



# MINUTES

Attending Board	Leticia Yopez	Luis Heredia	Dale Phillips
Absent Board	J. Scott Omer	Martha Camacho	
Attending Public	Bill Rhodes	Shelly Reed-Mezei	Gerald Streit
	Jody Attaway	Veronica Lopez	Eldaa Galindo
	Bryan Lundberg	George Brick	Maria P. Vasquez
	Ken Huffman	Bob Cassidy	Jerry Cabrera
	Elizabeth Garza	Martha Vasquez	Duane Sheppard
	Maria E. De La Fuente	Maureen Irr	Cathy Witmer
	Judith Bobbitt	Rose Arévalo	
	Christina Spadafino		

## TRUTH AND TAXATION HEARING PUBLIC COMMENT ENCOURAGED

Truth and Taxation Hearing (Pursuant to ARS 15-905.01 (B).) If a school district budgets an amount that is higher than the Truth In Taxation base limit, or if a school district levies any amount for adjacent ways or if the school district levies any amount for liabilities in excess of the school district budget, the District must publish a Truth and Taxation notice and hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the requirements set forth therein.

6:11 p.m. The Hearing was not held because the tax rate for the District rose as anticipated, which is enough to carry over adjacent ways funds.

## REGULAR MEETING

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, August 11, 2005 -- 6:00 p.m.

**Somerton Middle School Library**

1011 North Somerton Avenue, Somerton, Arizona

### 1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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|--|-----------------|-------------|
| 1.a. Call to Order                                   | President/Clerk |             |
| Mr. Heredia called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. |                 |             |
| 1.b. Pledge of Allegiance                            | President/Clerk |             |
| Mrs. Yopez led the Pledge.                           |                 |             |
| 1.c. Audience with Individuals                       | President/Clerk | Information |
| None submitted                                       |                 |             |

**1.d. Approval of Board Minutes**

President/Clerk

**Action**

- Regular Session: 06/23/2005 & 07/14/2005
- Executive Session: 06/23/2005, 06/28/2005, 07/14/2005
- Special Session: 06/28/2005

Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion to approve Minutes for the June 28 Meeting as submitted. Minutes for the other meetings were not available for approval.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez moved to approved the Minutes as submitted, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President/Clerk

**Action**

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended and the Board agreed to enter in to Executive Session at the end of the meeting .

**2. REPORTS**

**2.a. Superintendent's Report**

**Information**

- Nomination for Outstanding Meals Initiative Award
- Review Reclassification of English Language Learners with the SELP Test by Tim Hogan
- Review Rezoning/Annexation Issue

Mrs. Bobbitt explained congratulated Food Services for their Nomination for a 2004-05 Outstanding School Meals Initiative Award. One out of one hundred sponsors will receive the honor of this award. We look forward to hearing from ADE with their choice.

Mrs. Bobbitt and explained that the Board had a letter in their packet from Tim Hogan addressing the SELP Test that determines student's English proficiency. Information was forwarded to Mr. Hogan by Mrs. Volpe, District ELL Coordinator, to emphasize inadequacy of the SELP tests. Mr. Hogan is appreciative the efforts of the Board and has presented this information to the State Board of Education for review and consideration.

Mr. Cabrera has attended meetings in regard to possible land donation for future school sites. A Public Forum will be held on August 15 to get community input in regards to over 600 homes projected in the future and the impact it will have on the community.

**2.b. Board Member Report**

**Information**

Mr. Heredia suggested a survey to poll staff as to whether they are interested in attending staff appreciation get together, such as picnics or outings, when the weather is more pleasant.

**2.c. Construction Update**

**Information**

Mr. Cabrera noted that September 2 staff should be able to begin moving in to the new school. The stage will be completed a week later. Air conditioning units will start within the week. Tierra Del Sol projects are about seventy-five percent complete with the exception of the retention area. About \$80,000 was saved on that project.

The Jefferson Street Project is scheduled to begin August 22. Arrangements are being made to accommodate a fluid flow of students when school begins by opening the north entrance. Mr. Heredia suggested added traffic control, in the high volume drop area the first few days of school at each school. In addition, he suggested contacting City and ADOT for dialogue regarding safety measures for crossing Avenue F and Main Street and the Somerton Avenue and Main Street areas. The Somerton Avenue and Main Street crossing was presented to the Board by parents at other meetings.

