

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

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLACE: District Office Conference Room, 1608 Laguna Avenue  
DATE: September 24, 2008  
TIME: 9:00 AM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mr. Rudy Parker, President  
Mrs. Kelly Baldenegro, Member  
Mrs. Deanna Beaver, Member  
Mrs. Dolores Ferris, Member  
Mr. Randy Hartless, Member

OTHERS

PRESENT: Kevin Uden, Superintendent  
James Lotts, Assistant Superintendent  
Denyce Cribbs, Administrative Assistant  
John Gutekunst, Parker Pioneer (left at 9:30 AM)

**I. OPENING ITEMS**

A. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Mr. Parker, President.

B. Adopt agenda

Mrs. Ferris moved, seconded by Mrs. Beaver, to adopt the agenda of the September 24, 2008, special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Mrs. Ferris moved, seconded by Mrs. Beaver, to withdraw her motion, and move items II (Executive Session), III (Executive Session), IV (Executive Session), V (Executive Session), and VI A. (Certified Resignation) to the end of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Ferris moved, seconded by Mrs. Beaver, to adopt the revised agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Call to Audience

There was no comment under Call to Audience.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

B. Personnel

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SCH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFF DATE</u>
1 - CERTIFIED RESIGNATION	PHS	McCabe, Michelle	Asst. Volleyball Coach (paid position)	SY 2008/09
2 - CERTIFIED HOURLY	DIST	Andersen, Deborah	Substitute Teacher	09/17/08
6 - CLASSIFIED HOURLY	BL	Olson, Celeste	SPED Self-contained aide	10/13/08
4 - RIDER	DIST	Gallan, Scott	Elementary Wrestling Coach	09/24/08
8 - VOLUNTEER	PHS	McCabe, Michelle	Volunteer Volleyball Coach	SY 2008/09
9 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE	WES	Huerta, Cassandra	Maternity Leave	10/27/08 - 12/8/08
9 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE	WES	Landis, Tara	Maternity Leave	11/24/08 - 1/30/09

Mr. Hartless moved, seconded by Mrs. Baldenegro, to ratify and approve certified resignation, certified hourly, classified hourly, rider, volunteer, and leaves of absence as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve Submission of Early Childhood Block Grant

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to approve the submission of the Early Childhood Block Grant in the amount of \$47,946.00 as recommended. Mr. Uden explained that this grant would be used to fund one full-time Kindergarten teacher, as well as allow one teacher to attend a professional development conference. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Out of State Travel – Small and Rural Schools

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mr. Hartless, to approve out-of-state travel for Heather Johnson to attend the National Rural Educators Association’s National Conference in San Antonio, Texas, from October 24 – 29, 2008, as recommended. Mr. Uden explained that Ms. Johnson has been previously selected as the Rural Educator Association’s Teacher of the Year, and was also invited to serve on their Board. This trip to the National Conference will be funded with Title II funds.

E. Out of State Travel – Future Farmers of America

Mr. Hartless moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to approve out-of-state travel for Jerry McGuire (Advisor), Rae Ann Alcaida (Chaperone), Josh Moore, Eloisa Alcaida, Hailey Heanes, Caline Gottwald, Jessica Kezar, and Landon Scott (Students) to attend the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 21 – 26, 2008, as recommended. Mr. Uden explained that a vocational education grant will fund most of the trip. There was some discussion about the arrangement of hotel rooms for this trip. Mrs. Baldenegro, Mrs. Beaver, Mr. Hartless, and Mr. Parker voted in favor of the motion. Mrs. Ferris opposed the motion. Motion carried.

