



MINUTES

Attending Board	J. Scott Omer Dale Phillips (6:22 p.m.)	Leticia Yopez	Luis Heredia
Absent Board	Martha Camacho		
Attending Public	Celine Fernández Yvonne Llanes Bill Rhodes Veronica Lopez Cathy Witmer	Ken Huffman Frank Reed Annette Chávez Maria P Vasquez Judith Bobbitt	Jerry Cabrera Elizabeth Merino Maria E. De La Fuente Merton Glass Rose Arévalo

Regular Board Meeting Thursday, November 18, 2004 -- 6:00 p.m.

Tierra Del Sol Elementary

1002 South Somerton Avenue, Somerton, Arizona

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.a. Call to Order **Mr. Omer**

Mr. Omer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Mr. Phillips advised he would arrive late.

1.b. Pledge of Allegiance **Mr. Omer**

Mr. Omer led the Pledge.

1.c. Audience with Individuals **Mr. Omer** **Information**

Ms. Merino informed that Board that SEA held elections for Meet and Confer representatives. They are Annette Chávez, Robin Johnson, Lindsey Price, Bill Rhodes, and Ms. Merino.

1.d. Approval of Board Minutes **Mr. Omer** **Action**

- **October 14, 2004** **Regular and Executive Minutes**
- **October (16) 28, 2004** **Special and Work Session Minutes**

Mr. Omer noted that the October 16 date should be the 28 and asked for other revisions to the Minutes submitted. There were none and he entertained a Motion.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to approve all Minutes, including Executive Session Minutes, with the date change, Mrs. Yopez seconded, motion carried.

2. REPORTS

2.a. Superintendent's Report **Mrs. Bobbitt** **Information**

• **ASBA Award Presentation**

The presentation will be made upon Mr. Phillips arrival. Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned that Yuma County Superintendents are discussing 2005-06 start dates for area schools. Schools are hoping that eighth graders will be able to have a visitation day prior to their first day of high school and Superintendents would like a countywide day for an in-service. The Board will be informed as information is received.

2.b. Administrator's/Director's Report **Information**

No additional information presented.

2.c. Board Member Report

Information

Mrs. Yepez commended Tierra Del Sol for the well-attended family night held on Wednesday, the 10th.

Mr. Omer thanked Mr. Cabrera for his efforts awards of funds from grants he's applied for. Mrs. Bobbitt added that Mr. Cabrera received Yuma Private Industry Council's "Outstanding Community Partnership Award". Ms. Attaway also earned her recertification as National School Psychologist, which is considered a commitment to excellence by the National School Psychology Certification Board.

Mr. Heredia mentioned that he continues to attend the high school boundary meetings. Foothills enrollment far outweighs Somerton's and the high school district will decide on their boundaries before attempting Somerton's. Somerton may possibly have the sixth high school built within their boundary. Mr. Heredia will continue to update the Board. Mr. Heredia also reminded everyone that Somerton's Blood Drive will be Monday and they're hoping to have at least fifty donors.

Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned that she, Mrs. De La Fuente, Mrs. Finkbeiner (TDS Teacher), and Mrs. Camarillo (OGS Teacher) recently attended the Governor's Full Day-K Summit in Flagstaff. The Governor said that kindergarten teachers should feel proud to be part of Arizona history because of the results of their efforts. Mr. Omer added that his experience with his kindergarten daughter is one of surprise to see that she is able to read and write sentences. Mr. Phillips arrived at 6:22 p.m. Mr. Omer shared that he was moved at a funeral he attended for a friend that died in Iraq, when he noticed several teachers attended.

Mrs. Bobbitt presented Mr. Phillips' Arizona School Boards Association's Boardmanship Award. Mr. Phillips said he would have to rethink considering resigning from the Board because of illness in his family.