**2.d. Report Card**

Family Literacy Staff

**Information**

Mr. Cabrera presented the Preschool Report that was developed using Early Childhood Standards. A Spanish translation is also being completed. This will be a good tool for staff and parents to monitor children’s progress.

**2.d. Bond Presentation**

Brian Lundgren

**Information**

Mr. Bryan Lundberg, Peacock, Hislop, Staley & Given, Inc. explained options the Board can take in order to sell bonds and issues related to Agenda Items for the Board to discuss. He noted that ADM will be the defining factor in the next five years to determine what bonding capacity the District will have.

**3. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

Superintendent

**Action**

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. HIRING**

- Bañuelos, Laura Student Advocate, Valle Del Encanto Learning Center
- Barba, Sylvia Teacher, Somerton Middle
- Galata, Lori Teacher, Tierra Del Sol Elementary
- Dalton, Martin Warehouse Clerk, District
- Dawson, John Teacher, Somerton Middle
- DeAnda-Forte, Olivia Teacher, Tierra Del Sol Elementary
- Garibay, Roberto Instructional Assistant, Desert Sonora Elementary
- Hedglin, Uvet Instructional Assistant, Somerton Middle School
- Kelly, Darin Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
- Michaels, William Occupational Therapist, District
- Ruiz, Rosa Secretary, Tierra del Sol Elementary
- Saenz, Maribel Speech Aide, Valle Del Encanto
- Valdivia, Maria Instructional Assistant, Desert Sonora Elementary
- Zazueta, Cathy Instructional Assistant, Valle Del Encanto Learning Center

**ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

- Armenta, Maria I.
- Arreola, Norma
- Arroyo, Carlos
- Arrizon, Socorro
- Callejas, Gloria
- Cruz, Roberto
- De La Fuente, Maria E.
- Martinez, Edith
- Martinez, Fabiola
- Valenzuela, Jose
- Valladares, Adriana

**3.2. REASSIGNMENT**

- Gonzalez, Gracie Classroom Supervisor, Somerton Middle
- Lopez, Hilda Instructional Assistant, Tierra Del Sol Elementary
- Quintana, Olivia Classroom Supervisor, Tierra Del Sol Elementary

**3.3. ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT**

- Carrazco, Frank
- Garlit, Russ
- Garza, Elizabeth
- Hinthier, Amber
- Molina, Karina

**TEACHER MENTORS**

- Joanicot, Eduviges
- Martinez, Maria

**FAMILY LITERACY**

- Vasquez, Martha
- Villarreal, Claudia

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

- Diaz, Maria
- Payan, Irma
- Reeves, Cathy
- Villegas, Lisa
- Villegas, Maria

**3.4. GROWTH RIDER**

- Cervantes, Eva
- Lopez, Hilda
- Martinez, Jessica
- Robles, Veronica

**3.5. CONTRACT OFFER WITHDRAWAL AND / OR RELEASE**

- Birmingham, Carolyn
- DeBell-Flores, Roxanne
- Lindsay, Shannon
- Replogle, Norma Jean

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended approval of Item 3.5 as each case either had extenuating circumstances and/or possible certification issues. She explained that this process is consistent at each District school. Staff have to meet with their principal to see if there is a replacement available, before their case is considered. If extenuating circumstances are involved, the District honors their request, as it is in these cases. Mr. Heredia reminded staff that documentation of these and other cases to justify decisions made.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez moved to approve Consent Agenda Items as presented, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

**4. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- INFORMATION ONLY***
- Accounts Payable and Payroll Voucher Actual Amounts
  - Student Activity Report

***ACTION ITEMS***

**4.01 Approval to Increase the Tax Rate for Adjacent Ways Budgeted in the 2005-06 School Year**

Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion not to increase tax rate.