F. Approve Governing Board Travel

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mr. Hartless, to approve Governing Board travel to Arizona School Boards Association's (ASBA)-sponsored events for 2008/09 as recommended. Mr. Uden explained that ASBA travel typically includes the Law Conference in September, the annual County Workshop, the Winter Conference in the Phoenix area, and the Spring Legislative Conference. Mr. Parker noted that parking fees are to be reimbursed for travel, if the hotel makes the charge as part of its regular fees. Valet parking fees will continue to be non-reimbursable. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Policy Revision JJJ – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

Mr. Lotts explained that the policy revision involves allowance for sixth-grade students to participate in volleyball, girls' basketball, and boys' basketball at Le Pera Elementary School. With declining enrollment overall, the sports teams at Le Pera have also seen a decline in the number of athletes participating in these sports. By only allowing seventh and eighth-graders to participate, there haven't been enough members to compete, or even run an effective practice. Le Pera has already rearranged itself academically with the middle school concept at grades 6 – 8, so including the sixth grade in selected sports makes sense. Football is not included because Le Pera players are already combined with the team at Wallace Junior High School, making an adequate number of players. Mrs. Beaver inquired about a greater potential of injury to sixth-graders by allowing them to participate. Mr. Lotts responded that there was no increase in the likeliness of injury in the selected sports being considered. Mr. Lotts stated that the revision to Policy JJJ would be placed on the agenda for the regular October meeting.

B. Governing Board Travel – National School Board Association (NSBA) National Spring Conference

Mr. Parker stated that there are two Board members who may want to attend the NSBA National Conference in San Diego this year, and that plane travel would not be involved. He stated that he had asked Mr. Uden to prepare some information regarding the feasibility of this trip, with regard to the budget. Mr. Uden stated that federal add-ons may increase the budget this year, but he does not have firm information about that yet. He has calculated that the trip would cost a minimum of \$1600 per person, and could be paid with budget funds from M&O Line 2300 (Superintendent and Board travel). He stated that he had not currently budgeted for travel to the National Conference, but that he could include it on a Budget Revision. Mrs. Beaver stated that she believed good information can come from attending the National Conference. She specifically referenced a conference attended in San Francisco in which Board members gathered information regarding Ombudsman, and that ultimately led to the establishment of Parker Alternative High School. Mr. Uden stated that ADE's Early Graduate Program could also reduce the budget by approximately \$51,000, but he didn't have firm information about this item yet either. Mr. Parker asked that Mr. Uden gather more information, and that this item be placed on the agenda for the regular October meeting.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION (A)**

A. Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mr. Hartless, to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 15-841, A.R.S. 15-842, and A.R.S. 15-843 for the purpose of Pupil Disciplinary Proceedings regarding Student A (related to Executive Session on August 6, 2008). Motion carried unanimously.

The Board began Executive Session A at 9:30 AM.

The Board returned to the Special Meeting at 9:45 AM.

(Students B and C are purposely transposed below. They are listed in the order they were discussed.)

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (C)**

C. Mr. Hartless moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 15-841, A.R.S. 15-842, and A.R.S. 15-843 for the purpose of Pupil Disciplinary Proceedings regarding Student C (related to Executive Session 2 on August 13, 2008). Motion carried unanimously.

The Board began Executive Session C at 9:45 AM.

The Board returned to the Special Meeting at 9:50 AM.

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION (B)**

B. Mr. Hartless moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to hold an Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 15-841, A.R.S. 15-842, and A.R.S. 15-843 for the purpose of Pupil Disciplinary Proceedings regarding Student B (related to Executive Session 1 on August 13, 2008). Motion carried unanimously.

The Board began Executive Session at 9:50 AM.

The Board returned to the Special Meeting at 9:55 AM.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

D. Mr. Hartless moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to hold an Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.1 to discuss or consider performance, employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, or salaries of an employee of a public body. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Parker announced that action would be taken subsequent to the Executive Session.

The Board began Executive Session at 9:55 AM.

The Board returned to the Special Meeting at 10:00 AM.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Certified Resignation of Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Beaver moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to accept the resignation of Mark Goulet, effective September 26, 2008, contingent upon payment of \$2000 in liquidated damages, or upon adequate written documentation of reason(s) for resignation as recommended, and contingent upon Mr. Goulet waiving any right to additional compensation, including performance pay. Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM by Mr. Rudy Parker, President.

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Governing Board President  
Parker Unified School District #27