

**Regular Meeting of the Governing Board**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2006**

**Time: 5:30 p.m.**  
**Place: Room 209, Sonoran Trails Middle School**  
**33606 N 60<sup>th</sup> St., Cave Creek, AZ 85331**

**Members of the Board**

Javier Ledesma, President  
Stephanie Reese, Clerk  
Marvin Christensen, member  
Lisa Doche, member  
Mark Warren, member

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**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED AT 4/25/06 MEETING**

**1. OPENING**

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Board members present: Mr. Javier Ledesma, Board President, Ms. Stephanie Reese, Clerk, Board Members Dr. Marvin Christensen, Ms. Lisa Doche, and Mr. Mark Warren. Cabinet Members present Dr. Tacy Ashby, Superintendent, Dr. Debbi Burdick, Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Kent Frison, Associate Superintendent of Operations and Finance and Ms. Patti Tussey, Executive Director of Human Resources. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Call to fill out forms for Unscheduled Public Appearances/Address Agenda Items was made. Call for Formal Adoption of the Agenda was made. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded, Discussion: Board asked that item 4.2 Human Resource Issues be moved before Item 5.0. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

1.6 President's Report – Mr. Ledesma passed out to board members a copy of Mr. Candee's bulleted items which were requested from the last meeting.

A. Board Comments – Mr. Warren attended *To Kill A Mockingbird* play and it was awesome.

1.7 Superintendent's Report - Dr. Ashby commented that the Kiwanis' Science Fair is going on now. Thanked Kiwanis. Saturday is *Focus on Education Forum* at Lone Mountain Elementary School. The packet of information regarding the forum was provided to the Governing Board. Invited and encouraged High School students in attendance at the Governing Board meeting to attend the forum. Thanked Dr. Christensen for his efforts on behalf of the forum. Ms. Durbin has scheduled the third safety forum for Wednesday, April 19, just before prom. More information will be forthcoming.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none came forward

**3. PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION/REPORTS** - none

**4. CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion to approve consent agenda as amended (moving 4.2 to before 5.0) was made. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Approval of HR items: Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Doche seconded to approve 4.2 as presented. Discussion: Ms. Reese moved this item to prior to 5.0 for the purpose of allowing discussion. Steven O'Connor, CSHS Student Body President read a statement on behalf of high school students regarding the changes occurring with Administration at Cactus Shadows. Students hope that decisions are being made for students needs first. Mr. Ledesma asked Dr. Ashby to address Steven's comments. Dr. Ashby responded that the resignations are being submitted now and these individuals will be at CSHS until June 30, 2006. Dr. Ashby thanked the individuals who are resigning for everything they have given to the District and assured the students that we will be looking for the best in terms of replacements. Board Member Doche explained to the students that due to strict laws, Board Members and Cabinet are not at liberty to discuss this type of information. She invited students to attend Governing Board Retreats. Ms. Reese thanked the students for coming and for caring about peers, administrators and school. Mr. Ledesma thanked students for coming. Motion passed unanimously

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Open Enrollment Policy, GBK – Dr. Burdick presented proposed policies “A”, “B” and “C” for Open Enrollment and itemized each page of the proposed policies, giving the updates and changes as it relates to current policy. Mr. Warren motioned and Ms. Reese seconded to accept “A” for the adopted Open Enrollment policy. Discussion: Board Members had detailed discussions regarding their perceptions of the concerns and advantages of each of the proposed policies and their desires as it relates to consistency for students and families. Also taken into consideration are the Board’s understanding of what makes Cave Creek School District attractive to students and families outside of our boundaries. Motion to accept “A” as the adopted policy was made and failed to carry by a vote of 2-3. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Doche seconded for accept option “B” as the adopted policy. Motion passed by a vote of 3-2.

5.2 Enrollment Projections and 2006-2007 Open Enrollment Recommendation (tabled item from 2/7/06) – Dr. Frison reported that projections are difficult to predict with so many determinations: open enrollment; unorganized students and unknown number of 8<sup>th</sup> graders going to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Last year we lost 75 at that grade level but gained 90. After re-examining the information, it was found that elementary has very little difference. We are projecting an increase at the secondary level at both middle school and high school. Administration is recommending K-5 grades be open; DAMS be closed except for existing open enrollment students; STMS can accept students as long as it doesn’t negatively effect programs; leave CSHS open as long as it doesn’t affect program. Motion was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Ms. Doche. Discussion: DAMS is closed to new students but what about siblings whose older sibling is at DAMS? The students would not be able to attend if the recommendation is accepted a presented. Dr. Frison said at one time there were 900+ students with portables. Ms. Doche asked the Board if they would be willing to do a friendly amendment to allow siblings to attend if older sibling is already there (siblings of current open enrollment students would be allowed). Motion passed 3-1 (with one Board member removing himself from voting).

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Donations: Dr. Ashby read an extensive list of donations. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded the acceptance of these donations. Discussion: Prior to voting to accept this donation from Cactus Foothills Little League, South, Member Doche wanted a commitment on the part of the District to keep these fields watered. Motion passed unanimously

## 7. UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Dr. Ashby covered the three sections of the upcoming calendar. Next meeting is March 28. Jim DiCello, lobbyist is coming to update the Board on legislative issues. Additional information on the Flex school as well as a possible recommendation is also scheduled for March 28. The determination of the Original Cave Creek Site has to be done by April 30, 2006. We are still awaiting a letter from the Attorney General’s office regarding this. Mr. Warren motioned and Ms. Doche seconded to adjourn to executive session at 6:43.

## 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION –

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Dated this 7th day of February 2006

By \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Linda Schaner  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board  
Cave Creek Unified School District