MINUTES

Public Hearing -- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 9, 2003

Tierra Del Sol Elementary
1002 South Somerton Avenue
Somerton, Arizona

Update of the Progress of Capital Improvements Financed With Bond Funds

Regular Meeting Immediately Following The Public Hearing

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-91(K) Each school district that issues bonds under this section is required to hold a public meeting each year between September 1 and October 31, until the bond proceeds are spent, at which an update of the progress of capital improvements financed through bonding is discussed and at which the public is permitted an opportunity to comment. At a minimum, the construction of capital improvements, the costs of capital improvements and the costs of capital improvements in progress or completed since the prior meeting and the future capital bonding plans of the school district. The school district shall include in the public meeting a discussion of the school district's use of state capital aid and voter-approved capital overrides in funding capital improvements, if any.

Attending Board	Scott Omer	Leticia Yepez	Luis Heredia	Martha Camacho
Absent Board	Dale Phillips			
Attending Public	Celine Fernández	Shelly Reed	Mike Slawinski	Maureen Irr
	Duane Sheppard	Cathy Witmer	Bob Cassidy	Pat Hunt
	Tom Volpe	Elizabeth Merino	Adriana Salas	Paul Filby
	Eva Cervantes	Gema Anaya	Joshua Joanicot	George Brick
	Denisse Valenzuela	Rene Villarreal	Maria P. Vasquez	Veronica Lopez
	Patricia Weissenberg	Catalina Medina	Jennifer Sullivan	Mayra Salazar
	Petra G. Medina	Juan A. Villafaña	Merton L. Glass	Jody Attaway
	Jesus Ruiz	Alexis Duron	Blanca Ruiz	Francis Gonzalez
	Larry Pipkins	Elsie Gonzalez	Cassandra Pipkins	Adriana Quintana
	Katherine Rodriguez	Alan Delgadillo	Adriana Garibay	Felix Casas
	Angelica Quintana	Angelica Garibay	Alex Meraz	Edgar Quintana
	Betty Robles	Kamie Phillips	Nanette Palone	Duvie Joanicot
	Ann McBride	Maria Martinez	Robert Klein	Rose Arévalo
	Judith Bobbitt			

At 6:09 p.m. Tierra Del Sol (TDS)'s Student Council Members led the Pledge.

Audience with Individual: Ms. Merino introduced Meet and Confer Representatives: Annette Chavez, Ann McBride, Jennifer Sullivan, TDS; Paula Glass and Ms Merino, SMS. They do not have representatives at DSS or OGS, but welcome comments or concerns from all staff.

Mr. Omer redirected the meeting to the Public Hearing. Mr. Klein explained that an update on the progress of the capital improvements financed by the bond funds is required to be presented at a Public Hearing in September and October. Interest rates were very low in June. The bonds sold for 2,225,000.

There was no further discussion. Mr. Omer ended the Public Meeting at **6:14 p.m**.

MINUTES

Regular Governing Board Meeting
Immediately Following the Public Meeting

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mr. Omer called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

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

TDS Student Council led the Pledge earlier as the Public Meeting began.

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

A representative from Immaculate Heart of Mary's Arco Iris Youth Group asked the Board to consider lowering the $1,600 fee required on their Facilities Request. The Board decided to address Item 4.11

4.11. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Community Facilities Use Application

Mr. Klein explained that the Adopted Policy fee scale is used when calculating facilities use fees. A custodian is assigned for security and maintenance. The time is calculated as if the custodian is not scheduled for duty. If the custodian is scheduled to work during such an event, the group would be reimbursed. Mrs. Bobbitt noted that changes must be consistent with all groups.

Mrs. Bobbitt noted that Policy Advisory 231 addresses a tiered fee schedule. The Board agreed to have staff research other district's Facilities Use fees and bring that information to the Board in November.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to Table this item until November's meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to Table Item 4.11 until the next Board Meeting or at a sepcial meeting if one is called before November 13, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Staff was instructed to research the information. Motion carried.

