

CATALINA FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tucson, Arizona

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Catalina Foothills High School
Building 4, Room 712
February 9, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

NOTICE OF MEETING

Announcement of the meeting was posted at the J.W. Murphey Administration Center, Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS), Esperero Canyon Middle School, Orange Grove Middle School, Ventana Vista School, Canyon View School, Manzanita School, Sunrise Drive School, and CFSD Web site (www.cfsd16.org) on February 1, 2010.

ATTENDANCE

Board

Sherri Silverberg, President
Carole Siegler, Vice President
Todd Camenisch, Board Member
Janell Jellison, Board Member
Mary Lou Richerson, Board Member

District Administration

Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent
Terry Downey, Associate Superintendent
Mary Jo Conery, Assistant Superintendent for 21st Century Learning
Kim Boling, Principal, Ventana Vista Elementary School

District Personnel

Ilona Lund, Administrative Assistant

Visitors and Constituents

Vicki Davis, Lisa Millerd, Eric Maker, John Bergan

1. **OPENING**

1.1 **Call to Order**

Ms. Silverberg called to order the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Silverberg led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 **Outstanding Achievements**

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student and staff outstanding achievements.

CFSD Foundation 2010 Teachers of the Year

The CFSD Foundation named Sunrise Drive School Inclusion Support Teacher Susie Speelman and CFHS American Literature Teacher Joe Day as its 2010 Teachers of the Year. These teachers received awards as part of the Foundation's *Love Our Schools* event on February 5, 2010. Each individual received a cash award, a display plaque, and a banner to be kept at their respective schools for the rest of the year. In addition, their photos and names will be on a billboard in the Tucson area.

Chess State Grade Championships

On January 9, Orange Grove Middle School took 1st place in the 6th grade and 7th grade divisions at the Arizona State Grade Chess Championships. In addition, Brian Hu was the individual 7th grade champion. Other members of the Orange Grove team were: Aida

Cancio, Derek Chen, Patrick Froehlich, Matt Gross, Jordan Knope, Rohan Mittal, Josh Pennock, and James Zipperian. The team's coach was Ken Larson.

1.4 Rules of Order

Ms. Silverberg read the Rules of Order for Governing Board Meetings.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Vicki Davis, CFSD community member, reviewed recent correspondence she received from Ms. Downey related to questions she had about efforts to revise the current state funding formula for public education. She shared that she was dissatisfied with the response she received from Ms. Downey and listed questions she had related to the district's involvement in revising the funding method for public education. She outlined these questions in a letter she distributed to the governing board. Ms. Davis restated her objection to funding public education through property taxes and bonds and encouraged the governing board to be actively engaged in school finance reform.

Ms. Silverberg thanked Ms. Davis for her comments.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Ms. Siegler and a second by Ms. Richerson, the governing board approved the following consent agenda items: 3.1 the January 26, 2010, regular governing board meeting minutes, as presented; 3.2 the expense voucher memorandum, as presented; 3.3 the field trip request memorandum, as presented; 3.4 the fund raising request memorandum, as presented; and 3.6 the personnel memorandum, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

3.1 January 26, 2010, Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the January 26, 2010, regular governing board meeting minutes, as presented.

3.2 Expense Vouchers

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following expense vouchers.

Expense Voucher	1090	\$	86,249.32
Expense Voucher	1091		1,054,576.51
Expense Voucher	1092		8,530.25
Expense Voucher	1093		22,735.41
Expense Voucher	1094		506,512.77
Expense Voucher	1095		54,677.11
Expense Voucher	1096		2,166.55
Expense Voucher	1098		57,822.60

3.3 Field Trip Request

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following field trip request.

- CFHS DECA (4 students), state conference/competition, Phoenix, AZ, 2/28-3/2/10

3.4 Fund Raising Requests

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following fund raising requests.

- Canyon View Family Faculty Organization (FFO), steel drum band concert and salsa contest, to raise funds for 5th grade field trip to California, on campus, 3/4/10 (6-8 p.m.)

