



# MINUTES-- Regular Session

## Thursday, July 15, 2004 -- 6:00 p.m.

**Superintendent's Office**  
215 North Carlisle Avenue, Somerton, Arizona

<b>Attending Board</b>	Scott Omer Leticia Yepez	Luis Heredia	
<b>Absent Board</b>	Dale Phillips	Martha Camacho	
<b>Attending Public</b>	Cathy Witmer Kirby Kongable Kyle Dalton Jon Fell	Bob Klein Tom Tyree James Davey Maria Elena De La Fuente	Judith Bobbitt Douglas Nicholls Elogio Vera

### **1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1.a. Call to Order** **Mr. Omer**  
Mr. Omer called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
- 1.b. Pledge of Allegiance** **Mr. Omer**  
Mr. Heredia led the Pledge.
- 1.c. Audience with Individuals** **Mr. Omer** **Information**  
None submitted.
- 1.d. Approval of Board Minutes** **Mr. Omer** **Action**  
• June 28, 2004 Special/Work Session  
Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve the Minutes as submitted .  
**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

### **2. REPORTS**

- 2.a. Jefferson Street Project** **Davey & Assoc. Engineers** **Information**

Representatives from Davey and Associates Engineering and CORE Engineering Group explained that, through CDBG Funds, the City is developing plans for the extension of Jefferson Street from Somerton Avenue to Carlisle Avenue adjacent to Somerton Middle School, and for improvement of the intersection of Jefferson Street and Somerton Avenue. This project will necessitate some reworking of the driveways for the Middle School and reconfiguration of traffic flow. The Board mentioned the serious parking problems that exist for AWC evening classes and the impact that installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks might create if access to the retention basins is eliminated. Mr. Klein mentioned working with AWC to add parking in the areas where the houses were demolished. Street lighting will also be a part of this project. The District has committed approximately \$35,000 for this project. Once the design is completed it will come back to the Board for approval.

**2.b. Proposed Accommodation School**

**Information**

**Tom Tyree, Yuma County School Superintendent, and Judge Kongable**

Yuma County School Superintendent. Tom Tyree and Juvenile Judge Kongable briefed the Board on discussions that have taken place for an alternative for those sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who have either been long-term suspended or expelled from the District. According to the law it is the parents responsibility to insure that the student is in school, however there are limited alternatives for this if the student has been suspended or expelled. They are planning to have the school for 15 - 18 students. So far Crane School District and Yuma Elementary District have agreed to participate. The students would remain students in their school district, and the district would then pay the accommodation school for each seat. The Somerton District would purchase five seats in the school and it would be approximately \$8,000 per seat. The State funding would still come to the District for each of these students so this would offset some of that expense. Transportation would also be the responsibility for the sending District. Mr. Tyree thanked the Board for Mrs. Bobbitt's participation in this process.

**3. PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mrs. Bobbitt**

**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**

Attaway, Audra	Temporary Office Assistant Special Programs
Bott, Darin	Teacher, Tierra del Sol Elementary
Cochran, Tanya	Teacher, Tierra Del Sol Elementary
De La Fuente, Laura	Instructional Assistant/Clerk, Family Literacy
Heredia, Christine	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
Knox, Geraldeane	Interventionist, Reading First Program
McCutcheon, Maria E.	Teacher, Somerton Middle School
Murek, Joseph	Teacher, Somerton Middle School
Price, Lindsey	Teacher, Tierra del Sol Elementary
Replogle, Norma Jean	Teacher, Tierra del Sol Elementary

**3.2. ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT**

Hinther, Amber	Psychology, District
Moreno, Javier	Teacher, Adult Education
<i>Special Education Language Training Workshop:</i>	
Cale, Donna	Gilchrist, Olga
Gonzales, Gracie	Rivera, Artemisa
Ullery, Guadalupe	Espinoza, Claudia
Flores, Walther	Paramo, Patricia

**3.3. WITHDRAWAL OF CONTRACT**

Hamilton, Leah	Teacher, Somerton Middle School
Morris, Sandra	Nurse, Orange Grove Elementary
Nevala, Patricia	Teacher, Tierra Del Sol Elementary

**3.4. AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ISSUE CONTRACT**

Tulio, Alice	Nurse, Desert Sonora Elementary
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Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as submitted.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion carried.

**3.5. HIRING OF DISTRICT NURSE COORDINATOR**

Santos, Elizabeth

### **3.6. RELEASE FROM CONTRACT**

Slawinski, Michael

Assessment Coordinator, Tierra del Sol Elementary

Mrs. Bobbitt explained the search for a new school nurse and the process that had occurred. Mrs. Santos would be hired to oversee all of the Health Offices. Mrs. Bobbitt also explained that Mr. Slawinski was being recommended to the Board for Yuma Elementary School District for an Assistant Principal's position. Since we are unsure of their action, Mr. Slawinski's release would be contingent on their approval of his position. Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved to approve Personnel Items 3.5 and 3.6, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

## **4. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

### **4.1. Appointment of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for Student Activity Fund**

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved to appoint Mrs. Bobbitt as Treasurer and Mrs. Witmer as Assistant Treasurer of the Student Activity fund, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

### **4.2. Adoption of 2004-05 District Budget as Proposed**

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved to adopt the 2004-2005 Budget as proposed, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

### **4.3. Ratification of the June 2004 Payroll Vouchers**

Mrs. Witmer explained that the June payroll vouchers exceeded the pre-approved amount due to year end payments, and that the Board needs to ratify the higher amount. Mr. Omer entertained a Motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

### **4.4. Approval of Sole Source Procurement**

Mrs. Witmer explained that the Special Programs Office was requesting use of a vendor for a professional development course, Sopris West is the only vendor able to provide the program and training required. Mr. Omer entertained a Motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved that the Board approve Sopris West Educational Services for Training Workshop and Materials related to language as a sole-source vendor, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

### **4.5. Approval of Emergency Procurement**

Mr. Klein explained that following a water leak in the Instructional Services Office it was necessary to engage the services of a contractor to repair the damage. Even though this work is covered by our insurance company, it exceeds \$5,000 and we would have normally secured quotes for the work. However, since it was an emergency we were not able to do this. Mr. Omer entertained a Motion.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Yepez moved that approve the Emergency Procurement with Sun Country Restoration, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion carried.

### **4.6. Ratification of Issuance of RFP for Financial Compliance Audit**

This year the services of our Auditor must be bid. Mrs. Witmer has sent out an RFP. Final selection will come back to the Board in August.

**4.7. Approval of Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Pre-Algebra/Algebra for Somerton Middle School Comprehensive Math Core Program**

Mr. Sheppard, Director of Instructional Services, submitted the above Curriculum Program to the Board for Adoption.

**4.8. First Reading of Policy Services Advisory #235 and #236**

The Arizona School Boards Association has sent out the Policy Advisories concerning Public Information and Communications and Distribution and Posting of Promotional Materials. These policy changes will come back to the Board for final adoption in August.

**4.9. Approval to be a plaintiff in Tim Hogan Lawsuit on Inadequacy of Minimum Adequacy Guidelines for Transportation and Administrative Facilities which are not addressed in the School Facilities Board Minimum Guidelines**

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that Mr. Hogan was working on another lawsuit to address the fact that Transportation and Administrative facilities are not addressed in the School Facility Board's Minimum Guidelines.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved to approve Items 4.6 to 4.9, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Mr. Heredia so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Signature of Board President/Clerk

Date