MOTION: Mrs. Yopez so moved, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

**4.02 Approval for Defeasance of Bonds**

Mrs. Witmer recommended approval. Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion to approve the Resolution as submitted.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez moved to approve the resolution authorizing and directing the Treasurer of Yuma County, Arizona , to transfer surplus District monies to one or more irrevocable trust funds to be used to defease a portion of the District's outstanding general obligation bonds; authorizing the execution of the escrow agreement for the safekeeping and handling of securities and moneys to be used to pay the bonds being defeased; ratifying the actions of all officers and agents of the District with respect tot he Transfer of such funds; and providing certain terms, covenants, and provisions regarding the transfer of such monies, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

#### **4.03 Approval to Sell Bonds in Amount of \$2,225,000**

Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion to approval.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez so moved, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

#### **4.04 Approval of Technology Plan**

Mr. Cassidy explained the Technology Plan was reviewed by the Technology Committee a few weeks prior to the Board Meeting. If the plan is approved, similar funds as ERate and Edtech will be disbursed. ERate funds covers everything up to the computer, but not the computer itself. The Plan should assure the District's technology to be as current as possible.

Mr. Heredia commended the Committee for their efforts and entertained a Motion for approval.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez so moved, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

#### **4.05 Approval to Purchase or Lease Copiers**

Ms. Witmer explained that after extensive research purchase of copy equipment would be more cost effective for the District. In addition, after receiving written quotes for vendors, Yuma Office Equipment was chosen. Their service includes unlimited training for staff.

Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion to approve purchase of copy equipment and to award the contract to Yuma Office Equipment.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez so moved, Mr. Phillips seconded. Mr. Heredia noted Mrs. explanation that the copy equipment would be purchased by the District and the Maintenance Agreement would be ratified for Yuma Office Equipment to be awarded the contract, Motion carried.

#### **4.06 Approval to Submit the Declaration Statement of Curricular and Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards**

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that this Declaration Page needs to be submitted to the state annually.

Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez so moved, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

#### **4.07 Approval of Report Card Presented by Family Literacy Staff**

Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez so moved, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

#### **4.08 Acceptance of Donation from Yuma Regional Medical Center Foundation**

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that YRMC's Foundation donated backpacks for select students. They will be distributed prior to the first day of classes for students.

Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion to approve acceptance of donation.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yopez so moved, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

#### **4.09 Possible Action on Discrimination Complaint**

Mrs. Bobbitt noted that this Item will be discussed in Executive Session and possibly acted upon when return to Regular Session.

4.10 Approval of First Reading of Policy Service Advisory:

- #248: CFD -- -Based Management
- #249: CM -- District Annual Reports
- #250: DN -- Properties Disposition
- #251: IHA -- Basic instructional Program  
IHA-E -- Basic Instructional Program
- #252: IHB -- Gifted and Talented Education
- #253: IKA-R -- Grading / Assessment Systems
- #254: IKF -- Graduation Requirements
- #255: JEB -- Entrance Age Requirements
- #256: JFABD-EB -- Admission of Homeless Students
- #257: JIH -- Student Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests
- #258: JII -- Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances  
JII-R -- Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances  
JII-E -- Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances
- #259: JLCD -- Medicines / Administering Medicines to Students  
JLCD-R -- Medicines / Administering Medicines to Students  
JLCD-E -- Medicines / Administering Medicines to Students

Mr. Heredia entertained a Motion to approve .

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez seconded, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried.

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President/Clerk **Action**

**1.e. A.R.S. §38-431.03 Executive Session**

- A. Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, a public body may hold an executive session but only for the following purposes:
1. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at the public meeting.
  5. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body.

The Board may enter in to Executive Session to Discuss and/or:

1. Review the Superintendent's Evaluation and Board Relationship (Annual Review)
2. Hear Discrimination Complaint and Possibly Set A Hearing Date

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez moved to enter in to Executive Session, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried. The entered Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Mr. Brick, Somerton Middle School Principal, was at asked to join the Board in Executive Session.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez moved to return to Regular Session and to postpone discussion on Superintendent's Evaluation and Board Relationships for another meeting. Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried. The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:45 p.m.

**ITEM 4.09 Possible Action on Discrimination Complaint**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez moved to have a third party conduct an investigation regarding the discrimination complaints filed, so a report can be presented to the Board as soon as possible, Mr. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Phillips seconded, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Signature of Board President/Clerk

Date