

Minutes of Regular Governing Board Meeting February 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, February 6, 2023, beginning at 6:02 p.m., at Mt. Vista K-8 School, Room N4, 2618 W El Paseo, Oracle, Arizona, 85623, and via ZOOM.

1. Call to Order

Board President Linda Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and Student Council President Aiden Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Board members present:

Linda Lyon, Board President

Edie Crall, Board Vice-President

Camilo Gotay, Member

Wendy Odell, Member

Gary Terrell, Member, Absent-Excused

Also present:

Crystle Nehrmeyer, Superintendent

Kathleen Ochoa, Administrative Assistant

Shannon Soule, Principal

Dawn Ruiz, Business Manager – via ZOOM

Allison Hendrix, Grants & Special Programs Coordinator

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Communications and Call to the Public

Mrs. Crall read the Call to the Public, and there were no public members in attendance via ZOOM or in-person wishing to address the Governing Board.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

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B. Ratification of Vouchers FY22/23

1. Payroll Vouchers

V33 \$60,341.33 V34 \$60,480.65 V35 \$59,976.51

V36 \$81,922.52 V37 \$2,678.00

2. Expenditure Vouchers

V2354 \$103,372.67 V2355 \$15,213.97 V2356 \$24,491.77

V2357 \$151.96 V2358 \$18,268.76 V2359 \$9,427.77

V2360 \$37,381.77 V2361 \$151.96

C. Capital Bond Spending Report as of January 18, 2023

D. Arizona School Facilities Board Resolution – Oracle Ridge Square Footage

E. Financial Reports for the month of January FY22/23

F. Out of School Suspension Report School Year 2022-2023 as of January 25, 2023

G. Gifts and Donations

- a. Donation in the amount of \$4,780 from the Fueling the Future Program to help cover the cost of school breakfast and lunches for students who do not qualify for free meals at Mountain Vista K-8 School.
- b. Donation in the amount of \$1,270 from the SaddleBrooke Arts and Crafts Club for Mr. Jose Cardona and his Art class at Mountain Vista K-8 School.

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

5. **Superintendent's Report.**

Mrs. Nehrmeyer reported on the following:

- Governing Board Appreciation Month – January 2023
- Character Assembly for all students at Mountain Vista K-8 School on January 13, 2023
- Mountain Vista Spelling Bee for Grades 4-8 on January 25, 2023
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Training (PBIS) for Teachers on January 25, 2023
- University of Arizona Pathways Program
- Meet & Confer Committees

6. **Presentation by the Mountain Vista K-8 School Student Council**

The Superintendent asked the Mountain Vista K-8 School Student Council to share with the Governing Board some of their projects, goals, and plans for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

The Mountain Vista Student Council sponsor Amber Cruea, Student Council Advisor and 7th/8th Math Teacher, along with a few council officers and members, gave a presentation to the Governing Board of both past events and fundraisers, including a slideshow, as well as upcoming events and fundraisers.

Student Council officers and members, are comprised of 6th, 7th, 8th grade students who are elected by their classroom peers to represent the entire school as elected officers, classroom and grade level representatives. Council members present each spoke as to an individual way Student Council interacts and provides leadership to the student body through various activities.

7. Capital Bond Report.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer updated the Governing Board on construction progress and key upcoming dates for the new classroom building, library renovation and expansion, and school office safety upgrades. Discussion 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 January 2023 Regular Meeting, including an update on a meeting with Randie Stein with Stifel and James Giel with Gust Rosenfeld on January 17, 2023 and information on an upcoming Board Resolution regarding the Oracle Ridge Property and the Arizona School Facilities Board. Discussion held.

9. Discussion regarding ongoing facility and safety improvements including landline phone service, roofing projects, intercom service, and the maintenance of a culvert on school grounds. No action required, this action item is for information only.

Superintendent Nehrmeyer updated and informed the Governing Board on current facility and safety improvement projects, including the status of the following: (Discussion held)

Landline Phone Service

- Conference call with Lumen on Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Roofing Project

- Procurement complete, ready to schedule work

Intercom Service

- Attached scope of work and quote from Arizona Communication Experts

Culvert Maintenance

- Referral from Pinal County

10. Discussion regarding the identification of the Special Education subgroup at Mountain Vista K-8 School in need of Targeted School Improvement (TSI) , as identified by the Spring 2022 Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA).

Superintendent Nehrmeyer presented information to the Governing Board explaining the District's decision to move forward with Option #2 from the Arizona Department of Education, meaning the District will work on the subgroup achievement for remaining 2022-23 school year without SSI support or funds. Then, when 2022-23 data for school year 2023-24 is analyzed, if the total score is 22 points or greater, the subgroup will not be identified. If the subgroup total score is 21.99 or lower, the subgroup will identify as year two of the three-year aTSI/TSI cycle.

The District selected Option #2, due to data from Spring 2022. The Special Education students almost made the cut to NOT be identified as a TSI subgroup prior to the District staffing four Special Education teachers. With four teachers, and with strong instruction and intervention support, the District is confident we are on track to not be identified as a TSI school based on our Spring 2023 student achievement data. Discussion held.