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

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| • Arreola, Norma | Outreach Coordinator, Adult Education |
| • Castro, Daisy | Payroll Specialist, District |
| • Gunter, Gordon J. | Teacher, Family Literacy |
| • Gunter, Jane E. | Teacher, Family Literacy |
| • Gustafson, Renee | Teacher, Tierra del Sol |
| • Klein, Jonathan | Maintenance Assistant, District |
| • Mendoza, Maria | Personal Assistant, Special Programs |
| • Rodriguez, Gloria A. | Liaison, Family Literacy |
| • Saavedra, Ariel | Maintenance Technician, District |

3.2 REASSIGNMENTS

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| • Armas, Ana | Classroom Supervisor, Tierra del Sol Elementary School |
| • Corella, Hector | Groundskeeper, Tierra del Sol Elementary School |
| • Espinoza, Mark | Floating Substitute, Somerton Middle School |
| • Heredia, Edmundo | Custodian, Orange Grove Elementary School |
| • Kelly, Darin | PE Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary School |

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

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| • Barsell, Paul | Teacher, Tierra del Sol Elementary School |
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3.3 RETIREMENT / CONTRACTING WITH ESI

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| • Dorris, Cone | Teacher, Somerton Middle School |
| • Fernández, Celine | Principal, Desert Sonora Elementary |
| • Hollis, Lois | District Office Specialist, District |
| • Seale, Norma | Instructional Assistant, Desert Sonora Elementary |

3.4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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| • Espinoza, Mark | Permanent Substitute, Tierra Del Sol Elementary School |
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3.5 GROWTH RIDERS

- Moreno, Natalia Teacher, Somerton Middle School

3.6 SUBSTITUTES

- Carter, Tanya
- Einhorn, Debra
- Grajeda, Sarah
- Nava, Luz

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended Consent Agenda Items 3.1 to 3.6 for approval, unless the Board chose to discuss an item individually.

There was no additional discussion. Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to approve Items 3.1 - 3.6 , Mr. Omer seconded, Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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

4.1. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding between Somerton District and :

- **Southern Yuma County Interscholastic Association;**
- **Yuma County;**
- **The City of Somerton for Joint Facility Use;**
- **Yuma Education Purchasing Agreement; and,**
- **Maximus Inc.**

Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned that the auditors are asking for more consistency with IGAs and recommended Item 4.1 for approval as submitted.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve all IGAs as presented, Mrs. Yepez seconded, motion carried.

4.2. Approval of Name for New School

Mrs. De La Fuente presented the Board with suggestions of new school names for their review. The top suggestions were: Sunrise Learning Academy, Sunrise Early Childhood Center, New Horizon Academy, and Valle Del Encanto Early Childhood Center.

After discussion, the Board asked for a possible contest with children to choose from these suggestions or the children could add others, then a committee would make their top choice and the Board would have final approval. This item will come before the Board at a future meeting.

4.3. Approval to Issue Request for Proposals for Food Service Management Contract

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended Item 4.3 for approval.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to approve, Mr. Omer seconded, motion carried.

4.4. Acceptance of \$1000 Donation to Desert Sonora’s Fine Arts Programs

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that Desert Sonora’s strings program will use WalMart’s donation and recommended this item for approval.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve, Mrs. Yepez seconded, motion carried.

4.5. Acceptance of \$250 Donation for Desert Sonora’s Early Elementary Violin Students

Mrs. Bobbitt said that a community member donated this money to Desert Sonora’s violin students and recommended this item for approval.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve, Mrs. Yepez seconded, motion carried.

4.6. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Phillips Action

A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A.3) Executive Sessions

- 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.
 3. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.
 4. Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body’s position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

A.R.S. §15-843 (F.1.2) Pupil Disciplinary Proceedings

4.6.a. Decision on Pupil Disciplinary Proceedings Are Done in Executive Session

Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned that Somerton Middle School will have information for the Board after hearings are completed in regard to recent gang related activity. Executive Session was not called.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Signature of Board President/Clerk

Date