MINUTES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Public Hearing -- 6:00 p.m.

2003-04 BUDGET

Attending Board	Leticia Yepez J. Scott Omer	Luis Heredia	Dale Phillips
Absent Board	Martha Camacho		
Attending Public	Bill Rhodes Bob Cassidy Judith Bobbitt	Bob Klein Mike Slawinski	Cathy Witmer Duane Sheppard

Mr. Phillips called the Public Hearing to order at 6:08 p.m.

Ms. Witmer presented the 2003-04 Budget for review. Ms. Witmer indicated that there were only minor corrections to the Proposed Budget that was presented on June 30, 2003. The budget that was presented for adoption totaled $9,503,471.00.

Mr. Heredia raised a question concerning the total of the Federal Projects budgets and the changes for the priors years budget figures. Ms. Witmer explained that there were some new grants and these figures must still be verified.

This is the first adoption of the Budget with other opportunities provided in the year for modifications to the Budget.

There being no further questions, the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Governing Board Meeting

Immediately Following Public Hearing

Monday, July 14, 2003

Governing Board Room
215 North Carlisle Avenue
Somerton, Arizona

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mr. Phillips called the Meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

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

Mr. Heredia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Bill Rhodes, President of the Somerton Education Association, addressed the Board expressing appreciation for the action the Board took at their meeting on June 30, 2003 regarding salary increases. Mr. Rhodes had been attending the National Education Association Meeting in New Orleans at the time of the June 30th meeting so he could not be present. In conversations that Mr. Rhodes has had with representatives of other districts, he appreciates the relationship that SEA has with District Administration and with the Governing Board. Many districts are very jealous of this relationship.

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

Mr. Phillips entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board on June 9, 2003. Motion by Scott Omer, seconded by Luis Heredia. Motion carried.

Mr. Phillips entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on June 23, 2003. Motion by Leticia Yepez, seconded by Luis Heredia. Motion carried.

Mr. Phillips entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of June 23, 2003. Motion by Leticia Yepez, seconded by Luis Heredia. Motion carried.

Mr. Phillips entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on June 30, 2003. **Motion** by Luis Heredia, seconded by Leticia Yepez. Motion carried.

1.b. 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.

Executive Session was not called.

2. REPORTS

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

Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned that a Mediation Meeting regarding Tierra Del Sol's Mold Case is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2003. Unfortunately one of the attorneys was not able to be present at the previous mediation scheduled for July 25th so it had to be postponed. The District's attorney is currently working on a motion for the court to establish that the District has no liability. Our attorney feels this will put us in a much stronger position for the mediation.

2.b. Board Reports **Mrs. Phillips** **Information**

Mr. Heredia raised a concern regarding the scheduling and maintenance of Reynoso Field at Somerton Middle School. Mr. Klein informed the Board that the City is responsible for the maintenance of the field in accordance with our intergovernmental agreement. The scheduling is done at the District Office and the only fee charged is if the lights are used to defray the electrical expense which is billed to the District.

Mr. Phillips reported that he had taken four students from the Middle School to a special competition over the weekend. Whenever he does this he makes sure it is known that they are there on behalf of the District. The four students won the championship.

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.	Aguilera,Roberto	GED Examiner, GED
3.1. b.	Gonzalez, Alejandrina	Special Programs Assistant, Special Services
3.1. c.	Gue, Raffaella	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1. d.	LePage, Tammie	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1. e.	Ludwig, Jamie	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1. f.	Munoz, Jeanne	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary
3.1. g.	Olin, Ruth	Student Advocate, Desert Sonora/Orange Grove Elementary
3.1. h.	Rivera, Artemisa	Teacher, Somerton Middle School
3.1. i.	Torp, Christy	Teacher, Tierra Del Sol Elementary
3.1. j.	Tulio, Alice	Nurse, Desert Sonora Elementary

3.2 Withdrawal of Contracts

3.2. a.	Soliman, Maria	Teacher, Tierra Del Sol Elementary School

3.3 Reassignment

3.3. a.	Salas, Martha	Teacher, Desert Sonora Elementary School
3.3. b.	Villarreal, Maria	Transportation Supervisor, District