- Canyon View FFO, sale of Good Luck-Grams, to raise funds for 5th grade field trip to California, on campus, sale 3/8-3/15/10 and delivery 3/17/10
- CFHS Falcon Steel Drum Band parents, snack bar sales, to raise funds to purchase new steel drums, on campus, 3/26/10 and 4/23/10
- CFHS Dugout Club, sale of tickets to Diamondbacks' April 11, 2010, baseball game, to raise funds for end of the year banquet, trophies and awards, and transportation upgrades for the baseball team, on/off campus, following governing board approval until one week before the Diamondbacks' game
- CFHS Touchdown Club, Lift-a-thon: athletes will obtain 5 addresses of willing donors; envelopes will be mailed out with a letter; to raise funds to purchase football equipment for the weight room and for practice equipment, off campus, 4/26-5/14/10
- Sunrise Drive School FFO, spring party and book fair, to raise funds for FFO grants for field trips, teacher grants, chorus and other student activities, on campus, spring party 5/7/10, book fair 5/7/10 through 5/14/10
- Sunrise Drive School Student Council, soliciting donations of \$1.00/family, to raise funds for the Haiti earthquake victims; money to go to the Red Cross, on campus, following governing board approval

3.5 Gifts and Donations

Ms. Jellison noted the receipt of the most recent CFSD Foundation donation of \$125,000. She and other board members expressed appreciation for the Foundation's continuous and significant support.

Upon a motion by Ms. Siegler and a second by Ms. Richerson, the governing board accepted, with gratitude, the following gifts and donations. Motion carried 5-0.

- Alicja Ellis, \$500 to Manzanita School for general supplies for Mrs. Bowman's class
- Lowell Rooper, \$60 to CFSD Community Schools' Foothills Phil
- Michael Bellotti, \$210 to Esperero Canyon
- Christopher Runge, \$7.00 to Esperero Canyon
- Esperero Canyon FFO, \$2,929.30 to Esperero Canyon library
- Terry and S. Lynette Featherston, \$300 to CFHS wrestling team
- Arete Associates, \$200 to CFHS for academic competitions
- Amanda Sorrell, \$25 to CFSD Community Schools' Foothills Phil
- Baseball Dugout Club, Inc., \$1,200 to CFHS baseball program for coaches' stipends
- CFSD Foundation, \$125,000 third quarterly installment of 2009-2010 pledge to CFSD

3.6 Personnel Memorandum

On the consent agenda, the governing board approved the following personnel actions.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- *Retirement (per Policy GCQE)*
Joan Marrs, 1.0, Director of Community Schools, Murphey Administration Center, effective 6/30/10

CERTIFIED STAFF

- *Resignations*
Maria Del Carmen Vigo, 1.0, Spanish teacher, Esperero Canyon, effective 5/27/10
- *Retirement (per Policy GCQE)*
Jane Sadowsky, 1.0, second grade teacher, Manzanita, effective 5/27/10
Maureen Byrne, 1.0, art teacher, High School, effective 5/27/10
Nancy Lynn, 1.0, counselor, High School, effective 5/27/10

CLASSIFIED STAFF

- Retirement (per Policy GCQE)

- Resignation

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

(Employment – approval for hire is contingent upon receipt of DPS fingerprint clearance)

- New
- Rehire
- Resignations

COACHES

SUBSTITUTES

Faye Pierce
Heather Works

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4.1 Approval of Revisions to CFSD Policy BAA and BAA-E Evaluation of School Board/Board Self-Evaluation

Dr. Kamerzell presented the second reading of the revisions made to Policy BAA and BAA-E *Evaluation of School Board/Board Self-Evaluation*. She reminded the board that the revisions were made at their request to allow for more flexibility in the timeline for the board's self-evaluation and the evaluation procedure. Dr. Kamerzell stated no changes were made to the document since its first reading.

