

# Minutes

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



Date: March 8, 2007  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Special Session Meeting

Place: Professional Development Room • 215 N. Carlisle Ave  
• Somerton AZ 85350 • (928) 341-6000 • [www.somerton.k12.az.us](http://www.somerton.k12.az.us)

Attending Board: Luis Heredia Martha Camacho Jose Moreno Fern Soto  
Leticia Yepez

## Absent Board:

Attending Public: Cecilia Arvizo George Brick Jerry Cabrera Michael Warren  
Eldaa Galindo Veronica Lopez Maria de la Fuente Dale Singer  
Maria P. Vasquez Jeanie Volpe William Rhodes Jody Attaway  
Kim Seh Duane Sheppard Dr. Rutan Dr. Frank Reed  
Margarita Reyes Gerald Streit Maria Villareal Liz Navarro  
Lydia A. Rodriguez Jeanie Volpe George Brick Patricia Weissenbergs

## 1. Governing Board Special Session Agenda

### Opening and Announcements

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

*Mr. Heredia called the regular Governing Board meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Heredia*

#### 1.2. Call for Executive Session

1. Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03.A.3--discussion or consultation with special legal counsel for legal advice concerning possible dismissal of a tenured teacher.

**MOTION:** *Mr., Heredia called for an Executive Session at 4:20 p.m. Mrs. Yepez moved,  
Mrs. Camacho Seconded; Motion passed*

**MOTION:** *Mr. Heredia moved, to return from Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. Mrs. Camacho moved,  
Mrs. Yepez Seconded; Motion passed*

## 2. Discussion Items

- 2.1. Consideration of hearing officer's report and recommendations concerning the statement of charges and notice of intent to dismiss Michael Warren.

*Mr. Heredia informed Mr. Warren that he will be the first to address the Governing Board.*

*Mr. Warren asked Mr. Heredia if he will go first will he be able to address them later.*

*Mr. Heredia told Mr. Warren that he had 20 minutes, as would Ms. Bainton, to present their statements.*

*Mr. Warren addressed the Governing Board and presented his statement to the Board members and audience.*

*Mr. Heredia asked Mr. Warren why he did not file a grievance.*

*Mr. Warren responded that he was placed on administrative leave the day he was going to file, and he did not have the opportunity for the grievance process.*

*Ms. Bainton addressed the Governing Board president and members and audience.*

*Ms. Bainton stated that the District administration's recommendation is termination of employment of Michael Warren*

*Mr. Moreno asked about the additional 10 days that Mr. Warren had mentioned.*

*Ms. Abrams advised that ARS 15-541 allows the Board 10 days from the issuing of the Hearing Officer's findings and recommendation to either affirm or withdraw (reject) the notice of dismissal.*

*Mrs. Abrams read Arizona Status 15-541 to Mr. Warren.*

*Ms. Abrams read ARS 15-543 to Mr. Warren, and stated that the Governing Board needed to make a decision today March 8, 2007.*

## **2.2. Discussion and action to affirm or withdraw the notice of intent to dismiss Michael Warren.**

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Heredia called for an Executive Session for legal advice from special counsel at 5:55 p.m. Mrs. Camacho moved. Mrs. Yepez Seconded; Motion passed*

***MOTION:*** *Mr. Heredia asked for a motion to return from Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. Mrs. Camacho moved, Mrs. Yepez Seconded; Motion passed*

***MOTION:*** *Mrs. Yepez made a motion that the Governing Board uphold the findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the hearing officer, and that Michael Warren be dismissed from the employment with the Somerton School District effective immediately*

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

## **3. Adjournment**

***MOTION:*** *Mrs. Camacho so moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Mr. Moreno seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

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*Signature of Board President/Clerk*

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*Date*