

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

December 16, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:32 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona. President Beckvar introduced the Coronado High School Vocal Group, who performed the National Anthem.

Board Members in attendance were Karen Beckvar, President; Dr. Eric Meyer, Clerk; and Jennifer Petersen. Dieter Schaefer joined the meeting at 6:05 PM, via telephone conference. Mrs. Holzer was absent. Co-Interim Superintendents Katy Cavanagh and David Peterson were also present. A quorum was present. Ms. Beckvar welcomed approximately 40 visitors.

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

The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 0.

Governing Board Recognition

Ms. Beckvar, on behalf of the Governing Board and the District, recognized Mrs. Molly Holzer on the conclusion of her term of office. Mrs. Holzer was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Ms. Beckvar displayed a Kachina figure that will be sent to Mrs. Holzer, and thanked her for her hard work at the Legislature. Mrs. Holzer was instrumental, along with other Board members and staff, in getting Excess Utility funding passed.

Superintendents' Recognition

Mrs. Cavanagh introduced Mary Lou Muccino, principal of Chaparral HS. Mrs. Muccino recognized Craig Roe, Chaparral Senior, who was named Best Defensive Lineman in Arizona and the 2008-09 Gatorade Player of the Year.

Mrs. Cavanagh recognized Anne-Marie Woolsey, principal of Arcadia HS. Mrs. Woolsey recognized Arcadia teacher and coach, Scott Lovely. Mr. Lovely was presented with the Golden Fig Award and a check from Farmer's Insurance Co. in recognition of his accomplishments as a teacher and coach.

Dr. Peterson noted that the District is proud to announce that there are 13 National Board Certified Teachers from the District this year. He also recognized Arcadia, Chaparral and Desert Mountain High Schools as recipients of the US News and World Reports' Silver Award.

Dr. Peterson recognized Saguaro HS and congratulated it on winning its third consecutive State Football Championship, Class 4A, Division I. Principal Annie Preston, on behalf of the Saguaro community, thanked the Board for their support.

Public Comment

Kim Graunke spoke in opposition to the proposed override to the open enrollment policy for Cheyenne Traditional School.

Andrea Smith spoke in support of Coach Sanders, Saguaro HS Varsity Football Coach.

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Approval of Agenda

Governing Board
Recognition

Superintendents'
Recognition

Public Comment

Michael Chasse spoke in support of Coach Sanders, Saguaro HS Varsity Football Coach.

Patrick McLaughlin spoke in support of Coach Sanders, Saguaro HS Varsity Football Coach.

Debra Oliver spoke in support of Coach Sanders, Saguaro HS Varsity Football Coach.

Consent Agenda

- VII. A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$31,076.28
- VII. B. Accounts Payable Vouchers – 11/7/08-12/1/08
- VII. C. Payroll Vouchers – 11/13/08-11/26/08
- VII. D. Personnel Actions – 11/15/08-12/1/08
- VII. E. Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
- VII. F. Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2008 Special Board Meeting/Work Shop
- VII. G. Approval of Minutes of December 2, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
- VII. H. Approval of Inclusion of Sweetwater Avenue Section to New Zuni Elementary School Site Boundary (Clarification of 12/2/08 Governing Board Action)
- VII. I. Amendment to Language Arts Adoption
- VII. J. Classified Pay for Performance Plan – 2008-2009
- VII. K. Arcadia High School Renovation – Change Orders
- VII. L. Approve the Issuance of an RFP for Payment Tracking Software
- VII. M. Approve the Purchase of an Email Archiving System through TCPN
- VII. N. Approve the Purchase of Delivery Truck through State Contract

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

The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 0.

At 6:05 PM, Mr. Schaefer joined the meeting via telephone conference.

Information/Discussion Item

Tom Clark, Executive Director for IT, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. A. Update on Capital Outlay Override – Technology Purchases and Implementation. Mr. Clark gave a PowerPoint presentation. The Override was approved by Scottsdale voters in the election held on November 6, 2007. Mr. Clark reviewed the project accomplishments to date which included the installation of 900 computers District-wide; all classroom teachers have received a Dell GX240 or better, 10 labs have been completely replaced; and 80% of Apple and Transource computers have been replaced. Mr. Clark reviewed programs that have been purchased thus far with Override funds, including School Fusion. Also reviewed were current and revised Benchmarks for Phase I of the Technology Plan for each complex. Phase I will be a 16 month endeavor. Mr. Clark plans to have regular communication to schools and the community on the implementation process and to begin planning for Year 2 implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding a training plan for teachers and staff. Dave DeBarr, Director of Instructional Technology, reported that training has been on going. IT has developed very efficient programs. The Board would like to see mechanisms in place to monitor the usage of new technology and a process in place that would assess improved academic achievement due to the new technology. Also discussed was communication to the community on such programs as School Fusion and how parents

Consent Agenda

Motion #75

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Schaefer Joins Meeting via Telephone

Information/Discussion

- Update on Capital Outlay Override – Technology Purchases and Implementation

could avail themselves of all the benefits of the program in regard to their student. Ms. Beckvar stated that the goal for technology is to bring everyone throughout the District up to a certain standard. Mr. Schaefer suggested that Administration enlist principals and PTOs in publicizing what is being done with technology and the override funds. Ms. Beckvar, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Clark for his presentation.