Upon a motion by Ms. Siegler and a second by Ms. Jellison, the governing board approved the revisions to Policy BAA and Exhibit BAA-E *Evaluation of School Board/Board Self-Evaluation*, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 Proposed Revisions to Policy IKF Graduation Requirements

Dr. Kamerzell presented the first reading of proposed changes to Policy IKF *Graduation Requirements*. The primary revision to this policy reflected the changes to the high school world language program approved at the January 26, 2010 board meeting, that required two credits of High School level Spanish for graduation beginning in 2014. Dr. Kamerzell highlighted the footnote outlining provisions made for transfer students' world language program. She also noted that the policy was updated regarding the elimination of references to the 2008 graduation requirements and replacement of the word "foreign" with "world."

The governing board requested the additional changes to the document:

- Re-write the first sentence of the policy and exclude 2009 and add 2010 to read, "A minimum of twenty-three (23) credits are required for graduation in 2010 and 2011."
- Omit the reference to 2009 at the bottom of the first page of the policy.
- Identify the four subject areas referred to in the third bullet on the first page of the policy.
- Include the class of 2013 regarding graduation requirements listed in the middle of the second page of the policy.
- Use the words "successfully completed" in the footnotes on page 3 when referencing two credits/years of Spanish.

Ms. Silverberg questioned the omission of language in the policy regarding augmentation of AIMS testing results. Dr. Kamerzell explained that the augmentation of AIMS results for graduation purposes was a separate policy. However, she added that she thought the laws pertaining to augmentation of AIMS scores sunset with the 2009 graduation class

and that district policy now needed to be deleted. She indicated that she'll check the statute regarding this.

5.2 Proposed New Policy re: CFSD Website Advertising

Dr. Kamerzell presented the first reading of a proposed new CFSD policy regarding *Website Advertising*. She shared that the proposed policy was a result of new legislation that allowed for the sale of advertising on school district websites. Dr. Kamerzell referred to the revised "media kit" information distributed at the meeting outlining the proposed location, type, and cost for advertising on the CFSD website, as well as information related to visitors to the site(s) per day and district demographics. Dr. Kamerzell stated that the policy was based on the district retaining final approval of the acceptance of any ads.

Dr. Camenisch recommended that a statement regarding the prohibition of political advertising on the district sites be placed in the policy.

Ms. Silverberg recommended that the description in the media kit of the "Excellence" ad placements clarifies that it was available for commercial ads as well.

Dr. Kamerzell planned to begin marketing the opportunity for CFSD website advertising by March 1. She hoped that the sale of website ads would impact the revenue stream for FY 2012 budget planning.

Board members expressed positive comments related to the district's plans for the initiation of website advertising.

6. **DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

6.1 Kindergarten Spanish Immersion Program Report

Ms. Conery and Ms. Boling reviewed the kindergarten Spanish immersion program implemented this year at Ventana Vista. They shared information regarding student benefits of the program, the structure of the 50-50 Spanish/English classes, future expansion plans, and ongoing interest by families in the program. Ms. Boling shared a video of the actual classroom activities during the Spanish portion of the day.

In response to board members' questions, Ms. Boling and Ms. Conery explained that: the majority of students currently in the immersion program plan to continue it into the first grade; other districts with immersion programs and related research indicate that attrition of students in the program was not a significant issue; the commitment to the program from families when students enter was essential; it was important for the program's structure to remain flexible from grade to grade related to subjects taught in English and those in Spanish; and the development of the Spanish language's essential structure and grammatical correctness progressed through the elementary level. Ms. Boling informed the board that it was usually in second grade when the students, on their own, began to initiate speaking Spanish. Ms. Conery explained that as the immersion program expanded into higher grades, the need for extended programs for immersion students, such as gifted/advanced opportunities in specific subject matters, would be addressed.

Ms. Silverberg expressed appreciation to Ms. Conery and Ms. Boling for their report.

6.2 Legislative and/or ASBA Reports

There was a brief discussion about the May special election regarding a proposed increase to the state sales tax.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA CONSIDERATION**

There were no requests for future agenda considerations

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Ms. Siegler and a second by Ms. Richerson, the governing board adjourned its meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved: 2/23/10