



MINUTES

Monday, January 13, 2003 -- 6:00 p.m.
Regular Governing Board Meeting

Governing Board Room
215 North Carlisle Avenue
Somerton, Arizona

Attending Board	J. Scott Omer	Dale Phillips	Luis Heredia
Absent Board	Martha J. Camacho	Leticia Yopez	
Attending Public	Bill Rhodes Shelly Reed Bob Klein Jerry Cabrera Maria P. Vasquez Jody Attaway Cathy Witmer Kurt Karwoski Judith Villalpando Alma Barrios Judith Bobbitt	Jeanne L. Glover Bob Cassidy Celine Fernandez Jean Volpe Sonia Moreno Blanche Odom Mert Glass Delia Tapia Yadira Barajas Anabel Juarez Rose Arévalo	Maureen Irr George Brick Ken Huffman Veronica Lopez Nora Bonilla Mike Slawinski Elizabeth Merino Ana Figueroa Miguel Bustillos Jose (last name illegible)

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.a. Call to Order

Mr. Phillips

Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. Mr. Heredia apologized for arriving late, he explained that this was the first day of classes for AWC and there were matters that needed his attention before leaving the office.

1.b. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Phillips

Somerton Middle School Student Council was not available to lead the Pledge, instead Mr. Omer led the Pledge.

1.c. Audience with Individuals

Mr. Phillips

Information

Mrs. Delia Tapia spoke on behalf of several parents that were in attendance. Their request is to have the District transport students from Tierra Del Sol Elementary to the Somerton Community Center after school. Mrs. Bobbitt explained that Audience With Individual is a time when the public is able to give information to the Board, but that the Board is not able to respond at that moment but the Board may address it at another time.

1.d. Approval of Board Minutes

Mr. Phillips

Action

Regular Session -- 12/09/03

Reorganizational Session -- 01/0603

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve the Minutes as submitted.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve the Minutes as submitted, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion carried.

1.e. Call for Executive Session **Mr. Phillips** **Action**

A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A.1) Executive Sessions

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 a public meeting.

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

Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A.4) Executive Sessions

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.

Mrs. Bobbitt advised that there was no need for Executive Session at this time.

2. REPORTS

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

Mrs. Bobbitt had nothing to add to her report as submitted.

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

There were no questions of the Administrators or Directors reports as submitted.

2.c. Student Activity **Information**

Mrs. Bobbitt reminded the Board that Student Activity is placed on the Board should there be any questions or the report submitted to the Board. There was no further discussion.

2.d. Board Member Report **Information**

The Board asked that time be set aside for a Study Session so they can review the District's Mission Statement and goals. This is important because they want to make sure that the Mission statement is in line with the goals the District are trying to accomplish. The Board decided to hold a Study Session beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, that would conclude before the Regular Board Meeting scheduled at 6:00 p.m.

2.e. Adult Education/Family Literacy Presentation **Mr. Cabrera** **Information**

Mr. Jerry Cabrera, Family Literacy Coordinator, presented information that he and a team presented in Washington, D.C. He was pleased with their presentation and were well-received there. It was an important step for their program to be seen by similar educators from all over the country.

Mr. Cabrera presented Mrs. Nora Bonilla a graduate from the Family Literacy Program and employee of Somerton District. Mrs. Bonilla was very proud that she had been part of this program and was able to make it to where she is now. She said that she was determined to do well and was thankful for the staff's encouragement to continue her education, because without them, she may not have come so far.

3. PERSONNEL

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Mrs. Bobbitt

Action

3.1 HIRING

3.1.a. Brick, George Principal, Somerton Middle School

Mrs. Bobbitt introduced Mr. George Brick who was chosen as Somerton Middle School's Principal for the 2003-04 School Year. Mrs. Bobbitt explained that she asked that Mr. Brick be separate from the Consent Agenda items so that the Board would have an opportunity to speak to Mr. Brick as they chose. She continued by explaining that the selection committee had many good candidates and that Mr. Brick and another gentleman were called back for an additional interview. Mr. Brick was chosen. Mrs. Bobbitt recommended the Board's approval to hire Mr. Brick as Somerton Middle School's Principal for the 2003-04 School Year.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

3.1.b. Garcia, Ana Cafeteria Monitor, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1.c. Lomeli, Elizabeth Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1.d. Martinez, Ericka Teacher, Orange Grove Elementary
3.1.e. Neblina, Karla Teacher, Orange Grove Elementary
3.1.f. Sanchez, Fransisco Bus Driver, Transportation
3.1.g. Zarata, Ana Teacher, Orange Grove Elementary

3.2 REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM CONTRACT/RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

3.2.a. Bullington, Celia Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.2.b. Gutierrez, Maria A. Cafeteria Monitor, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.2.c. Johnson, Linda Cafeteria Monitor, Orange Grove Elementary
3.2.d. Thornton, Miriam Special Programs Director, District

3.3 REASSIGNMENT

3.3.a. Gonzalez, Juana Classroom Supervisor, Somerton Middle School
3.3.b. Isla, Jesus Substitute, Somerton Middle School
3.3.c. Rodriguez, Lydia Teacher, Somerton Middle School

3.4 ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT

3.4.a. Flores, Walther Desert Sonora Elementary

3.5 ESL/BILINGUAL STIPEND

3.5.a. Thornton, Miriam

3.6 ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT

3.6.a. Figueroa, Jesus **3.6.b** Martinez, Edmma

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that Mrs. Thornton submitted her request for approval of early retirement in a very poignant letter. Mrs. Bobbitt said that she hoped something special would be done for Mrs. Thornton in appreciation of her many years of dedicated service to the District. Mr. Heredia asked that Mrs. Bullington, who he had as his fourth grade teacher, also be recognized in some special way, because teachers like her are a great influence to their

students. Mr. Heredia mentioned that he feels Mrs. Bullington was a great contributor to his success as an adult. Mrs. Bobbitt asked that Personnel Items 3.1.b through 3.6.b be approved as submitted.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion Carried.

4. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Mrs. Bobbitt

Action

4.1. Signing of Vouchers

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended the Vouchers for approval by the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve vouchers for signature, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion carried.

4.2. Approval of Inter-Governmental Agreement with Yuma County Superintendent

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that this IGA includes the Math/Science Consortium that the District works with. Mr. Omer commented that reading has been stressed over the last few months but that science and math should not be forgotten. Mrs. Bobbitt recommended approval as submitted.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Yuma County Superintendent as submitted, Mr. Omer seconded, Motion carried.

4.3. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy -- EEB: Business and Personnel Transportation Services

4.4. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Advisory:

#196 -- Suggested and Required Actions by Date, for Calendar Year 2002

4.5. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Advisories:

#201 -- IHB-RB/IGB-R(2)- Special Instructional Programs

Mrs. Bobbitt explained Items 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5 had been on the Agenda twice before as First Readings but never as a Second Reading and Adoption. She recommended approval and adoption as submitted.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Signature of Board President/Clerk

Date