

Minutes of Regular Governing Board Meeting

April 3, 2023

Oracle Elementary School District No.2

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Oracle Elementary School District No.2 was held Monday, April 3, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Mountain Vista K-8 School, Room N6, 2618 W El Paseo, Oracle, Arizona, 85623, and via ZOOM.

1. Call to Order

Board President Linda Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Mr. Gotay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Board members present:

Linda Lyon, Board President

Edie Crall, Board Vice-President

Gary Terrell, Member – via ZOOM

Camilo Gotay, Member

Wendy Odell, Member

Also present:

Crystle Nehrmeyer, Superintendent

Kathleen Ochoa, Administrative Assistant

Shannon Soule, Principal

Dawn Ruiz, Business Manager

Allison Hendrix, Grants & Special Programs Coordinator

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Communications and Call to the Public

Mrs. Crall did the Call to the Public, no public members in attendance via ZOOM to address the Board, and one (1) public member in-person who addressed the Board.

Marilyn Erdei provided the Governing Board with information she found regarding April agenda item 6, cellphone towers to be installed in Oracle, Arizona.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Special Governing Board Meeting – March 6, 2023 at 4:30 PM

Regular Governing Board Meeting – March 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM

B. Ratification of Vouchers

1. Payroll Vouchers

V42 \$82,597.07 V43 \$61,551.78 V44 \$6,500.27 V45 \$28,652.75

V46 \$81,233.57 V47 \$62,064.68 V48 \$3,342.35

2. Expenditure Vouchers

V2368 \$684,701.71 V2369 \$76,951.69 V2370 \$77,557.73 V2371 \$151.96
 V2372 \$4,769.19 V2373 \$121,103.33 V2374 \$151.96

- C. Capital Bond Spending Report as of March 24, 2023
- D. Financial Reports as March 24, 2023 for the month of March FY 22/23
- E. Out of School Suspension Report School Year 2022-2023 as of March 24, 2023
- F. FY 2023-2024 Primary Assessed Values from Pinal County, to be used when calculating the tax rates for the upcoming year.
- G. Update Substitute Salary Schedule, effective April 6, 2023
- H. Update Umpire/Referee Fee Schedule, effective March 1, 2023
- I. Update Extra-Curricular Pay Schedule effective March 1, 2023
- J. Revised Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Budget for 2022-2023 School Year
- K. Gifts and Donations
 - a. Three baseball bats signed by David Hensley of the Houston Astros and grandson of Gary Terrell, Board Member. The baseball bats were used during the 2022 World Series and are to be given to three students who attend Mt. Vista K-8 School.
- L. District Disposals
 - a. None for April 2023
- M. Request for approval regarding personnel matters that have occurred since the March 2023 Governing Board Meeting:
 - Rosa Flores, additional hours as Substitute School Van Driver (ratify)
 - Amy Hinton, additional hours as Substitute Bus Aide
 - Greg Reiser, Baseball/Softball Umpire (ratify)
- N. Upcoming Events

Events in **bold** are recommended events for Governing Board members to attend:

 - April 4 – AzSci Assessment for Grades 5 and 8
 - April 6 – Arizona’s Academic Standards Assessment for Grades 3-8, Writing Test
 - April 8 – Oracle Oaks Festival at the Oracle Community Center, all day**
 - April 10 – April Holiday, no school
 - April 11-14 - Arizona’s Academic Standards Assessment for Grades 3-8, ELA and Math Tests
 - April 12 – Fetanyl and Narcan Training for all staff, 1:15 PM (staff unable to attend will have the opportunity to watch a recording of the training)
 - April 16 – Oracle Schools Foundation Concert at Desert View Center, 7:30 PM**
 - April 28 – PTO Field Day, during the school day**
 - April 29 – Spay and Neuter Clinic in the School Gym, all morning
 - May 1-5 – Staff Appreciation Week**
 - May 15 – Mt. Vista’s Grad Walk for the Class of 2023, during the school day (tentative)**

May 17 – Retirement Reception in the Cafeteria, 1:15 PM

May 23 – Spring Honors Assembly, 9:00 AM in the School Gym

May 24 – 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 5:30 PM in the School Gym

May 25 – Last day of school

May 26-29 – NJHS and Student Council Leadership Trip to Los Angeles

Mrs. Crall moved and Mr. Gotay seconded approval of consent agenda as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Presentation by Mountain Vista K-8 School students regarding the Mountain Vista Science Fair and the Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair (SARSEF).

