

**Work Study Business Meeting of the Governing Board****Tuesday, May 30, 2006****Time: 5:30 p.m.****Place: Fine Arts Center, Multi-Purpose Room II  
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

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES- approved at the 6/13/06 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, and Mr. Mark Warren. Absent: Ms. Lisa Doche. 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. Dr. Christensen moved and Ms. Reese seconded. Item 4.2 was moved from Action Consent to after Action Consent for discussion purposes. Motion passed unanimously

1.6 President's Report - Attended HUG Awards and it was outstanding. Thanked Ms. Shafir, CSHS, and Nutrition Department for the delicious food. Attended the *Sing, America Sing* at Lone Mountain Elementary School and thought it was outstanding. Also attended the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee first meeting. Committee was given their charge. The recommendation for new high school will come to Board before June 30 because of bond issues. Lengthy discussion will occur after that regarding program and location of that high school. Discussion needs to occur prior to Thursday's meeting regarding additional charges for this committee. A copy of a letter from Mr. Magers was provided to Cabinet and Board thanking Dr. Ashby and Administration for their efforts.

A. Long Range Facilities Planning Committee – Dr. Christensen was unable to attend first meeting but attended the second meeting. Committee will be recommending selling the rest of bonds that are available, taking advantage of School Facilities Board money and building a second high school. Sale of bonds and SFB money will total approximately \$25M and it will take approximately 3 years to complete. Committee will be ongoing throughout summer.

B. CCSOS (Cave Creek Support Our Schools) – Ms. Reese reported that this committee has had two meetings. CCSOS is an exciting advocacy group with a broad range of ideas. Goal is to advocate for students through education and communication. Will work hand in hand with Cabinet, Governing Board and other entities. Through this committee a group will be established to run elections and a group will work with legislative issues.

C. Board Comments – Mr. Warren reported "Whispering Hills Bill" passed the House by 31-18 today. Bill will go into effect September 1. This bill will eliminate the boundary issue. Bill indicates that the districts will agree to a tuition calculation which will be determined by Administration with Board approval. Ms. Reese attended DAMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and three board members attended the CSHS graduation which was very special.

1.7 Superintendent's Report – Last week had many recognition ceremonies and Dr. Ashby thanked teachers, students and staff who worked on those events. End of year is busy and it is thrilling to see culmination of hard work. Board members can be proud of what is happening in CCUSD and we are gearing up for 06-07. Dr. Ashby spoke on the letter provided to the Board from the School Facilities Board. We received written clarification from Mr. John Arnold on the sale of the Cave Creek site. The District can sell and keep the proceeds. The second question was regarding the placement of a new high school on property other than property that the District received from the School Facilities Board. District can place new high school on any District property.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**3. PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION/REPORTS**

3.1 Discussion of Recommendation to Superintendent on Wellness Policy –Dr. Ashby read the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act as the background for this policy. This Act requires every local agency to develop a local wellness policy by July 1, 2006 to combat childhood obesity. Mr. Jeff Stempak, co-chair of the committee was introduced. The committee developed a set of guidelines and policies and is presenting this information to Dr. Ashby tonight to allow for questions and answers. It will be brought to the Board for two readings. Jeff thanked committee members in attendance and gave the backup information on why the policy was created and mission of committee. Member Warren reported on the composition of the committee and controversies the committee faced. Before and after school activities was a concern along with recommending schools having recess before eating lunch. Technically there is not to be any competition with food service. Policy is recommending extending PE times which is something the budget can't accommodate at this time. Committee is willing to come up with monthly forums next year along with a monthly nutrition newsletter. Committee is recommending extra curricular activities be covered under this policy. There are a list of banned foods, carbonated sodas and candy. It is difficult to enforce this policy with extra curricular activities and fund raising with foods. This law doesn't technically cover the snack bars; however they fall under food service rules which require food handler permits. Celebrations can no longer have home baked goods, must be store bought. Clarification: What is our responsibility to monitor this policy? It is in effect from bell to bell. Food Service will be the clearing house for all celebrations and activities that occur during the day. Food Service will develop a list of recommended items for sale purposes. No notification has been given to current vendors at this point. Rules are focused on primary more than high school right now. Dr. Burdick responded to the recommendation for physical education contact stating this is a goal for the future. Currently we don't meet this as a requirement. If we went to the recommendations in the policy, we would require more teachers. Typical student now gets 40 minutes a week. Board Member Christensen stated in principle it is easy to buy into the wellness policy, however, without funding to be able to actually enforce the policy, it is hard to adopt a policy. With a detailed policy such as this, it could open us up to challenges because we cannot enforce at this time. Dr. Christensen would like this policy to be brought in over time and is leery of making the commitment in form of a policy for something we can't achieve which means they as a Board they would be negligent because they can't achieve it. This policy goes beyond the recommended guidelines. Dr. Burdick clarified that a policy will be created from this recommendation along with the regulations. The policy will not be as detailed as the information being presented tonight. Even though this document currently has the word policy on it, it will not be the Governing Board Policy, but the recommendation. The mandate came down and said we had to include these items. The policy will be brought forward for a 1<sup>st</sup> read with items in red that are State, Federal and CDC mandated.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA** - Motion to approve consent agenda as amended was made. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Human Resource Issues – Question was raised as to when the coaching positions that have been vacated will be coming forward for Board approval. They are scheduled for the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded to approve 4.2 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. OLD BUSINESS** - none

