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Minutes of Regular Governing Board Meeting Monday, January 13, 2025 Oracle Elementary School District No.2

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Oracle Elementary School District No.2 was held Monday, January 13, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Mountain Vista K-8 School Growth Room, 2618 W El Paseo, Oracle, Arizona, 85623, and via ZOOM.

1. Call to Order

Board Vice President Edie Crall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Mrs. Soulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Wendy Odell, Board President on Zoom

Edie Crall, Board Vice President

Gary Terrell, Member (not present)

Sean Borland, Member

Jeri Taylor, Member

Also Present:

Crystle Nehrmeyer- Superintendent

Shannon Soulé- Principal

Danielle Maestas- District Secretary

2. Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Taylor moved to approve the agenda, Mrs. Odell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Call to the Public

There were no Calls to the Public this month.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Ratification of Vouchers

1. Payroll Vouchers

V25 \$58,704.61	V28 \$419.73
V26 \$68,350.66	V29 \$ 67,424.32
V 27 \$87,900.48	V30 \$ 77,113.56

2. Expenditure Vouchers

V2521 \$60,837.18 V2522 \$58,334.70 V2523 \$ 33,079.33

- C. Financial Reports as of December FY 24/25
- D. November/ December 2024 Accounts Statements
- E. Out of School Suspension Report as of December 19, 2024
- F. Spring Extended School Day Budget- 24/25 School Year
- G. Pinal County Schools Consortium IGA
- H. Gifts and Donations
 - “Fueling the Future” Perishable and Non- Perishable Food for 75 Mt. Vista Families
 - Holiday Gifts for 37 Mt. Vista Families from SaddleBrooke Community Outreach
 - Dell Inspiron Windows 10 computer donated by Greg Morgan
- I. District Disposals
- J. Upcoming Events
- K. Communication to Governing Board regarding District Audit Summary from Heinfeld Meech

Mrs. Taylor moved, and Mrs. Odell seconded approval of Consent Agenda as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Oath of Office for Sean Borland, newly elected member of the Oracle Elementary School District Governing Board effective January 1, 2025, through December 21, 2028.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer served as the swearing-in officer for Mr. Borland. Mr. Borland recited the Oath of Office.

6. Oath of Office for Edie Crall, returning member of the Oracle Elementary School District Governing Board effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028

Mrs. Nehrmeyer served as the swearing-in officer for Mrs. Crall. Mrs. Crall recited the Oath of Office.

7. Oath of Office for Jeri Taylor, newly elected member of the Oracle Elementary School District Governing Board effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer served as the swearing-in officer for Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor recited the Oath of Office.

8. Discussion and request for nomination and approval of a Governing Board President to serve during calendar year 2025.

Mrs. Taylor nominated Mrs. Crall to serve as Governing Board President during calendar year 2025. Mrs. Crall accepted the nomination. Mrs. Taylor moved to approve, Mr. Borland seconded. Mrs. Odell abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and request for nomination and approval of a Governing Board Vice President to serve during calendar year 2025.

Mrs. Crall nominated Mrs. Taylor to serve as Governing Board Vice President during calendar year 2025. Mrs. Taylor accepted the nomination. Mrs. Crall moved to approve, Mr. Borland seconded. Mrs. Odell abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

10. Recognition of Greg Reiser, K-8 PE Teacher as the Districts Exceptional Employee for the month of January 2025.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recognized Mr. Reiser as the District's Exceptional Employee for the month of January 2025. Mr. Reiser brought his wife, Simmone to the meeting and shared his sincere joy for working at Mt. Vista K-8 School.

11. Recognition of Mykah Baca, 3rd Grade Student as the District's Exceptional Student of the Month of January 2025.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recognized Mykah Baca as the District's Exceptional Student for the month of January 2025. Mykah was joined by her family.

12. Presentation by Edie Crall regarding "Fueling the Future" Grocery Distribution on Thursday December 19, 2024

Mrs. Crall presented a successful fifth year of "Fueling the Future" to the Governing Board. Our generous community donated nonperishable food and financial contributions that allowed Mrs. Crall and the volunteers to feed 75 families this Winter Break. Items donated from SaddleBrooke, SaddleBrooke Ranch, Oracle, and Eagle Crest communities. Mrs. Crall and "Fueling the Future" is looking to come up with a program for Spring Break.