Mrs. Verdean Smith, 7th and 8th Grade Science Teacher and School Science Fair Director explained to the Governing Board what the Science Fair is and introduced two students who placed at the State level. Colt Nehrmeyer, 7th grade student, explained his experiment “The Structure of a Fire” and Ava Huntington, 8th grade student, explained her project, “Sleeping Under the Moon” Both participants not only earn recognition at the school-wide science fair, but also at the SARSEF.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer applauded Mrs. Smith’s efforts with her science students.

6. Presentation by Tami Peter Lin, Pinal County Associate Superintendent of Technology regarding cellphone towers to be installed in Oracle, Arizona.

The Superintendent asked Peter Lin to share information about incoming cellphone towers throughout Pinal County with the Governing Board and answer specific questions about the cellphone tower that is scheduled to be installed on the Mountain Vista K-8 School campus.

7. Superintendent’s Report.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer reported on the following:

- A. Oracle Schools Foundation Spring Gala on March 11, 2023
- B. Mt. Vista Kindergarten Prep Program for 2023-2024 school year
- C. Pinal County Fair and Oracle Oaks 4-H Program
- D. Oracle Oaks Festival on April 8, 2023

8. Capital Bond Report

Mrs. Nehrmeyer updated the Governing Board on construction progress and key upcoming dates for the following:

- Power Poles installed by San Carlos Irrigation Project
- Bateman Building demolition complete
- Construction continues on Library
- Construction started on School Office Lobby, Basketball Court
- Touch-up work continues on Building N

Discussion was held.

9. Sale of Oracle Ridge Property Report

Mrs. Crall and Superintendent Nehrmeyer shared information regarding the sale of the Oracle Ridge property with the Governing Board following the March 2023 Regular Meeting. The information provided included the upcoming Board Resolution regarding the Oracle Ridge Property and the Arizona School Facilities Board during the April 2023 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. The Board was informed of a new potential buyer interested in using the site for elder care. Information received from Darlene Newsom and Stephen Argentati was also shared.

10. End of Quarter 3, start of Quarter 4 Campus Safety Report

Mrs. Nehrmeyer shared with the Governing Board, updates on the following Campus Safety projects and their current status:

- School Office construction is in progress, started March 13.
- Intercom Project is in progress, installation started March 20.
- Building A Roofing Project is in progress, work started March 29.
- Tonight District is recommending ENA by Zayo to replace Century Link landline phone service as a solution to our ongoing phone communication issues.
- Culvert project evaluation by county and commercial organizations.

11. Discussion and request for approval for the use of remaining unused School Office Renovation funds. Discussion and request for authorization to enter into a contract amendment to the Chasse Building Team Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Agreement as approved by the Governing Board in October 2020. This amendment does not increase the original Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amount.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer made the following recommendations to the Governing Board:

- A. Review the request made by Chasse Building Team and the response from Frank Tomkins, Esq. of Gust Rosenfeld, P.L.C., and approve the use of remaining unused School Office Renovation funds (\$120,339).

Jeff Dupois, Chasse Construction, to explain their request to have use of the remaining unused School Office Renovation funds.

Mr. Terrell moved to approve Agenda Item 11.A. in the amount of \$71,671,, Mr. Gotay seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

- B. Authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract amendment to the Chasse Building Team CMAR and Oracle School District Agreement once specific utilizations for the remaining allocation (\$50,296) have been discussed with Chasse Building Team.