Action Items

Mrs. Cavanagh presented Action Item X. A. Override of District Policy for Open Enrollment for Cheyenne Traditional School for SY2009-2010 Only. The Board had asked Mrs. Cavanagh and Dr. Peterson to work with principals of Aztec Elementary School and Cheyenne Traditional School on a transition plan that would address concerns of those Aztec students who have been on the Cheyenne waiting list for 2008-2009 and if there were any concessions that could be made for them during the transition. The recommendation being brought forward would affect approximately ten kindergarten students currently on the Cheyenne waiting list. Those families had already applied to Cheyenne before the Board made its decision to consolidate Aztec and Zuni, having agreed with the Cheyenne philosophy.

Discussions were held with Board Members stating that they were not comfortable with this recommendation from a fairness standpoint, and were hesitant to set a precedent for any future consolidations.

Ms. Beckvar stated that the Board had three options:

1. Approve the recommendation
2. Bring the recommendation back in January for further discussion
3. Ask that it not be brought back and let the recommendation “die”

Mrs. Petersen moved to not bring back the recommendation and to let it “die.” Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0 (Mr. Schaefer voted via telephone).

Ms. Beckvar had asked for Action Item X. B. Superintendent Search Process and Calendar Dates be placed on the Agenda so that the Board could vote on dates for the search process. At the Special Meeting of December 15, 2008, the Board had discussed alternative dates that were submitted by the Search Consultant, Hazard, Young & Attea (HYA). The Board decided to continue with the original schedule as discussed at the September 24, 2008 meeting. Discussion followed regarding establishing an interview committee that would include a representative from each of the employee groups, a representative from Scottsdale Parent Council, and a representative from BRAC (Superintendent’s Blue Ribbon Advisory Council). The representative from BRAC would be a community member who does not have a child currently attending SUSD. The Board also asked that Michelle Marshall, General Council and a representative from Human Capital be part of the interview committee to ensure that legal and fair practices are followed during the entire process. Ms. Beckvar noted that Board Member Elect Bonnie Sneed was present at the meeting and asked for her input in establishing calendar dates.

Ms. Beckvar moved that the Board establish dates for an interview workshop with HYA and for interviews of candidates for Superintendent as follows:

- January 31, 2009 at 9:00 AM – Interview Workshop with HYA with the Board

Action Items

•Override of District Policy for Open Enrollment for Cheyenne Traditional School for SY2009-2010 Only

Motion #76

Override of District Policy for Open Enrollment for Cheyenne Denied

•Superintendent Search Process and Calendar Dates

Motion #77

Establishment of Dates for Interview Workshop and Interviews of Candidates

and Interview Committee in an Executive Session

- January 31, 2009 – Following Executive Session – Slate of Candidates presented to Board in an Open Meeting
- February 6 and 7, 2009 – Initial interviews with candidates conducted in an Executive Session
- February 7, 2009 – After initial interviews, Board meets in Executive Session to identify semi-finalists
- February 18 and 19, 2009 – Final interviews are conducted in Executive Session
- February 18 and 19, 2009 – LLT, Employee Groups and Parent Groups interview Semi-Finalists. Candidates are given a tour of the District
- February 18 and 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM – Community Forums are held at possibly Coronado High School and Desert Mountain High School
- February 20, 2009 – The Board will meet in Executive Session to identify the finalist

Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Mrs. Petersen further moved that the Board approve the interview committee as stated above (a representative from each of the employee groups, a representative from Scottsdale Parent Council, and a representative from BRAC. The representative from BRAC would be a community member who does not have a child currently in SUSD). Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

Dr. Meyer asked that Jeff Thomas, Executive Director for Human Capital, be involved in developing the questions for the candidates.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Governing Board Reports

Ms. Beckvar reported that she enjoyed the Football Championship Game between Saguaro and Chaparral High Schools.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2009 – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting

At 7:50 PM, Mrs. Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Dated this 16th day of December 2008.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Karen Beckvar, President

Eric Meyer, Clerk

ABSENT
Molly Holzer

Jennifer Petersen

Dieter Schaefer

Motion #78
Approval of Interview Committee

Governing Board Reports

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Motion #79
Adjournment