

Minutes of Regular Governing Board Meeting

MAY 8, 2023

Oracle Elementary School District No.2

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Oracle Elementary School District No.2 was held Monday, May 8, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

1. Call to Order

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

Roll Call – Board members present: via ZOOM
Linda Lyon, Board President
Edie Crall, Board Vice-President
Camilo Gotay, Member

Absent:

Gary Terrell, Member
Wendy Odell, Member

Also present: via ZOOM
Crystle Nehrmeyer, Superintendent
Kathleen Ochoa, Administrative Assistant
Shannon Soule, Principal
Dawn Ruiz, Business Manager
Allison Hendrix, Grants & Special Programs Coordinator
Brigette Martin, HR - Payroll

2. Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Crall moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Gotay seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Communications and Call to the Public

Mrs. Crall did the Call to the Public, and one (1) public member did address the Board.

Tina Vindiola asked questions regarding the M&O Override subject on the agenda and was informed her questions would most likely be answered when that agenda item was discussed.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Special Governing Board Meeting – April 3, 2023
 - Regular Governing Board Meeting – April 3, 2023
 - Special Governing Board Meeting – April 17, 2023

B. Ratification of Vouchers

1. Payroll Vouchers

V49 \$61,740.65 V50 \$59,021.92 V51 \$3,342.35

V52 \$82,468.07 V53 \$66,878.68

2. Expenditure Vouchers

V2375 \$13,171.45 V2376 \$151.96 V2377 \$49,838.19

V2378 \$842.61 V2379 \$151.96 V2380 \$27,546.87

V2381 \$545,069.72 V2382 \$50,270.68 V2383 \$1,476.01

V2384 \$61,871.37

C. Capital Bond Spending Report as of May 1, 2023

D. Financial Reports as May 1, 2023 for the month of April FY 22/23

E. Out of School Suspension Report – No out of school suspensions since April meeting

F. Gifts and Donations

a. Hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade for students and staff on Field Day, donated by Chef Teddy Macaluso and the Ranch House at SaddleBrooke Ranch

b. Two iPads, donated by David Bartholomu of SaddleBrooke, Arizona

G. District Disposals – None for May 2023

H. FY 23/24 Assessed Values with SRP Values from Pinal County

I. Ratify Community Schools Budget effective April 21, 2023

J. Ratify Auxiliary Fund 525 Auxiliary Ops Budget FY2022-2023

K. Upcoming Events

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

-May 12 – End of Year Dance for Grades 6-8, 6:00-8:00 PM in the School Gym

-May 17 – Preschool Graduation at 9:30 AM in the School Gym

-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 25 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon, 1:15 PM at the Ore House in Oracle

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

-May 29 – District Closed, Memorial Day Holiday

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

5. **Proposed, educational East Coast Trip for eligible 7th and 8th grade students during Summer 2024.**

Mrs. Nehrmeyer presented to the Governing Board regarding a proposed Summer 2024 Educational Trip to Washington DC, Boston, and New York City, estimated to be an 8 day trip. During the May 15 Special Meeting, the Governing Board will be asked to approve

this educational trip for eligible 7th and 8th grade students to take place during Summer 2024, allowing students over one year to fundraise for the trip. Mrs. Amber Cruea, Student Council Advisor and Mrs. Shannon Soule, Principal were present and answered specific questions from the Board regarding the trip. The tax credit budget would have funds designated for the trip, estimated to be attended by 30 students and 3 chaperones (free of charge).

6. Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer reported on the following:

- A. Food Service Presentation in June
- B. 1996 Chevy Astro Van replaced with 2023 Chrysler Pacifica Van, with a \$300 trade-in and capital bond funds. A second school van to be purchased with capital bond funds in the new fiscal year, after July 1, 2023.
- C. NJHS Induction of new members on April 25, 2023
- D. Completion of AzSci Assessment for Grades 5 and 8, AASA Assessments for Grades 3-8.

7. Capital Bond Report

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

- Permanent power for Building N, Library effective Saturday, April 22, 2023
- Punch list walk scheduled for Friday, May 19 (Building N, Library)
- Basketball court concrete has been poured, finishing touches in progress
- School Office Lobby is in progress

Discussion was held.

8. 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 April 2023 Regular Meeting. Clean-out is scheduled for June 2023 in preparation of selling the property.

9. Public acceptance of the District's Single Audit Report, Uniform System of Financial Records Compliance Questionnaire, and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ended on June 30, 2022. In accordance with A.R.S. §15-914, as amended by Laws 2021, Ch 7, §3, school district governing boards must publicly accept all audits and compliance questionnaires by roll call vote.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board publically accept the District's audit reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 by roll call vote. Mrs. Ruiz spoke briefly regarding the audit report and discussion was held.

Mrs. Lyon asked for a roll call vote: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Governing Board Members absent.

10. Discussion and request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and Pinal County for the installation of a cellphone tower on District Property.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and Pinal County for the installation of a cellphone tower on District property.

Mr. Gotay moved, Mrs. Crall seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

11. Discussion and request for ratification of an Electric Power Right of Way Easement between the District and San Carlos Irrigation Project – Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board ratify the attached Electric Power Right of Way Easement between the District and San Carlos Irrigation Project – Bureau of Indian Affairs as signed by the Superintendent on April 18, 2023.

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

12. Discussion and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and Pinal County Recorder and Elections Department regarding the November 2023 election.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer asked that this agenda item be tabled until a future meeting date, as further discussion regarding the decision to have an override election in November 2023.

Mr. Gotay moved to table this agenda item, Mrs. Crall seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

13. Discussion and request to nominate a Governing Board member to write a “for” statement to be included in the November 2023 Voter Information Pamphlet from the Governing Board in support of the District’s 15% Maintenance and Operations Override. The “for” statement will be shared and reviewed with the Board and brought back for approval during the June meeting.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board nominate a member to write a “for” statement to be included in the November 2023 Voter Information Pamphlet in support of the District’s 15% Maintenance and Operations Override. The “pro” statement would be brought back to the Board for approval during the June meeting.

Mr. Gotay volunteered to write the “pro” statement with Mrs. Lyon’s assistance. Mr. Gotay moved, Mrs. Crall seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

14. 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.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the attached Results Based Funding Plan, allocating 100% of available funds to be used in the form of a one-time stipend payment at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. Discussion held.

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

15. Discussion and request for approval of student dress code changes for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year and beyond. The dress code changes are based on current safety needs at Mt. Vista K-8 School and will be communicated with families for planning purposes before the end of the current 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the following student dress code changes for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year and beyond:

- Students may not wear shirts, sweatshirts or coats with hoods “up” in the classroom. Students may wear hooded clothing while outdoors during cold weather. The logic behind this dress code change is to prevent students from listening to music, etc. on earbuds during class and instruction time. It is also not necessary to wear a hood while indoors.
- Students may not wear shirts, sweatshirts or coats with large front pockets. The logic behind this change is that the large front pocket has become a hiding spot for students to keep cellphones and unfortunately, drug paraphernalia and alcohol. We know that eliminating the large front pocket will not eliminate students from hiding cellphones or even bringing illegal items to school. However, it will make it more difficult to do those things and it is our goal to make it difficult for students to make unsafe decisions while at school.
- The student dress code shall allow school appropriate shoes with or without a back strap while the student is not in PE class. During PE class, shoes with back straps or a more supportive athletic shoe are required. The logic behind this change is to recognize that “Croc” style clogs are a popular and safe choice when worn correctly and in the appropriate environment.

Discussion held. Mrs. Crall moved, Mr. Gotay seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

16. Discussion and request for approval of personnel matters that have occurred since the April 2023 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board:

New Hires

Emily Smith, Special Education Teacher (replace Nancy Ritchie) for SY 2023-2024

Summer School 2023

Please see attached spreadsheet

Agreements/Contracts for 2023-2024

Melinda Hebbel, Part-Time School Counselor for SY 2023-2024

Theresa Rodriguez, Preschool Assistant Director for SY 2023-2024

Veronica Sanchez, Food Service Assistant (replace Laura Henneman) for SY 2023-2024

Professional Growth

Katrina Telles

Janice Vigil

Mrs. Nehrmeyer asked that all personnel matters be approved with the exception of Emily Smith, (table to a later meeting).

Mr. Gotay moved to approve with exception of tabling the New Hire Emily Smith, Mrs. Crall seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

17. Future Meeting Dates and Topics

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, to include the Principal's End of Year Report, District's Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, Annual Review of District Strategic Goals.

Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM - Regular Meeting of the Governing Board to be held in-person and on Zoom, to include the District's Adopted Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

18. Adjournment

Mrs. Crall moved and Mrs. Lyon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m., all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Board President

Board Member

Board Vice President

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved _____