

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING-WORK/STUDY  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

April 15, 2009

A Special Meeting-Work/Study of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 4:10 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Board Members in attendance were Karen Beckvar, President; Dr. Eric Meyer, Clerk; Jennifer Petersen; Dieter Schaefer; and Bonnie Sneed. Superintendent Gary T. Catalani was also present. A quorum was present.

Work/Study

A Board Work/Study was held to have discussion between the Governing Board Members and the new Superintendent, Dr. Gary T. Catalani, regarding the development of a transition plan, expectations and goals for the Superintendent, and his evaluation process and instrument. The Board and Superintendent also discussed their operating protocols and challenges and opportunities for the Board, Superintendent and the District.

Discussion ensued regarding a Strategic Plan, with Dr. Catalani developing a plan to make such a plan a community process. Also discussed were District Goals. A report on District Goals will be presented at a Board Meeting in June. The Board would like to have more Work/Study meetings. Therefore, the Board Meeting schedule will include one business meeting per month and quarterly, a second meeting will be held which will be a Work/Study format.

The expectations that were outlined for Dr. Catalani included:

- Review Evaluation Instrument by June 2009
- Compress/Change Meet & Confer Schedule by November
- Improve News/Community Relations
- District Office Efficiencies
  - June 2009 – share process only
  - December 2009 – report

In regard to the District's Budget process, the Board asked for different scenarios on proposals that will be presented at the May 5, 2009 Board Meeting. Another discussion regarded Agenda items. Where applicable, Agenda items should include the positive and negative impact on students. Also, purchasing items that are over \$100,000 should have good rationale included in the background material given on that agenda item. Items to be brought before the Board for Action should first be presented as Information/ Discussion and then at a second meeting, Action or Consent (two reads).

It was agreed that Board Members are encouraged to visit all campuses and that they should first check with the Principal. If a Board Member observes an issue on a campus that needs administrative follow-up, the concerns will be communicated to Dr. Catalani, Mrs. Cavanagh, Dr. Peterson or an Executive Director. The Superintendent and/or Public Information Officer will serve as spokesperson for the District with the media. The Board President and/or the Public Information Officer will serve as spokesperson for the Board with the media.

At 7:12 PM, Mrs. Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Sneed seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

**The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48**

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Karen Beckvar, President

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Eric Meyer, Clerk

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Jennifer Petersen

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Dieter Schaefer

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Bonnie Sneed

Work/Study

Motion #151  
Adjournment