11. Discussion regarding a District Calendar for school year 2023-2024. Action will be recommended during the March Governing Board Meeting.

The Superintendent recommended tabling this agenda item until the March Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. The District is considering a 2023-2024 calendar that includes a consistent 8:00 AM start time and 2:00 PM dismissal for students each day. The calendar shares a common Winter Break, Fall Break, Rodeo Break, and Spring Break with the Amphitheater School District, as we traditionally do, as well as an additional day at Thanksgiving Break and one day off in April. The District will bring a final calendar to the Board for approval in March.

12. Discussion regarding the timeline leading to the start of the 2023-2024 school year in regards to employee contracts and work agreements, health insurance, benefits, and budgeting. No action required, this action item is for information only.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer provided the Governing Board with a month-by-month timeline for next fiscal year, including agenda items for Governing Board approval of certified, classified and other employment contracts, budget approvals, insurance agreements, benefits and Superintendent's Performance Goals. Discussion held.

13. Discussion regarding Certified Teacher Contracts for the 2023-2024 school year. Action will be recommended during the March Governing Board Meeting.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended tabling this agenda item during the February meeting. The District, having only recently received legal counsel's recommended changes, is now ready to present FY23-24 Certified Teacher Contracts back to the Governing Board for approval. Mrs. Nehrmeyer asked that a Special Meeting via ZOOM only, be scheduled on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of approving both the Certified Teacher Contract for the 2023-2024 school year, as well as the list of employees to be offered a contract for SY23-24.

14. Discussion and request for approval of class sizes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board discuss and approve class size limits and open enrollment capacity for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Gotay motioned, Mrs. Odell seconded the approval of class size limits and open enrollment capacity for the 2023-2024 school year as presented in this agenda action item attachment (referenced as AI #14 class sizes SY23.24 attachment/February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting), all in favor and motion carried.

15. Discussion and review of ASBA Policy Advisories 739-743. The Superintendent will request approval of the policy advisories during the March 2023 Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board review and discuss ASBA Policy Advisories 739-743. The Superintendent recommended discussion and approval of Advisories 739-743 during the March 2023 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board. Discussion held as to each Advisory and its direct correlation to the District's current policies, if applicable.

16. Discussion and request for approval of an agreement with Janneke McElory, Speech Language Pathologist for Speech services at Mountain Vista Kindergarten Prep Preschool and Mountain Vista K-8 School for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

The Governing Board approved vendor, Accountable Health Care Staffing (AHCS) to date, has not been able to provide a SLP or SLPA to meet the needs of the District. This is a concern for student progress, families, teachers, and the District, as speech services have not been available since October 2022.

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve an agreement between the District and Janneke McElory, Speech Language Pathologist. The District's legal counsel did review and approve the agreement provided by Janneke McElroy. Ms. McElroy will not be an employee of the District, but a purchase service provider. She will provide virtual therapy and assessments through ZOOM and agrees to continue services through June 2023, if necessary to make up for services not provided mid-October through January.

Mrs. Odell motioned and Mr. Gotay seconded, all in favor and motion approved.

17. Discussion and request for approval regarding personnel matters that have occurred since the January 2023 Governing Board Meeting:

Mrs. Nehrmeyer recommended the Governing Board approve the following personnel matters since the January 2023 regular meeting:

New Hires – see attached spreadsheet

Concepcion Medina – Food Assistant Substitute (RATIFY)

Amber Cruea, Head Softball Coach

Dale Tom, Assistant Softball Coach

David Salazar, Head Baseball Coach

Jesus Hernandez, Assistant Baseball Coach

Jose Cardona, Track and Field Head Coach

Brady Whitman, Track and Field Assistant Coach

Resignation

Laura Henneman, Food Service Assistant

Termination

Joe Pereda, Bus Driver – Termination

Long Term Hearing Officer List (RATIFY)Retirement

Nancy Ritchie, Special Education Teacher effective the end of the 2022/2023 School Year

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

18. Upcoming Events

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

February 10 – Pinal County Spelling Bee at J.O. Combs Performing Arts Center, 8:00 AM

February 10 – Father Daughter Dance sponsored by Mountain Vista Student Council in the School Gym, 5:00-7:00 PM

February 16 – 6th Grade Field Trip to Biosphere II

February 23-24 – Rodeo Break, no school and all offices closed

March 3 – Movie Night with Mom sponsored by Mountain Vista Student Council in the School Gym, 5:00-7:00 PM

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, 5:00 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 4 – Spring Pictures, during the school day (Governing Board pictures)

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 Mountain View Auditorium

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 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

19. Future Meeting Dates and Topics

Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:00 PM – Governing Board Study Session to review and discuss the Arizona Auditor General’s District Spending Report. This study session will be open to the public and will be held in-person only, in Room N4 at Mountain Vista K-8 School.

Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM – Regular Meeting of the Governing Board to be held in-person and on Zoom. This meeting will include a presentation by our Gifted and Talented Education Program and the approval of employment contracts for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year for hourly, classified staff as well as salary, support staff.

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

20. Adjournment

Mrs. Crall moved and Mr. Gotay seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Board President

Board Member

Board Vice President

Board Member

Board Member

Minutes approved _____