Mrs. Crall moved and Mr. Gotay seconded the approval of Agenda Item 11.B, all in favor, motion passed.

12. Discussion and request for approval of a Resolution to inform the Arizona School Facilities Board of our District's intent to sell the Oracle Ridge property, located at 725 N. Carpenter Drive, Oracle, AZ 85623.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the attached Resolution, to be filed with the Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB), which states, the District requests removal of all Oracle Ridge buildings from our SFB inventory and the District plans to sell the property

Mrs. Crall moved, Mrs. Odell seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

13. Discussion and request for approval of a telecommunications agreement between the District and Education Networks of America (ENA) by Zayo for a cloud-based voice over internet (ViOP) phone service in the Oracle Elementary School District.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve an agreement between the District and ENA by Zayo for cloud-based voice over internet phone service. This service will replace the District's current landline phone service provided by CenturyLink.

Mr. Gotay moved, Mr. Terrell seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

14. Discussion and request for approval of Instructional At-Will Work Agreements for the 2023-2024 school year.

- A. Approve the attached At-Will Work Agreement, as reviewed by legal counsel for the 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Approve the list of employees to receive Instructional At-Will Work Agreements following the April Board Meeting.

Mrs. Crall moved and Mr. Gotay seconded the approval of Agenda Item 14.A, all in favor and motion passed.

Mrs. Lyon asked for a change to the Agenda Item 14. B, asking that the contract for Theresa Rodriguez be tabled for a later meeting, so that the Governing Board can review her current contract and pay to properly reflect her recent accomplishments.

Mr. Gotay moved to approve Agenda Item 14.B, with the exception of Theresa Rodriguez, Mrs. Odell seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

15. Discussion and request to schedule a Special Meeting of the Governing Board on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM on Zoom to discuss and approve the renewal of health insurance benefits for eligible employees during the upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM on Zoom to discuss and approve the renewal of health insurance benefits for eligible employees during the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Crall moved, Mrs. Odell seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

16. To consider, discuss, amend if desired, and, if deemed advisable, to adopt a Resolution ordering and calling for a Special Budget Override Election to be held in the Oracle School District and declaring the deadline for submitting arguments “for” and “against” the election to the Pinal County School Superintendent as August 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer made the following recommendations to the Governing Board:

- A. Review and adopt a resolution ordering and calling for a Special Budget Override Election to be held in the Oracle School District in November 2023.
- B. Declare that the deadline to submit arguments “for” and “against” the election are due to the Pinal County School Superintendent on August 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Gotay moved to approve both Agenda Items 16.A and 16.B, Mrs. Crall seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

17. Discussion and request for approval of a Results Based Funding Plan in accordance with A.R.S. 15-249.08 for eligible Mountain Vista K-8 School teachers and principal to be paid at the end of the current 2022-2023 school year and the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board table this agenda item for approval at the next scheduled Regular Governing Board meeting, May 1, 2023. Mrs. Nehrmeyer and her staff require more time to review and prepare information regarding the proposed Results Based Funding Plan to be distributed at the end of the current 2022-2023 school year and during the 2023-2024 school year. This plan was created in compliance with A.R.S. 15-249.08 and based on teacher feedback.

Mr. Gotay moved to table Agenda Item 17, Mrs. Crall seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

18. Future Meeting Dates and Topics

Monday, April 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – via ZOOM only. Study Session regarding health insurance for all eligible employees in FY2023-2024

Monday, May 1, 2023 at 4:30 PM - Governing Board Study Session to be held in-person and to include a review of the most recent Arizona Auditor General’s Report for the Oracle School District.

Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting of the Governing Board to be held in-person and on Zoom.

Monday, May 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM – Special Meeting of the Governing Board to be held on Zoom and include the District’s Annual Budget Revision.

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting of the Governing Board to be held in-person and on Zoom.

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

19. Adjournment

Mrs. Crall moved and Mrs. Odell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Board President

Board Member

Board Vice President

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved _____