

Minutes of Regular Governing Board Meeting - **DRAFT** March 6, 2023 Oracle Elementary School District No.2

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Oracle Elementary School District No.2 was held Monday, March 6, 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 Mrs. Odell 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 – Absent, excused
 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. One (1) public member attending in-person wanted to address the Board.

Tina Vindiola inquired about the March agenda item 4.F. Gifts & Donations, regarding a donation of children's books by an anonymous community member. Mrs. Vindiola wanted to know what the District protocol for books donated to the District is, and if she, as a member of the community, could view a list of books available to the student body.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer will add to the April agenda the District's protocol when in receipt of donated books to the District.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer also informed Mrs. Vindiola a list of books in the District library would be available for the public once the library is once again fully functional.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Special Governing Board Meeting – February 6, 2023
 Regular Governing Board Meeting – February 6, 2023
 Special Governing Board Meeting – February 13, 2023

- B. Ratification of Vouchers FY22/23
1. Payroll Vouchers
V38 \$82,439.20 V39 \$60,640.41 V40 \$84,506.35 V41 \$60,817.11
 2. Expenditure Vouchers
V2362 \$16,349.26 V2363 \$26,846.20 V2364 \$151.96 V2365 \$53,963.24
V2366 \$23,960.16 V2367 \$151.96
- C. Capital Bond Spending Report as of February 22, 2023
- D. Financial Reports as of February 22, 2023 for the month of February FY 22/23
- E. Out of School Suspension Report School Year 2022-2023 as of February 22, 2023
- F. Gifts and Donations
- a. Children's Books donated by an anonymous community member
- G. District Disposals
- a. Remaining furniture from Bateman Building, Building M, Building A

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

5. Presentation by the Mountain Vista Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program.

GATE Club students and staff presented a slide show to the Governing Board, outlining what GATE Club is about, the main focus being stimulating gifted and talented students to excel in all areas of study, projects they have done this school year, including pictures.

****SUPERINTENDENT NEHRMEYER made a brief surprise announcement at this juncture of the Regular Governing Board meeting to inform both the Board, staff and the public, news of our Preschool program having received a five (5) star rating from Quality First Program. Congratulations to Theresa Rodriguez and her staff for their hard work in bringing our program back to the highest rating possible.***

6. Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer reported on the following:

- Timeline to 2023-2024 school year
- District Audit by Heinfeld & Meech to be brought to the Governing Board in April
- February and March events at Mt. Vista K-8 School

7. Capital Bond Report

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

- a. San Carlos Irrigation Project Pricing and Timeline for Power Pole Project
- b. Abatement of the Bateman Building
- c. Updates on Library, New Building, School Office timelines
- d. Upcoming purchase of school vans

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 February 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.

9. Discussion and action regarding the Arizona School Facilities Board.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the following:

- a. Acceptance of a Building Renewal Grant of \$71,441.90 for the replacement and installation of an intercom system on the Mountain Vista K-8 School campus.

Mr. Terrell moved and Mrs. Crall seconded to approve 9.a., all in favor and motion carried.

- b. Resolution to reduce the square footage of the Mountain Vista K-8 School Campus with the removal of the Bateman Building

Mrs. Odell moved and Mrs. Crall seconded to approve 9.b., all in favor and motion carried.

10. Discussion regarding a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement from Pinal County for two cellphone towers to be installed in Oracle, one at Mountain Vista K-8 School and one at the Oracle Public Library. No action required at this time, this agenda item is for discussion only.

Superintendent Nehrmeyer shared information with the Governing Board regarding an upcoming Intergovernmental Agreement between Pinal County and the District for the installation of a 40 foot cellphone tower on the Mountain Vista K-8 School campus. Mrs. Nehrmeyer did reach out to the Pinal County Superintendent of Schools Jill Broussard to touch base on the status of a draft of said IGA, including additional information for the District's use. Superintendent Broussard did not have any information to provide the District to date.

