



2/6/07 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called by: Carla Partridge
Type of Meeting: Monthly General Membership
Date of Meeting: 2/6/07
Location: SUSD ED Center
Note Taker: Amy Casebolt

President Carla Partridge called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She introduced Governing board President Karen Beckvar and board members Molly Holzer, Jennifer Peterson and Dieter Schaefer.

Agenda Items:

Amy Besing, P-20 Council: Amy Besing is a parent volunteer serving on Governor Napolitano's P-20 Council. In July 2005, the Governor, by executive order organized a group of individuals from the business, education, parent and community organizations to shape a common vision for education reform in Arizona for grades preschool through post-graduate degrees. The Council has been charged with identifying and providing solutions to gaps in Arizona's education systems and working towards the alignment of Arizona's education curriculum to the expectations of 21st century employees. P-20 Council's Vision Statement is: Every graduating student from the freshman class of 2012 will be prepared for work and post-secondary education in the 21st Century. In December 2006, The Governor received the Council's first set of recommendations. These recommendations may be found at: www.governor.state.az.us/P20/

Lauren Kielsmeier, Governor Napolitano's Education Policy Advisor: Ms. Kielsmeier outlined the Governor's Education Agenda Priorities:

1. Education standards: Childcare/pre-k: Every child is safe, healthy and prepared to learn. Elementary: Third graders able to read at grade level. Middle School: Every 8th grader able to pass algebra. 4. High School: Every High School graduate prepared for the work force and secondary education in the 21st century.
2. Teachers: Raise minimum wage to \$33,000. Budget \$4,000,000 toward professional development and performance pay. Raise base pay for math and science teachers and teachers and districts held harmless for retirement.
3. School Buildings: Modernizing classrooms by including technology in the classroom.

Q and A: Ms. Kielsmeier said the Governor is aware of the excess utilities issue and is looking for a solution. She will keep the Governor informed on this issue. Regarding the State Facilities Funding she stated that the Governor wants to raise the standards for buildings and make them more energy efficient. As to funding unfounded mandates, the federal government needs to step up on this issue. Ms. Kielsmeier may be contacted at 602-542-1625 or Lkielsmeier@az.gov.

Dr. Baracy: Discussed and defined the various bond and override initiatives:

M & O Override: funds teaching programs, fine arts, athletics, gifted programs and lower class sizes.

Capital Override: Funds what goes inside the schools: textbooks, athletics, busses, playground equipment, furniture, fine arts, etc.

Bonds: Builds new schools and renovates old schools.

K-3 Override: Full day free kindergarten and lower class sizes for grades K-3.

The next Governing Board meeting is on February 13th. On the agenda will be whether to put any of the override/bonds on the November ballot. Also, the board will vote on the new school calendar and discuss updating High School programs.

SUSD is working with ASU on enrollment projections. These projections will be used to decide how to use schools efficiently and to address the issue of a 6th high school.

Excess Utilities issue is a priority. The provision to allow districts to use Excess fund expires in two years. It is essential to have this issue extended.

Business: Approval of January's General Meeting Minutes suspended until March.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.