

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

April 15, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:30 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona. President Beckvar called upon Mrs. Petersen to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in attendance were Karen Beckvar, President; Dr. Eric Meyer, Clerk; Molly Holzer; Jennifer Petersen; and Dieter Schaefer. Superintendent John M. Baracy was also present. A quorum was present. Ms. Beckvar welcomed approximately 150 visitors.

Before calling for a motion to approve the Agenda, Ms. Beckvar noted the following amendments:

- All the Action Items would be heard after the Consent Agenda Items.
- Information/ Discussion Item VIII. D. Secondary World Language Adoption would be heard as the first Information/Discussion Item.

Mrs. Holzer asked that Consent Agenda Items VII. D. Personnel Actions, AA. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities (Technology) through Mohave Contract, AB. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through Mohave Contract, AC. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) Contract, AD. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities (Technology) through State Contract, and AE. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through State Contract, all be pulled to be heard separately.

Mr. Schaefer moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Baracy introduced Andi Furlis, Director of Recruitment and Professional Development. Ms. Furlis introduced Dr. Mark Stieg, Chairman of the SUSD Foundation. Dr. Stieg recognized outstanding SUSD teachers who received grants from the Foundation. Dr. Stieg also presented an update on the good works the Foundation has accomplished this past year. Ms. Beckvar, on behalf of the Board, thanked Dr. Stieg and the Foundation for their wonderful work.

Public Comment

Don Davignon and Group spoke in support of naming the Baseball Complex at Coronado High School in honor of Coach Roy Coppinger. The individual Group speakers gave tribute to Coach Coppinger.

Marshall Trimble spoke in support of naming the Baseball Complex at Coronado High School in honor of Coach Roy Coppinger.

Amendments to Agenda

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Approval of Agenda as Amended

Superintendent's Comments

Public Comment

Kathryn Ellefsen spoke of the importance of technology for SUSD World Language teachers in regard to the proposed Secondary World Language Adoption.

Public Comment
Continued

Karen Batson spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Eric Meadows spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Chris Murphy spoke in regard to the effect the transferring of Sierra Vista Academy students to Saguaro High School would have on the Saguaro High School neighborhood.

Mike Lawrence spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Jay Morgenstern spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Jawan Burton-Howell spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

James Giblin spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Justin Braten spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Darrell DeLong spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Kelly Cammack spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Ann Marie Onorato spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Aaron Barrows spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Dustin Davis spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Melinda Howell spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Marty Webb spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Joyce Sawyer spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Dr. Karen McLeod spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Tricia Crabtree spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

George Hetrick spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Denise Reimann spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Dr. Polly vanRensburg spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Mary Sue Ingraham spoke in praise of Saguaro High School.

Gaylin Tutnick spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Allie Genis spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Doug Howland spoke in opposition to closing Sierra Vista Academy.

Dr. Althe Allen thanked the students from Sierra Vista who addressed the Governing Board at this meeting for their eloquent deliveries and thanked the Board for listening.

Tom Maples congratulated the staff and students of Sierra Vista Academy, stating that theirs is a great success story.

