

Governing Board Minutes



Somerton Elementary School District #11
Governing Board Agenda
Special Governing Board Meeting

Date: July 21, 2008

Time: Special Governing Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Place: District Office • 215 N. Carlisle Ave
• Somerton AZ 85350 • (928) 341-6000 • www.somerton.k12.az.us

Attending Board: Jose Moreno Agustin Tumbaga Jr. Fern Soto
Leticia Yopez

Absent Board: Martha Camacho

Attending Staff: Jerry Cabrera

1. Special Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Opening and Announcements

1.1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Moreno called the Special Governing Board meeting to order at 5:11 p.m

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.

2. Action Items

2.1. Discussion and possible approval of arguments for or against the proposed unification plan for the upcoming election pamphlet to be submitted to the Yuma County Superintendent's Office.

Mr. Moreno entertained the motion: The Governing Board of the Somerton School District urges its residents to vote no on the consolidation of the Somerton School District with the Crane School District as proposed by the State Redistricting Commission.

The Somerton School District has a proud history of educating its students in Somerton, as directed by the Somerton Governing Board, made up of Somerton residents.

If the Somerton School District were to be consolidated with the Crane School District we fear that our local identity could be lost. The student makeup of the Crane School District is far different than the makeup of students in our school district. Another concern is that the combined school districts would only have one high school, Cibola. All of the Crane students would fill Cibola to capacity with no room for any of the Somerton students. Where would they go for high school? The current Yuma High School District has promised to build the next high school in Somerton. If the consolidation is approved there is no guarantee that the next new high school would be built in Somerton.

The Somerton School District provides a quality education to its K-8 students. Until the State allows Somerton to consolidate by bringing its own high school students back to Somerton, we urge you to vote no on this redistricting proposal.

MOTION: Mr. Tumbaga moved, Ms. Soto seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3 . Adjournment

*MOTION: Mr. Tumbaga moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Moreno seconded the motion.
Motion passed.*

Signature of Board President/Clerk

Date