Regular Governing Board Retreat Minutes



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Governing Board Retreat Minutes

Somerton Elementary School District #11

Governing Board Retreat Agenda

Executive Session

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Time: 5:30 p.m. Board Retreat

Place: Governing Board Room • 343 N. Carlisle Ave.
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Attending Board: David Gonzalez, Araceli Juarez, Fern Soto, Martha Camacho, Leticia Yepez (arrived at 5:54p.m.)

Absent Board:

Attending Staff: Dr. Reed, Jerry Cabrera, Margarita Camacho

1. Governing Board Retreat Agenda

1.1. Call to Order

Mr. Gonzalez called the Board Retreat to order at 5:47 p.m.

1.2. Call for Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03.A 1---personnel; discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, promotion, demotion dismissal, salaries of a public officer--superintendent's evaluation.

1.2.1. The Board may enter into Executive Session to discuss and/or Review the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Mr. Gonzalez moved for an Executive Session Pursuant Section 38-431.03.A1. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Camacho; Motion Passed. The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.

Leticia Yepez (arrived at 5:54p.m.)

MOTION: Mr. Gonzalez moved to resume Board Retreat at 6:23 p.m. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed

2. Discussion item and Presentations

2.1. Board Goals

2.1.1. To increase academic achievement for all students.

- Measure: School will receive a letter grade of B or better and an Arizona Profile of Performing Plus or better

2.1.2. Provide a school climate where all students, staff and parents are valued, safe, and motivated.

- Measure: Survey results of students, staff, and parents must be 80% positive or better

2.1.3. To recruit and retain a quality certified staff

- Measure: School, and the District, shall not have a certified staff turnover rate higher than 15%.

Dr. Reed asked the Governing Board if they would like to modify the Governing Board Goals and measures. Dr. Reed recommended the Board keep the same Board Goals and measures.

Mr. Gonzalez left the Board Retreat at 6:25 p.m. and returned to session at 6:29 p.m.

Dr. Reed mentioned that turnover rate for the district was 17%.

Mr. Gonzalez entertained a motion to approve the Governing Board Goals with Measure as presented.

MOTION: Mr. Gonzalez moved, Miss Juarez second the motion. Motion passed

2.2. 30 Second Consultant

Dr. Reed did a board activity--30 Second Consultant Review/Renew

Last year review of Consultant problem/Goal:

- More involvement with Cocopah
  - Schedule a Governing Board meeting in the reservation this semester and the second semester.
- Continue to maintain Physical activity for our students. Support Physical Education teachers.
  - Met with Kim for curriculum activities for physical activity. Presently, there's a Physical Education teacher and a music teacher in each campus.
- Although communication between board members is good, there can still be ways to make it even better.
  - Miss Juarez mentioned that Somerton School Board members have good communication.
- Decrease number of suspensions at SMS
  - This year Mrs. Garza is enforcing PBIS with the support of all staff.

- Alternative School--Mr. Gonzalez is the teacher.

- Meet with superintendent on a monthly basis.

  - Set up monthly meeting. Margarita will be contacting Board members.

Dr. Reed gave Board members a 30 Second Consult sheet for them to write any concerns.

2.3. Common Core Presentation

Dr. Reed presented a powerpoint on Common Core Standards.

"The Arizona Common Core Standards is a state and National initiative to get all students working on the same curricula, calendared or learning, at the same time. Students moving from state to state, or from one district or school to another will be afforded a more consistent transition into their learning environment.

The Arizona Common Core Standards also require students to think more critically. Having the ability to think, re-think and think again, to solve real world problems, is critical for life. This skill will be used to process information at a higher level. In today's world, we can't be expected to know all that there is to know. Yet understanding the process for finding information through analyzing, synthesizing and seeing a venue for resolution will be critical"

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Miss Juarez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

M Martha J. Camacho — 10-10-12

Signature of Board President/Clerk — Date