Consent Agenda

- VII. A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$416,107.48
- VII. B. Accounts Payable Vouchers – 3/6/08-3/28/08
- VII. C. Payroll Vouchers – 2/21/08-3/20/08
- VII. D. Personnel Actions – 3/4/08-3/31/08 – **Pulled to be Heard Separately**
- VII. E. Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2008 Work/Study
- VII. F. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2008 Special Board Meeting
- VII. G. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
- VII. H. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2008 Special Board Meeting
- VII. I. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
- VII. J. Appointment of Student Activities Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers
- VII. K. Auxiliary Operations Statement for February 29, 2008
- VII. L. Student Activities Statement for February 29, 2008
- VII. M. Tax Credit Statement for February 29, 2008
- VII. N. Approval of Revision of Designee to the Trust Account
- VII. O. Approval of Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with ASU College of Nursing and SUSD
- VII. P. Approve the Issuance of an RFP for Compensatory Education Reading Intervention Program
- VII. Q. Approval of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program
- VII. R. Approval of Use of Incident Command Structure (ICS)
- VII. S. Approval of Renewal of Contracts
- VII. T. Approval to Increase Prior Board Authorization for Grocery and Miscellaneous Supplies through GPPCS
- VII. U. Approval to Purchase Office Supplies through U.S. Commodities
- VII. V. Approve the Issuance of an RFP for Armored Car Services
- VII. W. Approve the Issuance of an RFP for Safety/Hygiene Consulting
- VII. X. Approve the Purchase of Micro Computer & Computer Related Equipment through Mohave Contract
- VII. Y. Approve the Purchase of Asphalt and Paving Services through Mohave Contract
- VII. Z. Approve the Purchase of Lawn Mowers through Mohave Contract
- VII. AA. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities (Technology) through Mohave Contract - **Pulled to be Heard Separately**
- VII. AB. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through Mohave Contract - **Pulled to be Heard Separately**
- VII. AC. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) Contract - **Pulled to be Heard Separately**
- VII. AD. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities (Technology) through State Contract - **Pulled to be Heard Separately**
- VII. AE. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through State Contract - **Pulled to be Heard Separately**
- VII. AF. Approve the Purchase of Private Special Education Day School Service through State Contract

Public Comment
Continued

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda Continued

- VII. AG. Approve the Purchase of Roofing Services for Mountainside Middle School through Mohave Contract
- VII. AH. Designation of Sole Source for Educational Testing Service
- VII. AI. Designation of Sole Source for Testing Materials
- VII. AJ. Additional Architectural/Engineering Services for Arcadia Bond Project

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Mrs. Holzer pulled Consent Agenda Item VII. D. Personnel Actions – 3/4/08-3/31/08 to publicly thank Cathy Rivera, Executive Director for Elementary Education, for her hard work and years of service to the District. Ms. Rivera’s retirement was listed on this Agenda item. Ms. Beckvar stated that it is with regret that the Board accepts her resignation and hopes that she enjoys the next phase of her life.

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve Personnel Actions – 3/4/08-3/31/08. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Mrs. Holzer pulled Consent Agenda Items VII. AA, Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities (Technology) through Mohave Contract; VII. AB. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through Mohave Contract; VII. AC. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) Contract; VII. AD. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities (Technology) through State Contract; VII. AE. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through State Contract, for clarification from Dr. Peterson. Mrs. Holzer stated that essentially, these items appear to be approval for the equipment that may be purchased under the Capital Override. Dr. Peterson responded that some of the items are Technology related to the Capital Override. Some of the other items are things that the District utilizes through Cooperative Purchasing Contracts. Mrs. Holzer asked where the District was on the fund that was to be developed before any Capital Override equipment is purchased that the Capital Override Oversight Committee will be monitoring. Dr. Peterson responded that Fund 611 has been set up for Capital Override and that funds for Technology have been set aside to order equipment as a group rather than school by school. The Capital Override Oversight Committee is in the stages of being formed with a separate Technology Oversight Committee that will report to the Capital Override Oversight Committee. The Capital Override Oversight Committee is expected to have its first meeting the end of May.

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve Consent Agenda Items VII. AA, AB, AC, AD, and AE. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Action Items

Dr. Baracy introduced John Biera, Principal of Coronado HS to present Action Item IX. A. Naming of the New Baseball Complex at Coronado HS in Honor of Coach Roy Coppinger. Mr. Biera read a few of the many tributes to Coach Coppinger who coached the Coronado Dons’ baseball teams from 1962 through 1989. His contributions to the

Consent Agenda Continued

Motion #94
Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

•Personnel Actions

Motion #95
Approval of Personnel Actions – 3/4/08-3/31/08

•Purchase of Multiple Commodities through Mohave, State and TCPN Contracts

Motion #96
Approval of Purchase of Multiple Commodities through Mohave, State and TCPN Contracts

Action Items
•Naming of New Baseball Complex at Coronado HS

history and development of traditions at Coronado HS are legendary.

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve the naming of the new baseball complex at Coronado High School the Roy Coppinger Baseball Complex. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Ms. Beckvar presented Action Item IX. B Proclamation for National Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8, 2008. Ms. Beckvar read the proclamation to honor SUSD teachers.

