

**PARKER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #27  
1608 Laguna Avenue  
Parker, AZ 85344**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

PLACE: Parker High School Library, 1600 Kofa Avenue, #88  
DATE: June 24, 2009  
TIME: 8:30 AM

**MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Mr. Rudy Parker, President  
Mrs. Kelly Baldenegro, Member (left at 2:00 PM)  
Mrs. Deanna Beaver, Member  
Ms. Margaret Dewey, Member

**MEMBERS**

ABSENT: Mrs. Dolores Ferris, Member

**OTHERS**

PRESENT: Kevin Uden, Superintendent  
James Lotts, Assistant Superintendent  
Denyce Cribbs, Executive Assistant  
Lori Bachmann, Blake Primary School Principal  
Dan Wolfe, Le Pera Elementary School Principal  
Brad Sale, Wallace Elementary School Principal  
Amanda Maxwell, Wallace Jr. High School Principal  
LeRoy Shontz, Parker High School Principal  
Sandy Cooke, Federal Programs Director (left at 2:00 PM, returned at 2:30 PM)  
Robert Wolf, Special Education Director  
Richard Lamb, Parker High School Teacher (arrived at 12:30 PM, left at 1:00 PM)  
Joan Travis, Parker Pioneer

**I. 8:00 – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast**

**II. OPENING ITEMS**

A. Opening Remarks/Logistics

Mr. Uden made opening remarks related to the day's meeting.

B. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Mr. Parker, President.

C. Adopt agenda

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Baldenegro, to amend the agenda of the June 24, 2009, special meeting by reversing Item VI (Discussion Items – Hot Topics) with Item VII (Principals’ Feedback). Motion carried unanimously.

D. Call to Audience

There was no comment under Call to Audience.

E. Superintendent’s Budget & Legislative Action Report

Mr. Uden presented a preliminary budget for 2009/2010. He explained that the state legislature was still in session, and that a revised budget would be prepared when the state has finalized its budget. He pointed out several areas in which the budget will be reduced from last year. First, the District has been experiencing declining enrollment, with a loss of 64,572 students. Also the state has reduced the Base Support Level, and has not applied the 2% increase called for in Proposition 301. The District has two override elections coming up in November, one for M&O, and one for K-3. The outcome of those elections could have a variety of negative effects on the budget. The Classroom Site Fund has been greatly reduced, by approximately \$300,000. Excess Utilities has now been eliminated, and is no longer in the budget. The ELL Block fund has been reduced from \$158,000 to \$8800. Overall, the District may be looking at a loss to the budget of approximately \$550,000. Mr. Uden does anticipate receiving stimulus money from the federal government, which will help us to retain some teachers who were RIF’d earlier this year. The legislature is expected to submit a budget to the Governor’s office on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Although she has said she will veto the budget, doing so would cause a government shut-down on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**III. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Personnel

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>SCH</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EFF</b>
3 - CERTIFIED HIRING	LP	Arnold, Tracey	Math Interventionist	07/30/09
3 - CERTIFIED HIRING	PHS	Dhawan, Reetika	Math Teacher	07/30/09
3 - CERTIFIED HIRING	BL	Gilbert, Lisa	SPED Self-Contained Teacher	07/24/09

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Ms. Dewey, to approve the certified hirings as listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Propose SY2009/2010 Budget

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Baldenegro, to propose and approve the publication of the SY2009/2010 budget as presented. Mr. Uden explained that the Business Office will upload the preliminary budget to ADE’s website, and will also publish the budget in the Parker Pioneer. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. District Survey Results

Mrs. Cribbs presented charts to summarize the results of the District Satisfaction Survey.

B. AIMS Results

Mrs. Cooke presented a summary of the District's AIMS testing from 2008/2009. AIMS results are embargoed to the public until July 15, 2009.

**V. 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch**

**VI. PRINCIPALS' FEEDBACK (15 minutes each)**

Brief summaries of the year were presented by Mrs. Bachman, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Sale, Mrs. Maxwell, Dr. Shontz, and Mr. Wolf. Mr. Parker stated that Governing Board surveys on the Principals, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent will be given to staff members in January 2010.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued)**

C. Hot Topics

1. Reallocating Resources Due to Declining Enrollment

Mr. Uden stated that as enrollment continues to decline, the District will need to be even more proactive about cuts to spending. In November the voters will be deciding on two override items. If those were not to pass, it would mean significant cuts in 2010/2011 to areas such as intersession, summer school, athletics, and salaries. The District needs to continue to plan for spending reductions at all schools, along with making plans for more job-sharing. Reductions will continue to be made in administrative areas, which include the Superintendent's Office, the Business Office, Warehouse, Technology, Governing Board, and Principals' Offices. Mr. Parker stated that, at some point, he believes the School Facilities Board will determine that we are using more square footage than can be justified by our number of students. Mr. Uden stated that the Administrative Team will continue to brainstorm a variety of cost-cutting measures, and will certainly keep all staff informed whenever concrete plans are developed.

2. Alternatives to Suspension

Mr. Uden stated the importance of looking at our current alternatives to suspension, and how to reduce the amount of time that students spend outside of school. He stated that we currently use a Behavioral Modification Classroom at Wallace Elementary School, we have younger students “switch” classrooms to modify behavior at Blake Primary School, we offer a Community Service Program (primarily at Parker High School), we run the ABL program for severe discipline problems, and we operate the Parker Alternative School as an alternative to regular high school. Ms. Dewey stated her concern about discipline and suspensions, and her belief that suspensions are not beneficial to students. Dr. Shontz stated that there are two primary reasons that students are ever suspended from school 1) when they become a danger to themselves or other students and 2) when they encroach on the educational rights of other students. He further stated that suspensions are used as a last resort, and that they require a fair amount of administrative time and attention. Mr. Uden stated that there is a continuum of behaviors, from mild to severe, and that there is also a continuum of responses and interventions. Sometimes suspension is the necessary response, but it is to be used as sparingly as possible.

3. Coaching Vacancy at Parker High School

Dr. Shontz stated that he is having trouble filling at least one of his coaching vacancies. Mr. Parker stated that it is the Board’s position that when coaching positions cannot be filled, it is the responsibility of the physical education teachers to take on those coaching responsibilities. Mr. Lotts stated that an Arizona Teaching Certificate is required to be a Head Coach, and that no certificate is required to be an Assistant Coach. He further clarified that a teaching certificate is different than a completion certificate that a coach receives for attending required athletic training.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM by Mr. Rudy Parker, President.

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Governing Board President  
Parker Unified School District #27