



MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2003

**Governing Board Room
215 North Carlisle Avenue, Somerton**

STUDY SESSION -- 4:00 pm.

• Review of the Board's Vision, Mission, and Goal Setting

The Study Session was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Mrs. Bobbitt was called out of town on a family emergency and not able to attend.

REGULAR SESSION -- 6:00 p.m.

Attending Board	J. Scott Omer	Dale Phillips	Martha Camacho
Absent Board	Luis Heredia	Leticia Yopez	
Attending Public	Jeanie Volpe Celine Fernández Bob Cassidy Bill Rhodes Bob Klein Merton Glass	Paul Filby Jody Attaway Duane Sheppard Jean Touchet Cathy Witmer	Jerry Cabrera Shelly Reed Mike Slawinski Kurt Karwoski Rose Arévalo

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.a. Call to Order** **Mr. Phillips**
Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- 1.b. Pledge of Allegiance** **Mr. Phillips**
Mr. Omer led the Pledge.
- 1.c. Audience with Individuals** **Mr. Phillips** **Information**
None submitted.
- 1.d. Approval of Board Minutes** **Mr. Phillips** **Action**
Regular Session -- January 13, 2003
Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve the Minutes as submitted.
MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mrs. Camacho 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.

No Executive Session called.

2. REPORTS

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

• Reading Adoption Update

In Mrs. Bobbitt's absence, Mr. Sheppard explained that the Reading Text Adoption review included three Yuma County Districts: Crane, District One, and Somerton. The grant, that Mr. Sheppard and Mrs. Irr are applying for, specifically requires the adoption of a core reading program. Harcourt Publishers seems to be the program of choice. Their text meet the five components required of the National Reading Panel. The recommendation to approve adoption will go before the Board in March. The District will receive word in April if the application is accepted.

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

Mr. Klein mentioned that the State Facilities Board (SFB) approved the K-5 School for the 2004-05 school year. Land selection is the next step. Three areas are being looked at: County 15 and Avenue F, Avenue F at the City Limits on the south side, and another area near Tierra Del Sol. When property is located near agricultural land, a covenant needs to be signed by farmers, so that agricultural spraying is not done when school is in-session.

The replacement of heating and air conditioning units has been a frustrating problem for Orange Grove and Somerton Middle School. There have been differences in temperatures from 40 to 90 degrees in various classroom. Gradually temperatures are being regulated. Unfortunately, it does not seem that it was a high priority for the contractor. Mr. Omer asked if payment could be held until satisfied service was received. Mr. Klein said that unfortunately, the payment is from the SFB and the District is be withhold those funds.

The Board congratulated Ms. Fernández and staff for their North Central Association Accreditation.

There were no other questions of Administrator's or Director's Reports.

2.c. Board Member Report **Information**

Mr. Phillips continues to meet with administrators. As he has contact with them, they are grateful for his taking time to meet with them because he has learned lots about individual sites. Because he is better informed, he is comfortable relaying information to parents when asked questions about things that are going on in the District.

The Board decided to reschedule their Study Session to Monday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m.. The Regular Session will be held at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

3. 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.

• PERSONNEL

Mrs. Bobbitt

Action

3.1 HIRING

3.1.a.	Arevalos, Maria	Adult Education Teacher
3.1.b.	Carrasco, Sonia	Cafeteria Monitor, Orange Grove Elementary
3.1.c.	Lomeli, Elizabeth	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1.d.	Moreno, Javier	Adult Education Teacher
3.1.e.	O'Connor, Michael	Substitute, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1.f.	Attaway, Jody	Special Programs Director, District

3.2 REQUEST FOR RELEASE FROM CONTRACT / RESIGNATIONS / RETIREMENT

3.2.a.	Gonzalez, Patty	Nurse, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.2.b.	Humphrey, Eva	Teacher, Orange Grove Elementary

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.3.a.	Martínez-López, Graciela	Teacher, Tierra Del Sol Elementary
3.3.b.	Phar, Siobhan	Teacher, Somerton Middle School
3.3.c.	Porchas, Melissa	Accounting Specialist, District Office

3.4 REASSIGNMENT

3.4.a.	Bonilla, Nora	Classroom Supervisor, Desert Sonora Elementary
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3.5 ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

3.5.a.	Pottinger, David	After School Detention Program, Middle School
3.5.b-h	Counseling Committee - District	
3.5.b.	Garcia, Manuel	3.5.f. Martinez, Maria
3.5.c.	Garcia, Teresa	3.5.g. Ricciutti, Lisa
3.5.d.	Gonzalez, Graciela	3.5.h. Weissenberg, Patty
3.5.e.	Joanicot, Eduviges	

3.6 SUBSTITUTES

3.6.a.	Gonzalez, Johnattan	3.6.e. Urrutia, Maria
3.6.b.	Lopez, Armida	3.6.f. Valladares, Adriana
3.6.c.	Mendoza, Blanca	3.6.g. Zarate, Martha
3.6.d.	Mohindra, Vijay	

