

# Minutes of Regular Governing Board Meeting

## Monday, March 11, 2024

### Oracle Elementary School District No.2

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Oracle Elementary School District No.2 was held Monday, February 12, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., on Zoom only due to a road closure on Highway 77. Meeting ID 964 544 1210, Passcode OracleESD2.

#### 1. Call to Order

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

Roll Call – Board members present:

Wendy Odell, Board President  
 Edie Crall, Board Vice-President  
 Gary Terrell, Member  
 Camilo Gotay, Member  
 Linda Lyon, Member

Also present:

Crystle Nehrmeyer, Superintendent  
 Brigitte Martin, Budget and Finance Analyst  
 Allison Hendrix, District Office Director

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Odell moved to table Agenda Items 5 and 6 and revisit our Employee of the Month and Student of the Month when we meet in-person in April. Mrs. Lyon moved to approve the motion, Mr. Gotay seconded, all in favor, agenda approved.

#### 3. Communications and Call to the Public

There were no Calls to the Public this month.

#### 4. Approval of Consent Agenda

##### A. Approval of Minutes

Special Governing Board Meeting –February 12, 2024

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##### B. Ratification of Vouchers

###### 1. Payroll Vouchers

V 37 \$64,984.08	V 39 \$65,033.98
V 38 \$87,000.75	V 40 \$87,299.87

Expenditure Vouchers

V 2428 \$421.05	V 2431 \$12,390.44
V 2429 \$29,373.08	V 2432 \$52,509.65
V 2430 \$162,641.72	V 2433 \$720.13

- C. Memo to the Governing Board Regarding Expense Voucher #2431
- D. Capital Bond Report as of March 4, 2024
- E. Financial Reports
- F. February 2024 Account Statements
- G. Primary Assessed Values
- H. Out of School Suspension Report- as of March 5, 2024
- I. Request 44 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Certificates from the Pinal County Schools Office for distribution during 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

I. Gifts and Donations

- \$ 5,000 from the Quality First- Candelen to be used as incentive funds for eligible employees of the Mt. Vista Kindergarten Prep Program (Preschool) for their contributions towards the attainment of a 5- Star Rating during the 2022-2023 School Year

J. District Disposals

- Chromebooks- 20 devices that are scheduled to be removed from rotation and are no longer in use and/or have been used for parts.

K. Upcoming Events

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

- 5. Discussion and request for approval of a Quality First Incentive Pay Plan for Eligible Preschool Employees

Mrs. Nehrmeyer presented the Quality First Incentive Pay Plan to the Governing Board which will compensate preschool staff for their contributions to the success of our preschool program. The \$5,000 donation from Quality First is to be used for incentive pay for eligible staff.

Mr. Gotay moved and Mrs. Crall seconded approval, all in favor, approved.

- 6. Discussion and review of District Policy GCBA-R – Professional Growth

Mrs. Nehrmeyer presented District Policy GCBA-R and shared that as the policy is written, it is outdated and interested employees in submitting professional credit may be denied this benefit as the policy is written. Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended an update to the policy to encourage

professional growth and reflect the prominence of online learning for working professionals. Mrs. Nehrmeyer will bring an updated District Policy GCBA-R to the Board for a second read and recommended approval during the April meeting of the Governing Board.

7. Discussion and request for approval of recommended class sizes, open enrollment capacities for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer brought to the Governing Board an outline of proposed class sizes and open enrollment capacities for the upcoming school year. Discussion held.

Mrs. Crall moved and Mr. Gotay seconded approval, all in favor, approved.

8. Discussion and request for approval of Operational Hourly At Will Work Agreements and School Principal Contract for the 2024-2025 school year. Instructional Hourly At- Will Work Agreements and Salaried Support Staff Contracts will be brought to the Board for approval in April.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended approval of hourly, at-will work agreements for current Bus Drivers, Maintenance, Custodial, Food Service, School Office, and District Office staff as well as Mt. Vista Principal for the upcoming school year. She will bring hourly, at-will work agreements for Title I and Special Education paraprofessionals, Preschool staff, Bus aides, and all other staff groups during the April meeting of the Governing Board.

Mrs. Lyon moved and, Mr. Gotay seconded to approve the at-will work agreements and contract as presented, all in favor, approved

9. Discussion and approval of personnel matters that have occurred since the February 2024 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board:

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended approval of the following personnel matters:

**New Hire:**

Catherine Harchick, ESSER Floating Aide (replace D. Apodaca for the remainder of the school year)

**Resignations and Retirements**

Denessa Apodaca, ESSER Floating Aide

Jose Cardona, Art Teacher, effective end of current 2023-2024 school year

Concepcion “Kathy” Medina, Food Service Assistant Substitute

Rosalie Sanchez, teacher, effective end of the current 2023-2024 school year

Mrs. Crall moved and, Mr. Gotay seconded, all in favor, approved

**12. Superintendent’s Report**

- Mt. Vista K-8 School Governing Board Dashboard for March 2024 – Mrs. Nehrmeyer shared that student enrollment has increased by 10 students since February as well as other relevant data for the Governing Board.

- Science Of Reading and K-5 Literacy Endorsement Update – Mrs. Nehrmeyer plans to bring a professional development plan to share with the Governing Board in April 2024.
- Mt. Vista Career Day on February 21, 2024 – Mrs. Hebbel, our school counselor planned and delivered our first Career Day at Mt. Vista in many years. Our students interacted with professionals in the fields of dental hygiene, emergency response, nursing, physical therapy, welding, surgical nursing, care giving, culinary arts, and local courts/justice. It was a great day for our students and our community.
- Oracle School’s Foundation Gala on March 10, 2024 – Mrs. Nehrmeyer shared highlights from the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Oracle Schools Foundation Gala and celebrated the dozens of volunteers who made this event and the funding raised, which all goes directly to the school district, for their efforts and support.
- Planning for District Employee Health Insurance and Benefits for FY 2024-2025 – Mrs. Nehrmeyer and the District Office will bring recommendations for health insurance and benefits for the upcoming school year in April 2024.
- Capital Bond Projects update – construction projects are complete and we came in under budget. This is due to the planning and commitment of District Staff as well as the oversight of the Governing Board. Remaining funds will be allocated for capital bond related projects, to improve school safety and improve the educational environment of our students.
- Oracle Ridge Property Sale Update – The Oracle Ridge property is for sale, more information available through Oracle Land and Homes.

### 13. Future Meeting Dates and Topics

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 4:30 PM: Special Meeting/Study Session to discuss the District Budget. To be held in the Mt. Vista K-8 School Growth Room.

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM: Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. To be held at Mountain Vista K-8 School Library.

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 4:30 PM: Special Meeting/Study Session to discuss the Auditor General’s Report. To be held in the Mt. Vista Growth Room.

Mrs. Odell shared that she is looking forward to hear the District’s plans to teach according to the Science of Reading in April. Mrs. Crall said she is interested to know more regarding the District’s plan to either remain with our current method of funding school meals or if we would consider a transition to a different program which would provide free school meals for all students, regardless of free, reduced, or full-pay meal status.

### 14. Adjournment

Mrs. Crall moved and Mr. Terrell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., all in favor, meeting adjourned.

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