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve proclaiming the week of May 4-8, 2008 National Teacher Appreciation Week. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Ms. Beckvar presented Action Item IX. C. Proclamation for National School Nurse Day May 7, 2008. Ms. Beckvar read the proclamation to honor SUSD nurses.

Mr. Schaefer moved to approve proclaiming May 7, 2008 National School Nurse Day. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Ms. Beckvar presented Action Item IX. D. Proclamation for SUSD Support Staff Week April 20-26, 2008 and April 23, 2008 Support Staff Day. Ms. Beckvar read the proclamation to honor SUSD's support staff.

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve proclaiming the week of April 20-26, 2008 Support Staff Week and April 23, 2008 Support Staff Day. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Ms. Beckvar presented Action Item IX. E. Planning for May 6, 2008 Board Meeting. At the meeting of May 6th, the Board will receive a notebook containing all of the proposals for facility options submitted at the five Community Forums held throughout the District, as well as those received in emails. Data will be presented regarding those proposals. The Board discussed the logistics for the meeting as well as the format. Board Members agreed that the meeting should be held in a centrally-located site and that the format should be a Work/Study format to ensure Board Members would be able to have meaningful discussions. The Board also would like the public to be able to observe the Board in its work. It was decided not to have Public Comment at this meeting. Ernie Nicely, Executive Director for Technology and Information Systems, suggested video streaming as a way to broadcast the meeting to a large audience. Also, the Board decided there should be a follow-up meeting scheduled for May 20, 2008, at a site to be determined, to discuss any possible direction given to the Administration at the May 6, 2008 meeting.

Ms. Beckvar moved that the May 6, 2008 Board Meeting be a Work/Study format, there would not be public participation and that Administration would find the most convenient location central to the District where it could do video streaming and have an area where the Board can hear each other and talk to each other. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

Motion #96
Approval of Naming the
Coronado HS Baseball
Complex the Roy
Coppinger Baseball
Complex

Motion #97
National Teacher
Appreciation Week May
4-8, 2008

Motion #98
National School Nurse
Day May 7, 2008

Motion #99
Support Staff Week
April 20-26, 2008 and
Support Staff Day April
23, 2008

•Planning for the May 6,
2008 Board Meeting

Motion #100
Direction on May 6,
2008 Board Meeting

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Jackie Olson, Director of Curriculum, along with Jan Montana, World Language Lead Teacher, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. D. Secondary World Language Adoption. Ms. Montana reviewed the adoption timeline and the recommendations from the committee. The recommendation included programs for Spanish, French, Latin, and German. Additionally, the committee recommended programs for Spanish at the middle school level, as well as additional Spanish and French for levels 4 and 5. Also recommended were programs for Italian 1 and Spanish for Heritage Speakers Levels 1 and 2. Ms. Montana reviewed the implementation of the World Language Middle School program. Presently, there are program inconsistencies in the middle schools. An improvement plan will be implemented by the 2009-2010 school year that will include balancing course offerings, formalizing articulation process to high school Level 2, and addressing issues to provide high school credit for Level 1 in middle school. The committee is very pleased with the Technology Plan for World Language to begin in the Fall of 2008. The Plan will provide ceiling-mounted projectors, classroom amplification systems, document cameras, DVD/VCR and closed captioning, interactive tablet and classroom response systems. The five high schools will have language labs; this is critical for SUSD students to have the opportunity to practice their speaking and listening capabilities and for the teacher to be able to coach the student one on one. The total cost for the adoption is \$569,000. This is within budget. The value of the materials the District will receive, including many free ancillary materials, is \$1.3 million, a savings of 43%. The average cost per book for 9,075 students is \$63 per book. SUSD is also receiving a savings of over \$760,000, including reduced shipping and handling and free professional development for the life of the adoption.

Discussion followed. Mr. Schaefer asked at the high school French level 3 will the student be able to test out of French 101 at the university level and immediately go into French 102. Ms. Montana responded that is the plan. Also, dual enrollment is now offered through Rio Salado College at some SUSD high schools. Spanish 3 and 4 would be the equivalent of Spanish 101/102, Spanish 4 and 5 would be the equivalent of Spanish 201/202; SUSD high school students can now graduate with 16 college semester hours of World Language credit that will transfer directly not only to the three State Universities, but several out-of-state universities also.

Dr. Meyer asked if a decision would be made in a year or two to add a language such as Mandarin Chinese, would the District have to wait seven years (the length of this adoption) to incorporate that language into the curriculum. Ms. Montana responded that part of the advantage of working with one of the vendors, Auralog, is that they currently offer thirty languages, including Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, Japanese, all the major languages. Through a continued partnership, students would be able to take one of those languages. The challenges, however, are enrollment and getting a class of thirty students in one high school taking, for instance, Mandarin Chinese and then hiring a teacher for that one class. Therefore, it was felt that by offering in an online environment, for example with Pinnacle, the District can get the most of both worlds. Mrs. Cavanagh added that while Administration has set a seven-year cycle, in between those cycles reviews and audits are performed and recommendations can be made to incorporate any changes or additions.

Mrs. Holzer asked in regard to online courses, if there were less than 30 students registered for a particular course if there was a possibility to have a class online with

Information/Discussion

•Secondary World Language Adoption

students from different schools. Dr. Olson responded that the Administration is hoping to accomplish that. Mr. Nicely added that yes, the District would be able to accomplish that with distance learning capability. Mrs. Holzer stated that although she loves the opportunities available with Pinnacle, it does not appear to have support from the vendor. Dr. Olson responded that Administration has been improving the program and is studying plans to make the online program more interactive. Mr. Nicely added that one of the reasons that SUSD's relationship with Pinnacle is going to be strengthened is they are going to have SUSD's highly qualified teachers update content and be available to students for support. Ms. Beckvar added that the concern is that there may be someone in the classroom who might not be an expert on the subject. What will be added is that there will be an SUSD teacher the student can then approach in addition to the Pinnacle teacher.

Ms. Beckvar, on behalf of the Board thanked the committee for their hard work. The adoption will be brought back as a Consent Agenda Item on May 6, 2008.

Brought Back as
Consent on 5/6/08

Dr. David Peterson presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Maintenance and Operations Budget Update. Dr. Peterson reviewed the 100th Day ADM, which was projected to be 25,183.48. The actual number from the ADE (AZ Dept. of Education) is 25,183.95, a difference of 0.002%. This shows that the Genesis program is working. Dr. Peterson reviewed the Classroom Site Fund which is made up from Proposition 301 - 0.6% Sales Tax for 80% and State Trust Land Earnings for 20%. Sales Tax is down in the State, impacting the Classroom Site Fund. Currently the Fund is down \$11 per student for this year. This equals funding down from \$401 to \$390. The current M&O budget projection shows an overall change of \$1.6 million. The TEI (Teacher Experience Index) went up this year, an additional \$935,000. SUSD's budget is built on the IPD (Implicit Price Deflator) of 2% from the State. However, this has not been confirmed by the State as yet. Additional revenue sources consist of indirect costs from Nutritional Services and Community Schools for \$100,000 each; the IDEA Basic Indirect Grant for \$27,180; and CORL in M&O for \$500,000. Administration has worked very hard to propose cuts totaling \$4.8 million to help balance the budget for next year. This leaves an adjusted FY09 available budget of \$6.3 million. Continuing, Dr. Peterson reviewed the budget impacts. Right now, \$2.9 million is budgeted for salary and benefit increases for next year. Of that amount, \$500,000 must be deducted to cover the agreement from the Legislature late last year, leaving \$2.4 million for actual new increases. This does not include any horizontal movement at this point. Other impacts include Health Insurance, Special Education Requirements, ECAP/Freshman Transition, Fox-Lawson & IT Adjustments, Fee Waivers, Contingency, and Performance Pay Plan (Classified and Administrative), for a total of \$5.9 million. Other impacts include further Department adjustments equaling a savings of \$161,107, an overall K-3 Override loss of \$150,860; additional fuel costs of \$275,000; and an insurance revision savings of \$87,718. This leaves a budget balance for FY2009 of \$810,137. Dr. Peterson continued with FY2010 budget issues. The District's Workers' Compensation premium has been lowered \$300,000 to \$946,120. It has been decided that Workers' Compensation is actually a benefit and will be moved into the M&O budget for next year. The Liability premium will be \$1.2 million and is something Dr. Peterson would like to fund in 2010 with Plant Fund 500 and then in the following year with the M&O budget. Continuing, if all things stay the same this year, the District will lose \$500,000 with Medicaid in 2010. It is hoped the federal government will restore that funding. The biggest issue facing the FY2010 budget is Excess Utilities. If this is not resolved in the State Legislature, the District will lose \$5.4 million, a devastating loss for the District.