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

Regular Session -- 09/11/2003 Executive Session -- 09/11/2003

Mr. Omer noted that on the Regular Session Minutes under Item 4.02 the wording "moved to adjourn" needed to be deleted.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve Minutes with changes as submitted.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to approve Regular and Executive Minutes with noted correction to the Regular Minutes, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

2. REPORTS

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

- Revised Child Abuse Reporting
- *YUMA Plan* (Professional Learning and Networking)

Mrs. Bobbitt noted that District staff will receive copies of the Policy Advisory to review and the District is looking in to the possibility of having a detective address staff in regard to Child Abuse Reporting.

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

No additional comments or discussion.

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

- *YUMA Plan* (Professional Learning and Networking)

Mr. Omer and Mr. Heredia attended the Yuma Plans Meeting. They felt a mutual respect between Districts and children's best interest was a priority for all attendees.

2.d. AIMS Growth District Overview #2 **Mr. Sheppard** **Information**

Mr. Sheppard explained that Category II Students are EL Students in the first three years of the program and Category I Students are English proficient. Category I also includes children never in the EL Program and Special Education students that did not have modification. The pattern of declining numbers in the Falls Far Below category and increasing Meets and Exceeds is what the District wants to see. Mr. Heredia asked to see trends in first, second, and third year EL students. Mr. Sheppard said that generalized information usually can be researched for first year students, but the numbers show only those that took the AIMS. Numbers would not include families new to Somerton or Migrant families that don't arrive until November.

2.e. Tierra Del Sol's AIMS Growth & Plan **Mrs. Lopez** **Information**

Mrs. Lopez presented AIMS scores for Tierra Del Sol as compared to other districts in the county and state. Math scores are the highest at TDS. Reading and Writing standard scores maintained at about the same level.

As requested by the Board, Mrs. Lopez explained that staff have attended trainings for the Eight Step Process and DIBELS. Teachers are using learning centers, writing calendars to accompany reading and writing standards, and began after school intervention. On Thursday, October 24, a parent meeting will explain DIBELS results and the importance of at-risk students attending tutoring sessions.

Classrooms are monitored for implementation of Data-In-The-Day strategies and at-risk children are monitored monthly using DIBELS and Reading First material. All K-5 students will be formally assessed three times a year to monitor progress. Mrs. Lopez thanked those responsible for the Reading First Grant, it has fit well with the Eight Step Process. The Board thanked Mrs. Lopez and all staff for their hard work.

Mrs. Bobbitt invited the Board and public to attend a Press Conference at Congressman Grijalva's Office in Yuma, Friday, October 10 at 11:30 a.m. The early childhood grant awarded to Somerton and Gadsden Districts, and the Cocopah Tribal and WACOG Head Starts will be announced. The District is proud to be part of this collaboration. Out of 800 national applications only 20 were awarded. The District is proud to be included. There was no additional discussion.

3. CONSENT AGENDA -- PERSONNEL **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

3.1.a.	Avila, Hector	Classroom Supervisor, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1.b.	Cardenas, Barbara	Accounts Payable Specialist, District Office
3.1.c.	Lupercio, Araceli	Long Term Substitute, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1.d.	Molina, Gloria	GED Examiner, District Office

3.2 RESIGNATIONS / RELEASE FROM CONTRACT

3.2.a.	Garcia, Gilbert	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.2.b.	Mares, Maritza	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary School

3.3 SUBSTITUTE

3.3.a. Bridgestock, Barry

3.4 ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT

3.4.a.	McCall, LeAnne	Teacher, Tierra del Sol Elementary School
3.4.b.	LaMarque, Marina	Counselor, Somerton Middle School
3.4.c.	Olin, Ruth	Student Advocate, Desert Sonora/Orange Grove Schools
3.4.d.	Weissenberg, Patti	Counselor, Tierra Del Sol Elementary School
3.4.e.	Title VIB -- Various Staff	Somerton Middle and Desert Sonora Schools
3.4.f.	Title I -- Various Staff	All District Schools
3.4.g.	Migrant Ed -- Various Staff	All District Schools

3.4.h-j Credit for Educational Course Work and Increase in Salary

3.4.h. Armas, Ana

3.4.i. Navarro, Elizabeth

3.4.j. Villafaña, Juan

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended Item 3.2.a. for approval. She recommended Item 3.2.b. for denial due to the teacher shortage. If a qualified replacement is found before Ms. Mares' January start date, the denial may be reconsidered.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve, to vote on Item 3.2.b. separately.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to deny Ms. Mares' request for Release of Contract.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to deny Item 3.2.b., Mrs. Camacho seconded. Mr. Heredia added that the Board may review additional information, if received. Motion carried.

