Dr. Reed directed Ms. Camacho to contact Mrs. Barrios to set up an appointment.*

1.3. Call for Executive Session

1. Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03.A.1--personnel; discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, dismissal, disciplining of a certificated teacher.

*Dr. Reed stated there was no need to enter into Executive Session.*

**2 . Reports/Discussion Items**

2.1. Superintendent

2.1.1. Current Events

*Dr. Reed mention that all schools are doing an excellent job preparing for AIMS.*

2.2. Board Members Report

2.2.1. President and other Board member comments

*Mr. Moreno mentioned that he did see great things in the schools preparing for AIMS.*

2.3. Administrators/Directors

No Oral Report

2.4. Other discussion items/Presentations/Information

2.4.1. Teacher/Student Recognition Junior State of America “ Winter Congress”

*Mr. Daniel Jenkins*

*Anacarla Bribiesca*

*Adonis Duron*

*Jose Marquez*

*Elsie Ortiz*

*Clarita Ramirez*

*Hector Saenz*

*Jovan Wong*

*Yarent Zepeda*

*Dr. Reed presented an award to Mr. Jenkins.*

*Mr. Jenkins mentioned that the SMS was the only middle school in attendance at the Junior State of America program where the students take an active role in politics. Mr. Jenkins presented an award to all the participants .*

2.4.2. Recognition to Honor our Teacher of the Year 2009-10

*DSS: Norma Burruel  
Jahzeel Chilson*

*ELC: Deborah Wiles  
Shelley Burge*

*OGE: Chris Fermanis  
Maria Franco  
Amy Quinto  
Erika Martinez*

*TDS: La Donna Crabb  
Jennifer Cuen  
Berenice Diaz*

*SMS: Jessica Casey  
Ricardo Madrid*

*Dr. Reed introduced the Teacher of the Year and mentioned that actually there are three finalist for TOY. Dr. Reed and Mr. Moreno presented the award to the TOY.*

2.4.3. Employee Insurance Carrier (Presentation/Discussion)

*Mr. Cabrera discussed and explained the options on the Insurance Carrier.*

- *The insurance went up this year 2.95% increase.*
- *Recommending ASBAIT C30- copay and A15- copay and*
- *ASBAIT will be coming on May to meet with the employees to answer any questions.*
- *Life insurance will change but it will continue with flat rate of \$50,000.00, also adding one time earnings*
- *Short time life is option if the employee chooses.*

*Dr. Reed commented that by switching vendors, the district would be saving money.*

*Mrs. Camacho asked about the dental, if the people were taken into consideration that they are moving to another carrier and losing their dentist. Mr. Cabrera mentioned that they can continue with their regular dentist.*

2.4.4. Enrollment Summary (Information)

Student	3/20/09	3/19/10	
Count			
SMS	881	840	-41
OGE	383	424	41
DSS	387	389	2
TDS	782	802	20
ELC	355	389	34
Total	2788	2844	56

2.4.5. Number of Suspensions District wide ( Information)

*The number of suspensions*

	Monthly	Cumulatively
DSS-	2	9
ELC-	0	6
OGE-	2	5
SMS-	4	93
TDS-	10	23
Transportation	0	3

**3. Approval of 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.*

3.1. Approval of Board Minutes

- 3.1.1. Regular Session Minutes March 11, 2010
- 3.1.2. Executive Session Minutes March 11, 2010
- 3.1.3. Special Session Minutes March 15, 2010
- 3.1.4. Executive Session Minutes March 15, 2010

3.2. New Hires 2009-2010

	Position Description	Location	Range	Status	
3.2.1.	Graciano, Roberto	Custodian/Groundskeeper	OGE	22	Full-Time
3.2.2.	Madrid, Katya	Special Ed Secretary II	SPED	28	Full-Time
3.2.3.	TBD	Health Aide (IA) FTF Grant	ELC	22	Temporary
3.2.4.	TBD	SPED IA	DSS	25	Temporary

3.3. Resignations/Retirement/Terminations

	<u>Position Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leave Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>	
3.3.1.	Mercado, Rosa	Teacher	ELC	5/27/10	Retirement
3.3.2.	Flanagan, Laura	Teacher	OGE	5/27/10	Resignation
3.3.3.	Lutz, Kellie	Teacher	OGE	5/27/10	Resignation
3.3.4.	Quinto, Amy	Teacher	OGE	5/27/10	Resignation
3.3.5.	Caiazzo, Maria	Teacher	SMS	5/27/10	Resignation
3.3.6.	Garcia, Arisbey	Assistant Principal	SMS	6/30/10	Resignation
3.3.7.	Havran, Martin	Teacher	SMS	5/27/10	Retirement
3.3.8.	Kimball, Michelle	Teacher	SMS	5/27/10	Resignation
3.3.9.	Klotz, Melony	Teacher	SMS	5/27/10	Resignation
3.3.10.	Reeves, Cathy	Speech Pathologist	SPED	5/26/11	Retirement
3.3.11.	Alvarez, Edmma	Teacher	TDS	5/27/10	Resignation
3.3.12.	Avery, Leah	Teacher	TDS	5/26/11	Retirement
3.3.13.	Esparza, Lizette	Teacher	TDS	03/15/10	Job Abandonment
3.3.14.	Pulido, Esmeralda	Sped IA	TDS	03/26/10	Resignation

3.4. Leave Request 2009-2010

	<u>Position Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leave Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>	
3.4.1.	Valenzuela, Brenda	Teacher	SMS	4/25/10-5/21/10	FMLA

3.5. Additional Assignments/Stipends 2009-2010

	<u>Position Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>	
3.5.1.	Argueta, Erika	Leadership Training	SPED	NTE:\$352.00	Stipend
3.5.2.	Joanicot, Eduviges	Leadership Training	SPED	NTE:\$352.00	Stipend
3.5.3.	Paramo, Patricia	Leadership Training	SPED	NTE:\$352.00	Stipend
3.5.4.	Razo, Paulinaa	Leadership Training	SPED	NTE:\$352.00	Stipend

3.6. Acceptance of this Memorandum of Understanding between Somerton School District and Yuma Elementary School District One.