•FY2008-09 Budget
Update

Mr. Schaefer asked for clarification regarding FY2009 proposed cuts – Second Semester Vacancy Freeze of \$500,000. Mr. Schaefer asked if this was a cost-avoidance or truly a savings. Dr. Peterson responded that it is actually both; the District has had a “mission critical only” hiring freeze. Only those areas such as Special Ed or Crossing Guards have had vacancies filled, allowing for those savings. Mr. Schaefer commented that he was happy to see that Administration is looking ahead and addressing FY2010 budget issues. He would like to see a ten-year financial plan developed; anticipating what type of funding sources will be lost or gained in the year 2018 so the District can prepare in a reasonable fashion.

Mrs. Holzer thanked Dr. Peterson and stated that the budget is “so transparent.” She would be very happy with a three-year financial plan. Mrs. Holzer would like to see a three-year plan for what the District might do with the monies received from Indian Gaming Funds. Also, the plan should include projections for Community Schools and expanding Nutritional Services Catering services. Mrs. Holzer understands that Workers’ Compensation and eventually the Liability Premium will be funded from M&O, but she would like to see a “Plan B” in case something unexpected should happen in regard to one of our options. Dr. Peterson responded that Administration is working on those items and will shortly be ready for the Board.

David Peterson presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. Update on Proposals for Facility Options. Dr. Peterson reviewed information received to date from the Community Forums. Administration has shared with the public at the Forums that the District will wait until May 6, 2008 to bring forth all the comments received and Administration’s evaluation of the comments and proposals. There have been three complex meetings held to date, with over 350 suggestions submitted. Of those 350 suggestions, quite a few were duplicated, bringing the total to 230 options that are being evaluated. All of the suggestions are posted on SUSD’s Website. Nothing has been edited or censored.

Mrs. Petersen thanked Dr. Peterson for his hard work. Mrs. Petersen commented that at the DMHS Forum, a parent had a very good idea and suggested FAQs be posted on the District’s Website. Mrs. Petersen stated that she was aware that this was a tremendous amount of work for all staff and is very appreciative of their efforts.

Mrs. Holzer also thanked Dr. Peterson for his work. Mrs. Holzer stated that she thought it would be helpful to provide to the public and the Board the one-sheet document given to her that showed all the schools, enrollment and capacity. This document shows that there are other schools in the District that have capacity and low enrollment.

Mr. Ernie Nicely, Executive Director of Information Systems and Technology, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. C. Presentation of the Revisions to the District Technology Plan. District Goal #5 requires that the District Technology Plan be reviewed and revised where necessary to align with the Funding Plan, primarily for funds now available through the Capital Override that was passed in November 2007. The revisions are mainly in two areas: updating to reflect the newest standards that the District has adopted, and updating the cost and timelines of some of the initiatives within the plan. The primary change is to the seven-year plan for funding the Technology Plan. These changes reflect the reality of the Capital Override passed in November 2007 and although this is the major source of funding for most of our Technology projects, it is not the only source. Many of the planned projects have been started or are near completion by using other funds.

Mr. Schaefer complimented Mr. Nicely on the very detailed Technology Plan. He

•Revisions to the District Technology Plan

asked Mr. Nicely if he foresaw any barriers to prevent the District from implementing the plan. Mr. Nicely responded that one of toughest barriers is that the District only receives one-seventh of the funds each year. There is a great deal of desire to implement more as well as a great deal of need to implement more.

Mrs. Petersen asked just how the plan is being implemented. Mr. Nicely responded that the emphasis is going to be on classroom technology for the first year. After review, it was decided that instead of doing 20% of the classrooms, it would be better to put layers of technology in nearly all of the classrooms and then building on those layers each year.