3.4 Additional Assignments

3.4. a.	Reeves, Cathy	Speech Pathologist, District

- ***Special Services - Compliance***

3.4. b.	Del Cid, Alicia	Classified	**3.4. d.**	Joanicot, Eduviges	Certified
3.4. c.	Gonzalez, Graciela	Classified	**3.4. e.**	Martinez, Maria	Certified

3.5 Credit for Educational Course Work and Increase in Salary

- Flores, Walther
- Pacheco-Gutierrez, Edna

Mrs. Bobbitt mentioned the concern of the District in hiring highly-qualified staff and the need to recognize additional years beyond our established practice of 12 years. The Board agreed that, at times, it was necessary to give prospective employees more credit for previous experience in order to attract them to the District. Mrs. Bobbitt recommended approval of the Personnel Action. Mr. Omer moved the approval of Personnel Action items 3.1 to 3.5. Seconded by Luis Heredia. Motion carried.

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

4.1. Signing of Accounts Payable and Payroll Vouchers
4.2. Ratification of Accounts Payable Vouchers for June
4.3. Approval of Sole Source Vendors

Mr. Bobbitt presented the above items to the Board for approval. Mrs. Bobbitt explained that annually the Board must approve those vendors from whom goods or services are purchased where there is no benefit of competition. Ms. Witmer presented a list of those vendors to the Board for approval. They are:

Adison Wesley Longman	Qwest Communications
Arizona Department of Education	Silver Burdett and Ginn
Arizona Public Service	Southwest Gas Corporation
City of Somerton	SRA/McGraw-Hill
Houghton Mifflin Company	Harcourt School Publishers
Pearson Education	

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved to approve items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. Mrs. Yepez seconded. Motion carried.

4.4. Approval of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for the Student Activity Fund

Mrs. Bobbitt explained that annually the Board must approve the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for the Student Activity Fund. **MOTION:** Ms. Yepez moved that Judith Bobbitt be named Treasurer and Cathy Witmer, Assistant Treasurer of the Student Activity Fund. Seconded by Mr. Heredia. Motion carried.

4.5. Approval of Budget for 2003-04

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion. **MOTION:** Mr. Omer moved the adoption of the 2003-2004 budget as presented. Mr. Heredia seconded. Motion carried.

4.6. Approval of Resolution to Participate in the Hogan Lawsuit

Mrs. Bobbitt read the following proposed Resolution sent from Tim Hogan in regard to the District's possible participation in pending litigation:

"At the Regular Board Meeting of the Somerton Elementary School District No. 11 held on July 14, 2003, the Governing Board:

1. Resolved that Somerton Elementary School District No. 11 serve as a plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the state's failure to provide any finding for the building renewal formula in fiscal year 2003-04 and that the Arizona Center for Law in the Public interest will represent the District in the lawsuit.
2. Resolved that if litigation is filed challnging the Governor's authority to line item veto the Education omnibus Reconciliation Budget ("ORB" bill that Somerton Elementary School District #1 will intervene in such litigation to defend the Governor's authority so that the portion of the ORB changing the building renewal formula and which was vetoed by the Governor does not become effective. Further resolved that the Arizona enter for Law in the Public Interest will represent the District in such litigation."

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion. **MOTION:** Mr. Heredia moved the adoption of the resolution. Ms. Yepez seconded. Motion carried.

4.7. Approval of Board Meeting Dates and Times for 2003-04

Mrs. Bobbitt explained to the Board that Mr. Omer would not be able to make meetings if they continued to be on Monday night and would need to resign for the Board if this were the case. Mr. Omer explained that he would be available on Thursdays. By poll of the Board the other members would also be available on Thursdays.

MOTION: Mr. Omer moved that the Regular Board Meetings be scheduled for the Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Heredia. Motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips entertained a Motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Omer so moved, Mrs. Yepez seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Signature of Board President/Clerk Date