4. BUSINESS AND FINANCE — Mrs. Bobbitt — Action

4.01. Approval of Annual Financial Report for 2002-03

Mrs. Witmer presented Annual Financial Report (AFR).

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho so moved and Mrs. Yepez seconded. Motion carried.

4.02. Signing of Vouchers

This is an informational item placed on the Agenda for discussion as needed.

4.03. Acceptance of Student Activity Information

Auditors require monthly Board review of Student Activity. The Agenda Item allows for discussion as needed.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to accept Items 4.02 and 4.03 as submitted, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.

4.04. Authorization to Grant an Easement to Yuma County for Future Road Improvements Adjacent to Esperanza Park

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia moved to authorize the District to grant an easement to Yuma County for future road improvement adjacent to Esperanza Park, Mrs. Camacho seconded, Motion carried.

4.05. Ratify Award Request for Proposal Number 0304-P1 for Yuma Professional Network Plan

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mrs. Yepez so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded. Motion carried.

4.06. Approval of 2003-04 Qualified Evaluators

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve.

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

4.07. Approval of Revision to Regulation GCGB: Arrangements for Professional Staff Substitutes

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that Regulations are normally not approved by the Board, but in light of teacher shortages, recommended review. Wording clarifies language used and compensation for Long Term Substitutes.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded, Motion carried.

4.08. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Center for Law In the Public Interest

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that Tim Hogan, the Center's Attorney, represents and updates Arizona school districts of pertinent legal issues.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve.

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

4.09. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Advisories:

• #224:	CFD	-- School-Based Management
• #225:	DIE-R	-- Audits/Financial Monitoring
• #226:	GBI	-- Staff Participation in Political Activities
• #227:	GCF	-- Professional Staff Hiring
	GCFC	-- Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing
• #228:	GCO	-- Evaluation of Professional Staff Members
	GCO-R	-- Evaluation of Professional Staff Members
• #229:	JQ	-- Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
	JQ-R	-- Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
• #230:		-- Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment
	IHAMB	-- Family Life Education
	IHAMB-R	-- Family Life Education
	IJ	-- Instructional Resources and Materials
	IJ-R	-- Instructional Resources and Materials
	KB	-- Parental Involvement in Education
	KB-R	-- Parental Involvement in Education
	KDB	-- Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information
	KDB-R	-- Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information
	KDB-E	-- Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information
	KDCA	-- Use of Students in Public Information Program
	LC	-- Relations With Education Research Agencies

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended Option Two to delete the observation due between November 15 and January 10. This is not required by statute.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve the Second Reading of Item 4.09.

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

4.10. Approval of First Reading of Policy Advisories:

• #231	KF	-- Community Use of School Facilities
	KF-RA	-- Community Use of School Facilities
	KF-RB	-- Community Use of School Facilities
	KF-EA	-- Community Use of School Facilities
	KF-EB	-- Community Use of School Facilities
	KF-EC	-- Community Use of School Facilities
• #232	JLF	-- Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection
	JLF-R	-- Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection
	JLF-E	-- Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded. Motion carried.

4.12. Discussion and Action to Submit Name of Representative to Participate on Yuma Union High School District New Student Attendance Boundaries

Mr. Omer asked for a volunteer to represent the District. Mr. Heredia volunteered.

MOTION: Mrs. Yepez moved to elect Mr. Heredia, Mrs. Camacho seconded. Mr. Heredia welcomed input prior to his attending the meeting. Motion carried.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION **Mr. Omer** **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.

A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A.7) Executive Sessions

Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to move in to Executive Session.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded. Motion carried. The Board went in to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to move back in to Regular Session.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded. Motion carried. The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:50 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Heredia so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Signature of Board President/Clerk Date