Dr. Meyer asked when the Override Oversight Committee on Technology was planning their first meeting. Mr. Nicely responded that the Committee is due to meet prior to the end of May. Mr. Nicely is also working with the Purchasing Department on how the procurement process will take place. Dr. Meyer asked about references to additional needed funds in the plan and how that would be accomplished. Mr. Nicely responded that much of the implementation will be assisted by using vendor personnel that will be contracted with within the confines of the Capital goods that are being purchased. Most of the technology purchased comes with value-added services. The challenge will be in succeeding years. Dr. Meyer asked how decisions will be made on upgrading to newer technology in the oncoming years. Mr. Nicely responded that the committee being formed will establish standards and will evaluate continually as technology changes. There is no way to predict what we are going to be purchasing in three years from now. Dr. Meyer commented that the District's Web presence is continuing to grow, although there are inconsistencies from campus to campus. He hopes that the move will be to provide consistent Web presence throughout the District that provides customer service to all SUSD parents and students. Mr. Nicely responded that effort is already under way. There are three schools that have piloted a new program that the IT Department installed called "School Fusion." This program makes it much simpler for classroom teachers to keep their content up to date, to provide online grades, to place homework assignments or other events on a calendar and have it actually feed to an individual student's calendar automatically. It also provides students with electronic lockers so that they can store content that they have created on this Web presence and it ties in with the school's Web page, giving everyone the same look and feel.

Dr. David Peterson presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. E. Self-Insurance Trust Accounts. Dr. Peterson reviewed the several investment accounts that the District currently has. The total balance of the Investment Accounts equals \$10,588,324.80. The District currently has been realizing a return of about 4.2-4.3%. The District's Trust Checking and its Trust Account equal \$968,000.46, for a total Self-Insurance Trust balance of \$11,556,323.26. The upcoming expenditures consist of the Fourth Quarter payment of \$320,000 and some pending small claims equaling \$37,000. The current premium for FY2008 for Workers' Compensation is \$1,270,202. The premium for FY2009 will be \$946,102, a reduction of \$324,100. The Insurance Trust Board is scheduled to meet in two weeks. They will be presented with a full list of all SUSD's investments.

•Self-Insurance Trust
Accounts

Ms. Beckvar asked what accounted for the reduction in the Workers' Compensation premium. Dr. Peterson responded that the District has had better experience, Administration has worked very hard getting people back to work, as well as intense inspections of all facilities making sure that overall accidents are minimized. Mrs. Holzer asked if it was Administration's intent to fully fund the Self-Insurance Trust. Dr. Peterson responded that they would like to fully fund the Trust and

depending on what is going to be funded out of it, will need from \$15 – \$30 million to fully fund the Trust. Mrs. Holzer responded that might have to be a Board priority to get that funded sooner rather than later because there are no one-time funds. Dr. Peterson responded that might be part of the District’s three-year plan.

Mr. Schaefer, following up on Mrs. Holzer’s statements, stated that the District would probably need a return of 8-9% a year to fully fund the Trust. Mr. Schaefer asked who was on the committee that makes the investment decisions. Dr. Peterson responded that there are two community members who are in the investment field, a member of the SUSD Governing Board, as well as the two investment houses’ personnel that hold the District’s accounts.

Dr. Meyer asked if the District was restricted in its investments. Dr. Peterson responded he wanted to be cautious. Once the balance is higher, maybe some of the funds can be leveraged in a higher risk market.

Mrs. Holzer added that perhaps the group Dr. Peterson is working with could come up with a three to five year plan with ideas of how to fully fund the Trust as quickly as possible. One time funds to fund the Trust is disturbing to her. The District needs to set some goals and try to work towards fully funding the Trust sooner rather than later.

Governing Board Reports

Ms. Beckvar thanked all the members of LLT for taking their time to show up at all the Community Meetings. She really appreciates having their presence at the Forums.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 21, 2008 – 6:00 PM – Community Forum at Saguardo HS
- Tuesday, April 22, 2008 – 6:00 PM – Community Forum at Arcadia HS
- Tuesday, May 6, 2008 – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting

At 8:45 PM, Mrs. Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 15th day of April 2008.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Karen Beckvar, President

Eric Meyer, Clerk

Molly Holzer

Jennifer Petersen

Dieter Schaefer

Governing Board Reports

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Motion #101 Adjournment