MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was held on February 17, 2011, in the cafeteria of Desert Meadows School. Mrs. Anita Sakkas, Mrs. Susan Sanborn and Ms. Shari Gustafson were present. Dr. Dickson, Superintendent, was also present.

Ms. Anita Sakkas called the Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of Agenda
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion to approve the Agenda. Second by Ms. Gustafson. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2011. Second by Ms. Gustafson. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals
Superintendent's Report

- Chico the Cheetah led a group of nearly 50 Cheatham students and staff members in the Laveen Parade on February 5. Cheatham's extracurricular activities were represented by the Recycling Team, Lady Cheetahs, and the Girls Basketball and Volleyball teams.

- Mike Winters, our Rodel Exemplary Principal from Cheatham, attended his first meeting of exemplary leaders at the Rodel Foundation headquarters on Tuesday, February 15. During the meeting, he collaborated with outstanding leaders from throughout the state and began receiving training on mentoring Rodel Aspiring Principals beginning next August. We're excited about the new ideas Mike will bring to Cheatham and the District through his involvement in this outstanding program.

- Parent/Teacher conferences were held Tuesday, February 8 at the Gila River Indian Reservation Boys Club in District Six. Teachers from Laveen Elementary School held conferences with parents, followed by a meeting of the Parent Action Committee. Approximately 26 parents were involved in the conferences.

- The annual Laveen Elementary School District Spelling Bee was held at Trailside Elementary School on Friday, January 21. Thirty of Laveen District's best spellers in grades four through eight participated. After a close competition, the top three competitors were:
    - 1st Place: Rosemary Robles, Trailside Point
    - 2nd Place: Edgar De la Garza Infante, M. C. Cash
    - 3rd Place: Roksana Abdulla, Vista del Sur

  Rosemary and Edgar will go on to represent Laveen District at the Regional Spelling Bee on Friday, February 18, at the Madison School District Office. Best of luck to our super spellers!

- Congratulations to Nicole Nipros, Rodel Exemplary Teacher and first grade at M.C. Cash, who was recently selected as a finalist for the South Mountain/Laveen Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of South Mountain Award in the category of education. The finalist will be honored at the awards dinner on February 24, along with the naming of the award recipient.

- Congratulations to Candy Clauss, Preschool Coordinator, who has just been named as the "Samuel A. Kirk Special Education Teacher of the Year" by the Arizona Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. Clauss will be honored at a luncheon at the CEC Conference on March 4th.

Classroom Spotlight
Mr. Preis, Principal, introduced Kim Olsen, 2nd grade teacher at Desert Meadows School. Ms. Olsen had a few of her students demonstrated a morph house exercise with the Board.

Employees of the Month

- Dr. Dickson congratulated and presented District Classified Employee of the Month Diana Wion (Lead bus driver and Trainer) with a certificate of appreciation, a $20 Sonic gift card compliments of the Laveen Sonic, and a certificate for a free half-hour massage compliments of Stewart Chiropractic. Her supervisor, Mr. McLaughlin, also spoke on her behalf and presented her with flowers from the staff.

- Dr. Dickson congratulated and presented District Certified Employee of the Month Maria Pilar (M.C. Cash Kindergarten teacher) with a certificate of appreciation, a $20 Sonic gift card compliments of the Laveen Sonic, and a certificate for a free half-hour massage compliments of Stewart Chiropractic. Her principal, Ms. Sandomir then also presented her with a card from the staff.

Call to the Public regarding Agenda Items
There were none.

Board Action
Consent Agenda
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion that the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items a through c as revised. Second by Ms. Gustafson. Motion carried unanimously.

District Facility Rental Manual and Fee Schedule
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion that the Governing Board approve the District Facility Rental Manual and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2011–2012. Second by Ms. Sakkas. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Classified, Certified, Certified Non-Teaching, and Administrative Salary Schedules for the 2011-2012 school year
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion that the Governing Board approve the proposed 2011-2012 Classified, Certified, Certified Non-Teaching, and Administrative Salary Schedules. Second by Mrs. Sakkas. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Sakkas – aye, Mrs. Sanborn – aye, Ms. Gustafson – abstained. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Approval of Certified Contracts for the 2011-2012 school year
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion that the Governing Board approve the issuing of Certified Contracts for the 2011-2012 school year. Second by Mrs. Sakkas. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Sakkas – aye, Mrs. Sanborn – aye, Ms. Gustafson – abstained. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Approval of Administrative Contracts for the 2011-2012 school year
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion that the Governing Board approve the issuing of Administrative Contracts for the 2011-2012 school year. Second by Mrs. Sakkas. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Sakkas – aye, Mrs. Sanborn – aye, Ms. Gustafson – abstained. Motion carried 2-0-1.

Intergovernmental Agreement for a School Resource Officer
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion that the Governing Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Phoenix and Laveen Elementary School District for a School Resource Officer for the 2010-2011 school year. Second by Ms. Gustafson. Motion carried unanimously.

E-Rate Vendors
Mrs. Sanborn made a motion that the Governing Board approve Qwest and School Webmasters as E-Rate vendors for the 2011-12 school year. Second by Ms. Gustafson. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments
From the Board
There were none.

Call to the Public Regarding Non-Agenda Items
There were none.

Future Meetings
A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on March 10, 2011. All meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. (unless otherwise posted) in the cafeteria of Desert Meadows School, located at 6855 W. Meadows Loop East Avenue, Laveen, Arizona.

Adjournment

Ms. Gustafson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mrs. Sanborn. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.