3.7. Acceptance of Student Activity Fund Report.

3.8. Acceptance of Accounts Payable Reports.

- 3.8.1. Voucher No. 1038 for the sum of \$ 163,969.20
- 3.8.2. Voucher No. 1037 for the sum of \$ 111,623.60
- 3.8.3. Voucher No. 1036 for the sum of \$ 53,954.37
- 3.8.4. Voucher No. 1035 for the sum of \$ 154,683.54

3.9. Acceptance of Payroll Voucher Reports.

- 3.9.1. Voucher No. 57 for the sum of \$ 204,083.38
- 3.9.2. Voucher No. 56 for the sum of \$ 59,779.92
- 3.9.3. Voucher No. 55 for the sum of \$ 345,082.03
- 3.9.4. Voucher No. 54 for the sum of \$ 188,019.09
- 3.9.5. Voucher No. 53 for the sum of \$ 59,935.30
- 3.9.6. Voucher No. 52 for the sum of \$ 345,671.38

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

*Approval of the consent agenda with the recomendation to table agenda item 3.1.2.*

***MOTION: Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed***

#### 4 . Action Items

##### 4.1. Approval of First Reading of Policy .

GCCG-Professional/Support Staff voluntary Transfer of Accrued General Leave

*Dr. Reed explained the voluntary transfer of accrued general leave.*

*Dr. Reed thanked Mr. Rhodes and Somerton Education for supporting this policy.*

***MOTION: Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed***

##### 4.2. Discussion and Possible action related to the Agreement Regarding Recoupment of Tuition Payments. Tuition Assistance Program with Payroll Deduction.

*Dr. Reed stated that this Tuition Assistant Program will start with \$10,000.00 first come first serve they will need to fill out a form.*

*Mrs. Camacho asked about Federal Grant to use not loans*

*Mr. Cabrera mentioned that Title I funds are for educators only and this is for all staff.*

*Mrs. Camacho asked where the money is coming from and if is allowable to use this money.*

*Mrs. Porchas commented that the funds will be reimbursed.*

*Dr. Reed mentioned that Mr. Cabrera verify the legality*

***MOTION: Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Yopez seconded the motion. Motion passed***

##### 4.3. Possible action to approve School Parent Support Organization for Orange Grove PTO for 2010-11 school year.

*Dr. Reed mentioned that next year all schools PTO will be together for approval. PTO by laws and need to be in compliance.*

***MOTION: Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed***

##### 4.4. Approval to award Request for Proposal (RFP10-11-495) for Insurance Carrier.

ASBAIT-Medical Insurance  
Guardian-Dental Insurance  
VSP- Vision Insurance  
Lincoln Financial- Life Insurance

***MOTION: Mrs. Camacho so moved, Mr. Moreno seconded the motion. Motion passed***

##### 4.5. Approval of Representative and Alternate for Delegate Assembly for ASBA

Saturday, June 26, 2010  
Scottsdale, Az

*Ms. Soto will be attending the ASBA Delegate Assembly*

***MOTION: Mrs. Camacho so moved, Mr. Moreno seconded the motion. Motion passed***

##### 4.6. Approval to Establish Board Meeting Dates and Times.

*The Governing Board meeting will be held the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.*

***MOTION: Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed***

##### 4.7. Approval to amend the 2010-2011 School Calendar ending date will be on Thursday, May 27, 2011

***MOTION: Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Yopez seconded the motion. Motion passed .***

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4.8. Approval of Non-Renewal of certificated personnel pursuant to Governing Board policy GCQA and ARS 15-544:

- 4.8.1. Martha Martinez (Pre-School Teacher)
- 4.8.2. Olin, Ruth (Counselor)
- 4.8.3. Weissenberg, Patricia (Counselor)

***MOTION:** Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed*

4.9. Approval to offer an Administrative contract for the 2010-2011 school year to:

- Arvizo, Cecilia
- Attaway, Jody
- Cabrera, Jerry
- Garza, Elizabeth
- Lopez, Veronica
- Mezei, Shelly
- Paredes, Maria E
- Seh, Kimberly
- Vasquez, Maria P.
- Volpe, Jeanie
- Zepeda, Concepcion

***MOTION:** Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Yopez seconded the motion. Motion passed*

4.10. Approval to offer a teaching contract for the 2010-2011 school year to:

- Ayala, Maria
- Jenkins, Daniel

***MOTION:** Mr. Moreno so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed*

4.11. Approval to offer a contract to certified staff provided funding is obtained,

- Norma Arreola
- Eduviges Joanicot

***MOTION:** Mrs. Camacho so moved, Mrs. Yopez seconded the motion. Motion passed*

## **5 . Adjournment**

***MOTION:** Mr. Moreno moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Mrs. Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

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*Signature of Board President/Clerk*

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*Date*