11. Discussion regarding telecommunications services for the Oracle School District.

Superintendent Nehrmeyer provided information to the Governing Board regarding the District's current search for a way to improve the phone service to the District, including meeting with four vendors on what each has to offer, and next steps. The District will bring a recommendation to the Governing Board during the Regular Meeting in April 2023. Discussion held.

12. Discussion and action regarding District Calendars.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the following:

- a. Update to District Calendar for the current 2022-2023 school year to include three (3) Snow Days, one on December 12, 2022, one on February 15, 2023 and one on March 2, 2023, including an additional instruction day on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Mrs. Crall moved and Mrs. Odell seconded the approval of 12.a. as revised since the March 6, 2023 Agenda was created, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Request for approval of a District Calendar for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Crall moved and Mr. Terrell seconded approval of 12.b. all in favor and motion carried.

13. Discussion and request for approval of Operational At-Will Work Agreements for the 2023-2024 school year. Instructional At-Will Work Agreements will be brought to the Board for review and approval during the April Regular Meeting.

The District recommended the Governing Board approve the following:

- A. Attached At-Will Work Agreement, as reviewed by legal counsel for the 2023-2024 school year

Mrs. Odell moved and Mrs. Crall seconded the approval of 13.A., all in favor and motion carried.

- B. Attached list of employees to receive Operations At-Will Work Agreements following the March Board Meeting.

Mrs. Odell moved and Mrs. Crall seconded the approval of 13.B, all in favor and motion carried.

14. Discussion and request for approval of Support Staff Contracts for Business Manager, Grants and Special Programs Coordinator, Director of Technical Services for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the following:

- A. Attached Support Staff Contract as reviewed by legal counsel (template)

Mrs. Crall motioned and Mr. Terrell seconded the approval of 14.A, all in favor and motion carried.

- B. Attached list of employees to receive Support Staff Contracts for the 2023-2024 school year

Mrs. Crall moved and Mrs. Odell seconded the approval of 14.B, all in favor and motion carried.

15. Discussion and request for approval of a Principal Contract for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the following:

- A. Attached contract for Administrative Principal for the 2023-2024 school year as reviewed and revised per legal counsel recommendations, and,

- B. Name Shannon Soule the Principal for Mountain Vista K-8 School for the 2023-2024 school year

Mrs. Crall moved to approve both 15.A and 15.B, Mrs. Odell seconded, all in favor and motion carried.

16. Discussion and request for approval of ASBA Policy Advisories 740-743. The District does not recommend approval of Policy Advisory 739.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board review and discuss ASBA Policy Advisories 739-743, and approve Advisories 740-743. The District does not recommend approval of Advisory 739.

Mrs. Crall moved and Mr. Terrell seconded the approval of ASBA Policy Advisories 740-743, all in favor and motion carried.

17. Upcoming Events

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

March 6-10 – Star Testing Week #4

March 9 – 4th Grade Field Trip to the Natural History Museum

March 11 – Oracle Schools Foundation “Spring Fling” Gala at SaddleBrooke HOA #2, 4:00 PM

March 13-17 – Spring Break, no school

March 22-24 – Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

March 29 – Art Show in the School Gym, during the school day and evening

March 30 – 5th Grade Field Trip to Flandreau Planetarium

March 31 – Kindergarten Field Trip to Reid Park Zoo

April 5 – AzSci Assessment for Grades 5 and 8

April 6 – Arizona’s Academic Standards Assessment for Grades 3-8, Writing Test

April 10 – April Holiday, no school

April 11-14 - Arizona’s Academic Standards Assessment for Grades 3-8, ELA and Math Tests

April 16 – Oracle Schools Foundation Concert at Desert View Performing Arts Center

April 27 – Grades K-3 Field Trip to Youth Theater in Tucson

April 28 – PTO Field Day, during the school day

May 1-5 – Staff Appreciation Week

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 24 – Last day of school

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

18. Future Meeting Dates and Topics

Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting of the Governing Board to be held in-person and on Zoom.

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.

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 7:18 p.m., all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Board President

Board Member

Board Vice President

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved _____