MINUTES -- Re-Organizational and Regular Board Meetings

Thursday, January 15, 2004
6:00 p.m.

Orange Grove Elementary
3525 West County 16 1/2 Avenue
Somerton, Arizona

Attending Board	Scott Omer	Dale Phillips	Martha Camacho
	Luis Heredia		
Absent Board	Leticia Yepez		
Attending Public	Jody Attaway	Cathy Witmer	Duane Sheppard
	Jerry Cabrera	Tom Volpe	Mike Slawinski
	Elizabeth Merino	Veronica Lopez	Maria P. Vasquez
	Gerald Streit	Veronica's daughter	George Brick
	Shelly Reed	Yvonne Llanes	Dale Singer
	Parent/4 children	Maureen Irr	Judith Bobbitt
	Rose Arévalo		

1. *OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

1.a. Call to Order — Mr. Phillips — Information

Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. *RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING* — Mr. Phillips — Action

A.R.S. 15-321
A.R.S. 15-323

2.b. Election of Board President and Board Clerk — Action

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion elect Board President.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho moved to elect Mr. Phillips as President and Mr. Omer as Clerk, Mr. Heredia seconded, they both accepted. Motion carried

2.d. Establish Board Meeting Dates and Times — Action

The Board kept the Regular Meeting date for the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Governing Board Room unless otherwise noted.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to close the Re-Organizational Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded. Motion carried. The meeting closed at 6:08 p.m.

MINUTES

Regular Governing Board Meeting
Immediately Following Organizational Session

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion 6:08 pm.

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

Mrs. Camacho led the Pledge.

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

None.

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

- December 11, 2003 Regular and Executive Sessions

Executive Minutes will be presented for review at the February's meeting.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve the Regular Session 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.

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.

Mrs. Bobbitt asked the Board to hold Executive Session to the end of the meeting. She will update them in accordance to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A.7). The Board agreed to wait.

2. REPORTS

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

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that she has been caring for her mother at home but will be taking her back to Tucson next week. While there, she can be contacted via computer or phone. Mrs. Bobbitt appreciated Administrative staff meeting at her home or via phone, while she was caring for her mother. Board Members will be updated as needed.

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

- Dr. Reed, Orange Grove Achievement Plan

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that the meeting is being held at Orange Grove, because Ms. Fernandez was in Los Angeles at an invitational sponsored by Bill and Melinda Gates. February's meeting will be held at Tierra Del Sol, Ms. Fernandez will host March's meeting and present her academic achievement, and Dr. Reed will present in April.

Mr. Brick and Mrs. Irr were awarded a $64,000 grant. Mr. Brick explained that the grant was written as an alternative to suspensions. Community entities would involve students in different community service activities. Several community members, the Chief of Police, the City Planners' Office, and Parks/Rec Office, have agreed to participate.

The Board wants students given some type of orientation in order to understand that their assigned task is contributing improving their community. Mr. Brick assured the Board that all participants -- students, parents, teachers, community members -- will contribute to student orientation as needed. Tasks will not be assigned without objectives. If parents prefer suspension, the student will be suspended, this is an alternative that parents will be able to choose. The grant was written to work with an estimated 1-5 students at any given time and will serve 50 or more students over the course of the grant period.

Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned that Tierra Del Sol held their improvement plan Parent Meeting Wednesday night. The February Board Meeting will be held their to meet the compliance schedule set by the state.

Mrs. Lopez thanked the Board Members that had attended the meeting and said that only twenty-two families attended. This was disheartening because staff had done all they could to publicize the meeting, in hopes they would have better attendance. Information on all the targeted areas was discussed and defined on the Eight Step Process Calendars. Mrs. Lopez felt parents' questions were answered. The Board asked for additional meeting to be held to explain the process that will take place to meet standards and explain to parents what part they play in assisting their students.

The Board asked for clarification of use of Title I funding and whether Tierra Del Sol, being one of the larger schools, is efficiently using those funds. Mr. Heredia mentioned summer school and whether it was an effective use of funds with half-day programs for four days a week.

Mrs. Bobbitt said that she will have information for the Board regarding possible replacement of 2004-05 staff, if the District is aware of staff that is not returning or they feel enrollment figures warrant additional staff.

Mr. Heredia asked the Board to consider dates in February to hold a study session meeting. Mr. Heredia hopes this would be an opportunity to engage parents. The Board decided on Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Desert Sonora's cafetorium.

Mr. Phillips commended Mrs. Lopez and her staff on a job well done. He said he had parents worried that staff was doing a bad job and that is what the Under Performing label meant. He explained that parents need to attend meetings to be informed. In addition, he congratulated Mrs. Irr and Mr. Brick for the grant they were awarded. He feels that Somerton's diverse community, with the help of Somerton staff, are making history in finding alternative discipline plans. He feels it's important students be proud about bettering their community.

2.c. Board Member Report — Information

Mr. Phillips mentioned the ASBA Meeting he attended in December.

2.d. YUHS District Boundaries Follow Up **Mr. Heredia** **Information**

Mr. Heredia said that the next meeting at the YUHSD Board Room will be Wednesday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. He asked for parents to be notified of the meeting, as it impacts this year's SMS eighth graders. He also asked that the parents understand that YUHS because the ultimate decision will be made by their Board, not Somerton's. Mr. Heredia asked that their Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Monroe, be advised that parents will be notified of meeting because he has been in charge of the boundary meetings.

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.	Roldan, Angelica	Instructional Assistant, Middle School

3.2 RESIGNATIONS

3.2.a.	Garlitz, Jessica	Teacher, Somerton Middle School
3.2.b.	Soliz, Rosa	Liaison, Somerton Middle School

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.3.a.	Arvizo, Cecilia	Teacher, Tierra Del Sol Elementary
3.3.b.	Martinez, Sylvia	Liaison, Family Literacy

3.4 SUBSTITUTES

3.4.a.	Bridgestock, Barry	Long Term, Somerton Middle School
3.4.b.	Aldama, Alma	
3.4.c.	Conwill, Terry	
3.4.d.	Shepler, Gary	
3.4.e.	Johnson, Clara	

3.5 ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

3.5.a.	Garlit, Russ	Tech Coach, Somerton Middle School
3.5.b.	Garza, Elizabeth	Mentor Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.5.c.	McCall, LeAnne	Tech Coach, Tierra Del Sol Elementary
3.5.d.	Touchet, Jean	Tech Coach, Orange Grove Elementary
3.5.e.	Villarreal, Angelica	Data Clerk, Instructional Services
3.5.e.	Volpe, Tom	Tech Coach, Desert Sonora Elementary

Mrs. Bobbitt recommended Consent Agenda Items for approval.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion.

MOTION: Mr. Omer entertained a Motion to approve Items 3.11 through 3.5., Mrs. Camacho so moved, Motion carried

4. BUSINESS AND FINANCE **Mrs. Bobbitt** **Action**

4.01. Acceptance of Book Donation from Mexican Consulate

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that she attended one of the first book donation presentation and Mr. Cabrera attended this last one. About 200 books were donated to the school library. The Mexican Consulate's intention of this program is for newly immigrated Mexican students to utilize the books in order for them not to lose their cultural ties.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion.

MOTION: Mrs. Camacho moved to approve the donation, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion carried.

INFORMATION ONLY:
- Accounts Payable and Payroll Voucher Actual Amounts
- Student Activity Report

Mrs. Bobbitt reminded the Board that this information is on the Agenda for discussion as needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to go in to Executive Session in accordance with ARS 38-341-.03 (A.7), Mr. Heredia seconded. The Board went in to Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to return to Regular Session.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded, Motion carried. The Board returned to Regular Session at 7:16 p.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mr. Heredia seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Signature of Board President/Clerk Date