13. Presentation by Crystle Nehrmeyer regarding the District's Average Daily Membership (ADM) Audit with the Arizona Department of Education for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, 2022. The Oracle Elementary School District is one of the first districts in Arizona to complete a successful ADM Audit with no financial findings.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer proudly shared that the District successfully completed an audit of Average Daily Membership (ADM) for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022. The audit resulted in no financial findings, which is fantastic and the result of excellent record keeping by the Mt. Vista K-8 School Office.

14. Presentation by Crystle Nehrmeyer of two draft 2025-2026 district Calendars. A final 2025-2026 District Calendar will be brought to the Governing Board for approval during the February Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer presented two draft calendars for the upcoming school year to the Governing Board. The first calendar would be similar to the current 2024-2025 school year calendar. The second option would bring back an “early dismissal” day, one day per week and two days per week for Parent Teacher Conferences. Mrs. Nehrmeyer proposed a Friday early dismissal and explained that for transportation reasons, a Wednesday early dismissal is no longer an option. The Governing Board Members expressed their concerns about early dismissal on Fridays and possible negative implications on student and staff attendance. Mrs. Nehrmeyer agreed to create and distribute a staff survey and family survey to collect feedback from both groups of stakeholders. A calendar for the 2025/2026 school year will be brought to the Board in February for discussion and approval.

15. Discussion and approval of personnel matters that have occurred since the December 2024 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board.

Resignations and Retirements

Darlene Cavanaugh, 3rd Grade Teacher (effective end of the 24.25 school year)

Melinda Hebbel, School Counselor (effective end of the 24.25 school year)

Shannon Soule, Principal (effective June 30, 2025)

Kelly Suttle, Kindergarten Teacher (effective end of the 24.25 school year)

New Hire:

Allyson Matthews, Special Education Paraprofessional (replace M. Estrada)

Victoria Sanchez, Paraprofessional Substitute

Cynthia Jenkins, Substitute Teacher

Jessica Rodriguez, Custodian (replace D. Heller)

New Position

Barbabra Quiroz, Food Service Assistant (was Food Service Assistant Substitute)

Mrs. Taylor moved to approve, Mr. Borland seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

16. Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Nehrmeyer presented information on the following:

- Star Benchmark Testing is underway and data will be brought to the Board for review in February.
- Preschool is planning a Preschool Prom on Friday, February 7 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Mt. Vista Cafeteria.
- Student enrollment remains high, with 417 students in Preschool-Grade 8.

- Student attendance continues to decline, with 87% daily attendance in December.
- Math Curriculum Display is underway in the Growth Room! A rubric was created, as requested by the Board, and a recommendation will be brought to the Board for approval in March.
- Mt. Vista K-8 School received a competitive grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the Arizona Department of Education to have a School Safety Officer on campus for the remainder of the current school year and all of the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. The SSO's main objectives will to be present on campus, provide law-related education as requested, and be a positive role model, build positive relationships, interact in a positive way with students and staff. Mrs. Nehrmeyer will send a parent letter to all Mt. Vista families before the SSO starts working on campus.
- Mobile Mammograms will be available for staff on Thursday, January 23.
- A Fall Semester Strengths/Refinements worksheet was shared with all staff before the Winter Break. Mrs. Nehrmeyer shared feedback from the survey that included personal strengths and refinements for the Spring semester as well as collective strengths and refinements for our staff.
- Mrs. Nehrmeyer shared a timeline starting in January 2025 and ending in June 2025, as we prepare for the upcoming school year, employment contracts, budgets, benefits, class sizes, retirements, new hires, etc. Mrs. Nehrmeyer will continue to update this timeline and present to the Board each month.

17. Future Meeting Dates and Topics

Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM: Study Session to continue the conversation regarding bus stops on Linda Vista Rd. in Oracle and bus stops near the homes of registered sex offenders. To be held at Mountain Vista K-8 School Growth Room.

Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM: Regular Meeting of the Governing Board, to be held at Mountain Vista K-8 School Growth Room and on Zoom. To include a presentation by Verdean Smith, Science Teacher and Science Fair Coordinator and select student participants from the 2024 Mt. Vista K-8 School Science Fair

Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM: Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. To be held at Mountain Vista K-8 School Growth Room and on Zoom. To include Employment Contracts for hourly and salary staff for SY 2025-2026

At this time, Governing Board Members may request items to be considered and included on the agenda of a future meeting.

18. Adjournment

Mrs. Taylor moved, and Mr. Borland seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m., all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Board President

Board Member

Board Vice President

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved _____