Board Retreat Minutes

CHOOL DISTRICT NO.

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Attending Board:	Jose Moreno Fern Soto	C. David Gonzalez Martha Camacho	Leticia Yepez	
Absent Board:				

Attending Staff:Dr. ReedMelissa PorchasMargarita CamachoJerry Cabrera

1. Governing Board Retreat Agenda

Date:

Time:

Place:

Opening Opening and Announcements

Somerton Elementary School District #11

June 16, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Governing Board Agenda Executive Session and Board Retreat

Professional Development Room

1.1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Moreno called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

1.2. Call for Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03.A.1--Discussion or consideration of employment appointment, assignment, salary of a public officer--superintendent's contract

Dr. Reed said that there was a need to call for Executive Session at the end of the Board Retreat.

2. Board Goals/Presentation

Dr. Reed reviewed the Goals from last year.

2.1. To increase the academic achievement for all students

Dr. Reed handout AYP/AZ Learner Achievement Profile. Dr. Reed shared his excitement how well the schools did. All the Somerton Schools are labeled as PERFORMING PLUS! Also, he mentioned that every one of our schools had enough points under Az. Learns to be HIGHLY PERFORMING. He explained the point scale and why Somerton Schools was not labeled as HIGHLY PERFORMING. None of the schools had enough students in the exceeds category to get the highly performing label. Orange Grove had enough points to be EXCELLING and Tierra Del Sol was only lacking one tenth of one percent to be EXCELLING.

Mr. Gonzalez recommended for the scores to be published at Bajo El Sol Newspaper. Also, he would like to see a graphic of the growth of population on math.

Dr. Reed will be presenting a graphic on the September meeting of 3 years growth.

2.2. To recruit and retain a quality certified staff

Mr. Cabrera presented a powerpoint HQ.

- Exiting Interview
- Application on line
- Catering to employees
- Better communication

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Dr. Reed explained the powerpoint on HQ teacher from the previous year to the present.

- Total Non-HQ and Total HQ teacher 07/08 and 08/09.
- 2009-10 17% increase from the previous year of HQ teachers
- 2.3. Provide a school climate where all students, staff and parents are valued, safe, motivated and happy.

Dr. Reed discussed the students, staff and parents surveys.

- Title I sent the surveys and are still compiling all the information.
- Do not have the new baseline for next year since it was change last year
- Handed out an State wide survey for Parents. Last year we had 83% responses from parents this year 92% parents responded schoolwide.

Dr. Reed would like to implement a cultural curriculum with Kim Seh assistance. This Cultural diversity will be introduced to 2nd or 3rd graders. The hispanic students will learn about the Cocopah culture and the Native of America will learn about the hispanic traditions.

Ms. Soto mentioned that the Cocopah Tribe will be a performing and introducing their culture to students district wide.

Mr. Gonzalez would like to have a Noche de Estrellas with all the students and community.

2.4. To provide a better outreach to all stakeholders

Dr. Reed mentioned that he had met with the City of Somerton Departments such as the City Manager, Magistrates of Somerton and Chief of Police. He has attended the City Counsel meetings. Mr. Cabrera met with City of San Luis Manager.

3. Finalized 2009-10 Board Goals

Dr. Reed recommended to keep the same Goals .

To increase the academic achievement for all students To recruit and retain a quality certified staff Provide a school climate where all students, staff and parents are valued, safe, motivated and happy. To provide a better outreach to all stakeholders

Mr. Gonzalez asked about science curriculum if is implemented at Middle School as their regular curriculum.

Dr. Reed explained how the middle school teaches science as part of their curriculum.

Mr. Moreno asked about the Gifted Program.

Dr. Reed mentioned that Jody Attaway is in charge of the Gifted Program. He will be asking Ms. Attaway to present a report in the Gifted Program.

Mr. Moreno made a motion to continue with the same Board Goals for 2009-2010.

MOTION: Mr. Moreno moved, Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. District Budget

Dr. Reed mentioned that on Monday, June 29, 2009 will make a decision regardless of what the state decide.

5. Superintendent's Contract

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Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section A.R.S Section 38-431.03.A.1 MOTION: Mr. Moreno called for an Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. Mrs. Camacho moved, Mrs. Yepez Seconded; Motion passed

MOTION: Mr. Moreno moved to resume Board Retreat Session at 7:36 p.m. Mrs. Yepez seconded the motion. Motion passed

Moreno entertained a Motion to approve Superintendent's contract as is written.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho moved, Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. *Moreno moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Mrs. Camacho seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Signature of Board President/Clerk

Date