



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Annotated A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Somerton Elementary School District's Governing Board and to the general public that the Board will hold a meeting open to the public at the time, place, and location set forth below. The Board will consider the item(s) listed on the agenda and will take action when necessary and appropriate. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings.

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session for discussion of any item on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03, A.1-7.

One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephone.

DATED AND POSTED on Wednesday, July 10, 2002.

Somerton School District No. 11
215 North Carlisle Avenue
Post Office Box 3200
Somerton, Arizona 85350-3200

By _____
Rose Arévalo, Executive Secretary

Agenda -- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2002 Retention Appeal Hearings 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Governing Board Room 215 North Carlisle Avenue Somerton, Arizona

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| 1.a. Call to Order | Mr. Phillips | |
| 1.b. Call for Executive Session | Mr. Phillips | Action |
- A.R.S. §15-342 (11) Executive Sessions**

The pupil has the burden of proof to overturn the decision of a teacher to retain or fail the pupil. In order to sustain the burden of proof, the pupil shall demonstrate to the governing board that the pupil has mastered the academic standards adopted by the state board of education pursuant to §§15-701 and 15-701.01. If the governing board overturns the decision of a teacher pursuant to this paragraph, the governing board shall adopt a written finding that the pupil has mastered the academic standards. Notwithstanding title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1,³ the governing board shall review the decision of a teacher to retain a pupil in a grade in a common school in executive session unless a parent or legal guardian of the pupil, if emancipated, disagrees that the review should be in open meeting. If the review is conducted in executive session, the board shall notify the teacher of the date, time and place of the review and shall allow the teacher to be present at the review. If the teacher is not present at the review, the board shall consult with the teacher before making its decision. Any request, including the written request as provided in §15-341, the written evidence presented at the review and the written record of the review, including the decision of the governing board to accept or reject the teacher's decision, shall be retained by the governing board as part of its permanent record.

5. ADJOURNMENT