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 AD) Donations - Dr. Ashby read an extensive list of donations. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded the acceptance of these donations. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 AD) High School Social Studies Adoption – Administration is requesting purchase of social studies materials, which became urgent because of growth and insufficient quantities for students. This purchase meets all of the state standards. Administration is requesting the Governing Board approve expenditures of \$55,889 for social studies materials. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded. Discussion: These are aligned to Arizona Academic Standards. Materials are permanent. Some will be purchased next school year and some were already purchased. High school as already purchased the AP books. World History, Geography and American History will be purchased. Next year, K-8 Social Studies will be reviewed. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 AD) High School Science Adoption – Rene Diether, Dr. Gibson and Kay Schreiber were introduced. Last Spring K-8 Science was brought forward for approval; now the high school science adoption is being brought forward. The committee consulted with Arizona Department of Education on this adoption. Recommending the Governing Board approve an expenditure of \$81,100 for purchase of science adoption for the 06-07 school year. In spring biology information will be brought forward. Ms. Reese moved and Mr. Warren seconded. Philosophy of science was pointed out to ensure there were scientific skills included. The entire high school department was a part of this committee. Cost proposal covers the next two years. District is purchasing the books. Science supplements are purchased by the sites. All the books have technology integrated. An assessment is being compiled to address technology needs for physics and chemistry. LCD projectors in classes and calculators are two of the items needed. These items will come forward under capital plans under technology and addressed with possible override in the near future. Alignment with middle school, K5 is currently aligned and they are aligned with middle school. Books will be around for 6-8 years. Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 AD) K-5 Literacy Resources Adoption – Principal Horn was invited to assist. This recommendation is aligned with language arts standards. Recommend Governing Board approve \$375,000 for purchase in 06-07 school year, the K-5 Literacy Resource Adoption. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded. Discussion: Ms. Horn praised teacher commitment. Teachers are very excited to get their hands on this information. Many hours were invested into these selections. Program is standardized and will align throughout the schools. What will program offer in the transition from 8<sup>th</sup> to high school? Purpose is to provide consistency and it will be developed by their level of expertise. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Ashby thanked Kay Schreiber for her diligence in working on this adoption. She has flourished and blossomed in this job and has done an incredible job.

**7. UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS** – Dr. Ashby has been approached by Habitat for Humanity regarding their interest in the Cave Creek property. How would the Board like to proceed? Board asked for a work study to discuss options and get feedback from both sides. Property isn't currently for sale. First decision of the Board is, are we going to sell and how. Dr. Ashby pointed out the tentative cancellation of the July 25 meeting. We might need to have an Executive Session on June 12 for discussion of contracts (if Legislature has taken action). Dr. Ashby recommends waiting on the Superintendent's formative evaluation until Member Doche has returned. Today's executive sessions are canceled. .

**8. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn. Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Reese seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006

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