Mr. Klein asked to add 3.4.F. Mrs. Jody Attaway is recommended to fill that position as she is qualified for that position. We are pleased she submitted her application and will fill that role for us. Mr. Klein submitted the Consent Agenda Items for approval.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items as submitted.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve Consent Agenda Items with the addition of Ms. Attaway as Special Programs Director, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Mrs. Bobbitt

Action

4.1. Signing of Vouchers

4.2. Ratification of January Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Klein explained that these items can be approved together. A ratification vote is needed to make the amount of \$650,000 as the \$500,000 was exceeded.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve the Ratification of January Accounts Payable Vouchers as described. Mr. Omer asked why the amount should be \$650,000, when the amount in the report is \$618,716.30. Mr. Klein explained that usually the amount is rounded up.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to ratify the January vouchers to \$618,716.30, Mrs. Camacho seconded. Mrs. Camacho asked for clarification of the ASBA payment made. Mrs. Witmer explained that it is our health insurance, Motion carried.

4.3. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with County Superintendent for State Land Department, Right-of-Way

Mr. Klein explained that the walking trail on Avenue B 1/2 to/from Orange Grove Elementary is the right-of-way area mentioned in the agreement. He added that the agreement is with the State Land Department and not the County Superintendent's Office. This agreement will not have to be approved again until the Year 2012.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve Items 4.3.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve Item 4.3 with the correction that the agreement is with the State Land Department and not the County Superintendent, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.

4.4. Approval of Yuma Educational Purchasing Agreement

4.5. Approval of IGA for Cooperative Purchasing Group

Mr. Klein explained that Items 4.4 and 4.5 are beneficial to all involved Districts, because when several districts purchase the same item, it is easier for the District to secure those services. He recommended Items 4.4 and 4.5 for approval.

Mrs. Camacho asked if each District is able to make their procurement alone. Mrs. Witmer explained that the Districts will work as a cooperative group to bid for the same services, one school would host the bid, the District would verify that procurement rules were followed and the purchase would be made separately.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve Items 4.4 through 4.5.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho so moved, Mr. Omer seconded, Motion carried.

4.6. Review of Student Activity Information

Mr. Klein explained that this item is always on the Agenda because Student Activity must be reported to the Board monthly. Student Activity list on the Agenda allows for discussion if needed.

4.7. Approval to Award Contracts for Architectural Services for Early Childhood and Adult Education Center and New K-5 Elementary School to EMC2 Architects

Mr. Klein reported that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for the next five years. Several architectural firms submitted RFPs. District staff reviewed and recommends the Award of Contract for Architectural Services for Early Childhood and Adult Education Center and New K-5 Elementary School to EMC2 Architects. EMC2 was chosen because they have worked with the District on several projects including deficiency corrections and the construction of Desert Sonora Elementary. EMC2 was placed as first on a short list with two other firms.

Mr. Omer wanted to know if bond sales were doing well enough to pay for the design of the Early Childhood and the Adult Education Center. Mr. Klein explained that he and Ms. Witmer spoke to the financial consultant and will bring information to the Board in April. He added that if the bond sale was not favorable, the District has sufficient revenue set aside to pay.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve Item 4.7 as submitted.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.

4.8. Authorization for Superintendent and/or Director of Operations and Personnel to Request that Yuma County Address Concerns Regarding Safety Near Bus Stops

Mr. Klein has had meetings with parents, staff, and sheriff's deputies regarding vehicular traffic and the safety at bus stops. The SRO Deputy at Orange Grove said that it's important for the County Supervisors to work on something that would hopefully help with speeding drivers and other that don't stop for buses when their lights are flashing.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve Item 4.8 as submitted.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho so moved, Mr. Omer seconded, Motion carried.

4.9. First Reading of Policy Advisories:

- 218 -- BBBB: Board Member Oath of Office
- 219 -- DID-R: Inventories
- 220 -- IHBD: Compensatory Education
 - IHBD-R: Compensatory Education
 - IHBD-EA: Compensatory Education
- 220 -- IHBD-EB: Compensatory Education
- 221 -- IHBE-EA: Bilingual Instruction/Native Language Instruction
 - IHBE-EB: Bilingual Instruction/Native Language Instruction
- 222 -- KB: Parental Involvement in Education
 - KB-E: Parental Involvement in Education

Mr. Klein explained that staff would receive a copy of the Policy Advisories and will have an opportunity to submit any corrections. He recommended adoption of the First Reading of the Policy Advisories as listed on the Agenda.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve Item 4.9 as submitted.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve the First Reading of Policy Advisories 218 to 222, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.

4.10. Review of Gifted Education Program’s Scope and Sequence

Ms. Attaway explained that the Gifted Program will begin soon. Each site administrator schedules this supplemental program to fit the needs of their students.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Signature of Board President/Clerk

Date