

**PARKER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27**  
**1608 Laguna Avenue**  
**Parker, AZ 85344**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

PLACE: District Office Conference Room, 1608 Laguna Avenue  
DATE: October 12, 2011  
TIME: 9:00 AM

**MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Mr. Rudy Parker, President  
Mrs. Deanna Beaver, Member  
Ms. Margaret Dewey, Member  
Mrs. Dolores Ferris, Member  
Mrs. Amelia Flores, Member

**MEMBERS**

ABSENT: None

**OTHERS**

PRESENT: James Lotts, Superintendent  
Brad Sale, Assistant Superintendent  
Denyce Cribbs, Executive Assistant

**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. Flores moved, seconded by Mrs. Ferris, to adopt the agenda of the October 12, 2011, Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Call to the Audience

There was no comment under Call to the Audience.

**II. DISCUSSION ITEM**

A. Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-481(Y), hold a public hearing to discuss Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Budget Override expenditures, for FY2011 and FY2012.

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Mr. Sale explained that under a new law set up by HB 2421, school districts are now required to report to the Board and public between September 1 and October 31, an update on the programs that are financed through our M&O override.

For FY2011, Parker Unified School District was able to increase our M&O budget by \$884,077. This amount was raised by our local tax payers as a secondary tax rate. The amount expended by the district during fiscal year 2011 from the override is stated below.

1) Extra-Curricular Activities: The costs to provide extracurricular activities, including athletics, gifted programs, and other after school activities will continue without extra fees. With over 70% of our students qualifying for free/reduced lunches, charging a higher fee to participate in extracurricular activities would reduce opportunities for such students. Total estimated expenditures: \$117,000

2) Additional Learning Time: These activities are additional tutoring and our District's Alternative School. Total estimated expenditures: \$287,000

3) Excess Utilities: Under a formula that allowed Parker Unified to budget for excess utilities that compared the rise in school funding with the increase in utility costs since 1985, was discontinued in 2009. The amount would have generated over \$100,000 in 2009-2010 by formula. Total estimated expenditures: \$100,000

4) Teacher compensation and reduction of class size: this expenditure was to return the teacher and staff salary schedule back to the 2008-2009 level, and to increase compensation for instructional support personnel. The District also looks at keeping its class size down to reduce over-crowding in certain areas. Total estimated expenditures: \$380,000

For Fiscal year 2012, Parker Unified School District was able to increase our M&O budget by \$921,957. Parker Unified will continue to follow the voters' wishes when they approved the M&O override by continuing the programs that were mentioned previously. The total estimated costs for fiscal year 2012 are: 1) Extra Curricular Activities: \$110,000, 2) Additional Learning Time and Alternative education: \$300,000, 3) Excess Utilities: \$100,000, 4) Teacher Compensation and reduction of class size: \$410,000.

Mr. Sale clarified that a percentage of the tuition charged to San Bernardino for educating California students accounts for override expenses.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM by Mr. Rudy Parker, President.

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Parker Unified School District #27  
Governing Board President