

Casa Grande Union High School District
Board of Governors Minutes



Date: December 7, 2004

President Jack Hennes called the regular session of the Board of Governors to order at 6:31 PM. The following members were present: Donna Zimmerman, Barbara Elliott, Anthony Edwards and Randy Robbins.

RECOGNITIONS

Principal Greer recognized December Students of the Month Nathaniel Green and Naomi Miguel – Rotary, Dale Baker – American Legion and Michael Bias and Lauren Anders, Elks.

Mr. Greer also recognized December Educators of the Month Mignon Kent – Certified and Candy Hoover -Classified.

Principal Edna Morris recognized December Rotary Student of the Month Cecelia Lugo and December Educators of the Month Lou Raj – Certified and Delcia Randall - Classified.

Casa Verde Principal Charie Wallace, recognized Casa Verde December Rotary Student of the Month Richard Stone.

Mrs. Wallace also recognized Casa Verde November Educators Ben Crow – Certified and Kirk Wehr - Classified.

Mrs. Pifer recognized Rick Lemberg for his assistance in counseling of students and staff during a recent death of a faculty member, Leon and Eric Allen of Cotton Bowl for their support of the newly established bowling club with facilities and knowledge and Dennis Harmening, Substitute teacher and winter visitor, for his volunteer work as coach of the bowling team.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

President Hennes recognized Mrs. Barbara Elliott for her four years of service on the Governing Board.

OATH OF OFFICE

Outgoing board member, Barbara Elliott administered the oath of office to newly elected board members Randy Robbins and Scott Lehman as well as returning board member Donna Zimmerman.

REPORTS

Rolando Hernandez, Aramark Food Service director reported that sales for November were up from last year. This is mainly due to the addition of the catering at St. Anthony's school. Free and reduced breakfast and lunch increased while paid decreased but was picked up in ala carte sales. The pie sale was a success with the selling of over 200 pies. Aramark also donated five turkey dinners to needy families and one to the family of Raul Molina.

Robert Amado, Accounting Supervisor reported that on December 3rd the first 301 payment was made to Casa Verde for Bell work. Main campus will receive their first 301 payment on December 17th for the professional collaboration part of the program. Mr. Amado also reported that Capacity Builders was in the process of an HR audit. Ms. Hilyer reported that John Breikreitz of Gallo Construction will be picking up the plans for the training room to redistribute to sub contractors to resubmit their bids due to the increase in material cost. Completion of the training room should be about 90 days after the start date.

Mr. Michael Grubbs reported they had a busy month implemented a new time sheet system to track work orders. This will assist in tracking the amount of work orders completed. He also reported that custodial staff are cleaning about 26 rooms each per evening and that he feels they are understaffed and there is no flexibility when a custodian is absent. Supervisor meetings are held on a weekly basis to discuss outstanding projects and how to best complete them. Out of 400 work orders generated for the month, 123 were completed. This was due to illness, holidays and

testing.

Mrs. Donna Foster, Branch Manager for Laidlaw reported that they currently have 62 runs with 42 drivers. There are a total of 46 drivers with one in training and one on medical leave. She also reported that there are 11 monitors in place, four of which are special education monitors and are required. Monitors are paid approximately \$8.47 per hour and work about 4 hours per day depending on the run. The district is reimbursing Laidlaw for this cost because they were put on the buses at the request of the board. There was a question on the turnaround for the cameras due to having been sent the wrong equipment. Ms. Foster stated it would be about 2 weeks. There was also a question as to who would pay for the upgrading of the air conditioning units. This will be discussed and reported back to the board. Mrs. Virginia Warchol addressed the board about concerns with her students arriving home late on two separate occasions in the past two weeks.

REPORTS

Superintendent Pifer requested a report from the math department about the effectiveness of late start Mondays and the Professional Learning Community. Gary Ellis, Lisa Raymond and Marty Brodsky reported that they were pleased the late start Monday although some department members felt it may be more successful in the after noon or on another day of the week. Their main focus was on spiraling of algebra and geometry and had seen results with the Algebra I success rate increasing 5% and an 80% success rate in quarter 1.

Mrs. Pifer reported that recommendations for the 7-period day were submitted and reviewed. To this date, she does not have a proposal and have not hit on a way to implement the 7-period day. She also stated that there may be some financial issues with going to a 7- period day due to the need to add six teachers to take over study hall and freshmen seminar. She would like the committee to come up with viable options to continue the Learning Center and have a 7-period day. Parents Tammi Sawade and Keith Charles addressed the board with issues about the implementing of a 7-period day affecting the elective options a student would have. A work session will be scheduled to discuss the 7-period day in mid January.

Mrs. Pifer reported that she had hoped to have a drawing of the Wall of Fame but it is in the works. By January, she should have a bill of materials needed to complete the Wall of Fame project which will look similar to the original drawing submitted by the Site Council.

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Pifer reported on the Reading Curriculum stating that the recommendation was to implement the Reading 180 program. When they did the reading study, they found that there were programs such, as Second Chance Reading, for student 1-2 grade levels below but there were no programs for high school students that could not read. The goal is to prepare every teacher to be a reading teacher and to have a program that will help all students. Mrs. Pifer also stated that we don't take advantage of all of the talent we have in our district and would like to utilize those individuals. We are also working with the middle schools to see what types of programs they are using.

POLICY

Mrs. Pifer presented a revised GCCC policy for the board's review. It was stated that the revisions were sufficient and the policy would be on the next agenda for first reading.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Henness asked if there were any items the board wished to pull from the consent agenda. It was stated that Item G be pulled. Mr. Henness requested a motion to approve Items A , B, C, D, E, F, H, I, J, K of the consent agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Items A-K, with the exception of Item G, of the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved the appointment of classified staff members James Claar, Special Education Driver.

Approved the resignation of Rose Melecio, Instructional Aide, Angie Purvine, Instructional Aide, Alice Beyersdorf, Clerk (Desert Winds) and the termination of Corbie Selbe, Security officer.

Approved extra or co-curricular contracts for Becky Cauthen, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach.

Approved a medical leave of absence for Mary Soto, Instructional Aide through March 11, 2005.

Approved the creation of a Chess team and appointment of William Norrid as Chess Teach coach for the 2004-05 school year.

Approved substitute teachers Henrietta Moore for the 2004-05 school year.

Approved Board of Governors minutes of November 9, 2004.

Approved the student activities and auxiliary operations reports for September and October, 2004.

Approved the district financial report and cafeteria financial report for the month of November.

Approved warrants #3023 - #3029 in the amount of \$454,761.80 for accounts payable and #24 - 26 for payroll in the amount of \$522,390.58.

Approved a donation agreement with Cox Road Investors for the Signal Peak Estates development.

Item G – There was a question about the out of state travel for Assistant Football coaches Greg Hinkle and Gerald Floyd. There was concern that they were not head coaches as well as the what information would be covered at the conference. After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approved Item G of the consent agenda with the exception of the travel for Mr. Hinkle and Mr. Floyd until more information can be obtained. Motion carried unanimously. Approved out of state travel for Stacy Katz to attend the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Conference to be held July 10-15, 2005 in San Antonio, TX, Robert Losik to attend the Frank Glazier Mega Clinic in Grand Rapids, MI on February 17-19, 2005 and Paul Machelor, the Spanish Club and chaperones to Nogales, Mexico on December 11-12, 2004.

BOARD ITEMS

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

After a motion was made the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM. The next business meeting will be January 11, 2004 at 6:30 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843 to decide whether to conduct a disciplinary hearing to consider the suspension or expulsion of a student.

Respectfully Submitted,

President of the Board