

# QUARTZSITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING QUARTZSITE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 6:00PM

Quartzsite Elementary School

### 1. OPENING ITEMS

#### A. Call to Order

**Susan Cushman called the regular meeting to order at 6:02pm.**

#### B. Roll Call

Present: Susan Cushman, Justin Rayner, Christy Carter, Monica Timberlake, and Tracey Richardson.

Absent: All present

Others Present: Jacque Price, Rebecca Mendoza, Mark Orgeron, Rudy Parker, Linda Ward, Lee Lehman, Laura Moore and Janice Shelton, Student of the month Will Pearson and family

#### C. Pledge of Allegiance

Susan Cushman led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. ACCEPT AGENDA

#### A. Approve consent agenda as written.

**Justin Rayner motioned to approve the consent agenda as written. Christy Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 3. REPORTS

#### A. Superintendent's Update

1. Mrs. Price and the Board Members recognized the following Students of the Month: At Ehrenberg – (K) Jeremy McKean, (1<sup>st</sup>) Alexa Martin, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Caleb McKean, (3<sup>rd</sup>) Destiny Beaudry, (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>) William Adams, (6<sup>th</sup>) Zachery Self, (7) Jimmie Cota, (8<sup>th</sup>) Javier Medina.

At Quartzsite – (K) Becky Peterson, (1<sup>st</sup>) Braydon Hull, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Karen Vallejo, (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>) Colton Robertson, (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) Will Pearson, (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>) Jonathan Madewell.

2. Mrs. Price informed all in attendance that the Awards Assemblies were scheduled for Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm with concession stand at 5:30 pm at Ehrenberg Elementary and Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Quartzsite Elementary with sports banquet starting at 5:30 pm. Mrs. Price informed all that Ehrenberg School PTA raised enough money to have her kiss a pig. They also accepted a generous donation of \$36.00 from Quartzsite School staff members. Mrs. Price thanked all for helping them raise money for new sports uniforms. Mrs. Price informed all the Ehrenberg Improvement Association has had water issues with the Colorado River flow being so low this month. They are anticipating that all residents must to conserve water through February 28<sup>th</sup>. All residents have been informed to cut back on unnecessary water usage. Mrs. Price informed all in Attendance she will be addressing this with ADE and the Bureau of Reclamation. Mrs. Price informed all that Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Price also informed all in attendance that all teachers are focusing on AIMS preparation and are offering after school tutoring to students that are

in need of additional assistance. Mrs. Price informed all Board Members of the BOLTS workshop in Yuma, Arizona on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> of January but needed to confirm date and was going to get back to Board Members. The LaPaz County Joint Board meeting will be held in Salome on January 20<sup>th</sup>. She encourages all Board members to attend.

B. Financial Report

1. Mrs. Price stated that the M & O balance as of January 1, 2011 was \$389,472. Mrs. Price also made the board aware that we had applied for a bus grant in order to help with purchasing a new bus for the district. Justin Rayner requested a breakdown of mileage on all buses in use. Susan Cushman also wanted to know if correction was made on the APS Billing Comparison report for Quartzsite in November. Susan Cushman has some concern with Quartzsite School's Electricity not showing any decrease in Kilowatts that are being used, wants to know why it has not been improving and what we could do to improve it.
2. The Quartzsite School Student Activities balance was \$4,795.80 and the Ehrenberg School Student Activities balance was \$6,251.41.
3. Ehrenberg PTA report showed a Bank Balance as of December 27, 2010 of 1,101.45. Quartzsite PTA report for December 2010 has an ending balance of \$ 2,780.13.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Members of the audience may make statements concerning matters of interest to the School District. The President of the Board may terminate such statements if they do not concern School Board affairs, if they are personal attacks against Individual presentations and the time spent on the Call to the Public.

Audience member, Lee Lehman, asked what the budget would look like if we only received half of what we currently get. Mrs. Price stated that it will not be a pretty. Mr. Lehman also stated if we would perhaps increase the distance between bus stops that could help eliminate some of the wear and tear on the buses.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (APPROVE)

- A. Approve minutes of the regular board meeting on December 7, 2010.
- B. Approve minutes of the special board meeting on December 14, 2010.
- C. Approve Expense and Payroll Vouchers:
  - E – 1016      \$14,910.17      P – 11 \$52,421.12
  - E – 1017      \$23,896.43      P – 12 \$92,398.74
  - E – 1018      \$11,033.73      P – 13 \$47,580.30
- D. Approve certified employee for remainder of 2010-2011 school year.
  - Jill Schultz – new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher – Quartzsite School

**Justin Rayner motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Christy Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. NEW BUSINESS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

- A. Nomination and election of new Governing Board President.

**Justin Rayner nominated Susan Cushman for Board President for the 2011 calendar year. Christy Carter motioned to approve Susan Cushman as the Board President for the 2011 calendar year. Justin Rayner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Candyce Pardee, School District Attorney, had a PowerPoint presentation to inform Board members on open meeting laws and policies, in order to help Board members be aware of the many pitfalls of serving on an elected School Board.
- C. Discussion and possible action on stipend for new board secretary, Rebecca Mendoza. Jacque Price informed the Board that she wanted to offer Rebecca Mendoza a stipend in order to

cover her over time to get board packets ready. Mrs. Price explained to the Board that there will be times when it would be less than \$200.00 and there will be months that it may be more but it would not exceed \$300.00. Susan Cushman wanted to know if it would be in effect for the end of 2010-2011 fiscal year. Jacque stated that it would stay in effect until there were other arrangements made. Susan Cushman, asked if it was possible that when it comes up to renew this classified position for the following year if it would be incorporated into Rebecca's job description. Mrs. Price stated that we could work on rewriting Rebecca's job description and including it and changing her from hourly to salaried wages.

**Christy Carter motioned to approve a \$200.00 stipend for the new Board Secretary, Rebecca Mendoza. Justin Rayner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- D. Discussion and possible action on the Able Proposal for the Able Network project of 2010. Mrs. Price stated to the board that there was a mistake on one of the estimates and called Robert From Able had corrected the form with apologizes from him. This saved us about \$1,000.00. Mrs. Price informed the board that the district will be paying 10%, the work will be done by March or the end of April. They will be putting in new wiring, upgrading the routers and servers. Susan Cushman wanted to know how it will affect school while the kids are on campus. Mrs. Price stated that they will likely work after school when the students will be gone and feels that they will have to do some work during school hours but will not affect the students too much. Justin Rayner wanted to know about how long a job like this will take to complete and wanted to know if James Bowen will over see this project being completed. Mrs. Price stated that she anticipates it taking about 5 weeks total and James Bowen will oversee the project and report on progress.

**Justin Rayner motioned to approve the Able Proposal for the Able Network project of 2010. Monica Timberlake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTUE CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Price informed Board that she will be planning a financial meeting for the February Board Meeting. Jacque wants the Board to be aware of how school districts get their funding.

8. ADJOURNMENT (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

**Justin Rayner motioned to adjourn the School Board Meeting. Christy Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.**



PRESIDENT



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