

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

May 5, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:45 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona. President Beckvar called upon the Future Cities student winners to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Ms. Beckvar welcomed approximately 150 visitors.

Mrs. Petersen moved to amend the Agenda to move Public Comment ahead of Superintendent's Comments. Mrs. Sneed seconded the motion.

Motion #156

Amendment to Agenda

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Public Comment

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Eric Kurland, President of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA), in observance of National Teacher Appreciation Week, shared some observations and thanked all SUSD teachers for the great things they do for students.

Christine Roadifer, President of the Scottsdale Parent Council, noted that this is a difficult time for education and asked the Governing Board to support a renewal of the K-3 Override.

Tom Carey spoke in regard to the flexible benefits account for employees who do not take the District's insurance plan. Mr. Carey asked the Board to not lower the amount of the benefit.

Sandy Kravetz spoke in regard to teacher compensation, asking why the Board doesn't pay the teachers more money. Ms. Kravetz also stated that Galileo funding should be reallocated.

Jerry Smith asked the Board to not change the District's certified salary schedule.

Anne Hanson, Vice President of the SEA, spoke in regard to SUSD being a "family" and not an industry and how nurturing this has been. Ms. Hanson asked the Board to listen to Dr. Peterson as he presents the Budget proposal and thanked Dr. Peterson for always being compassionate in his negotiations with the SEA.

Superintendent's Comments

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Dr. Catalani acknowledged National Teacher Appreciation Week, stating "this Governing Board and this Administration greatly value the work, contributions and caring that all of our teaching and classified staff provides our students. We are going to work very hard to actually make teacher salaries whole. The impact on teacher salaries was directly from the State Legislature. We also hope to make everyone whole when it comes to insurance. It lies with the decisions made by our governmental leaders. It is a matter of continuing to put pressure on governmental leaders on what we value – public education."

Dr. Catalani introduced Carla Partridge, Coordinator of Community and Business Partnerships. Mrs. Partridge introduced Wendy Cohen, principal of Yavapai Elementary School. Mrs. Cohen recognized John Castro, Program Manager, of the Arizona Quest for Kids Foundation. The Foundation addresses the hopes and dreams of youth who have maintained a B+ average and who might not be able to attend college and awards them 4-year instate scholarships. This program began in SUSD two years ago when Mrs. Partridge brought it to the attention of Mrs. Cohen. SUSD now has 21 students heading for college thanks to this program. The students inducted this year were:

Jose Rendon – 6th Grader – Yavapai Elementary School
Breanna Jacobs-Roberts – 6th Grader – Yavapai Elementary School
Martina Iliia – 5th Grader – Yavapai Elementary School
Kimberly Rendon – 7th Grader – Supai Middle School

Mrs. Partridge recognized Dean Butler, Farmers Insurance Group. Farmers Insurance presents its Golden Fig Award to SUSD educators for excellence in teaching. Mr. Butler presented

plaques to this year's honorees:

Sylvia Holmes – Pueblo Elementary School, nominated by Reagan Gilmore, Pueblo student.
Joshua Yasuda – Chaparral High School, nominated by Tanner Ross, Chaparral student.

Dr. Catalani introduced Dr. Ildi Laczko-Kerr, Executive Director of Curriculum and Student Information Management & Accountability Reporting. Dr. Laczko-Kerr recognized Heather Heroldt, President of the Arts in Education Council, to present the Council's awards for this year:

Yvonne White	Visual Arts Teacher – Hopi Elementary School
Lani Dersey	Visual Arts Teacher – Mohave Middle School
Jim Roehr	Theater Arts Teacher – Desert Mountain High School
Chuck Curry	Band Director – Sequoya/Cherokee
Wendy Cohen	Outstanding Administrator
Pam Taft	Outstanding Volunteer

Ms. Heroldt thanked the Governing Board for allowing the Council to present its awards this year at a Board Meeting.

Dr. Laczko-Kerr recognized Stacey Greene, Hopi Teacher, and Trista Read, Copper Ridge Teacher. These teachers were selected to attend the Mickelson Exxon/Mobil Teacher Academy. The Academy was launched in 2005 to provide third-through fifth-grade teachers tools to enhance curricula, an opportunity to rework with other educators and discover innovative ways to teach math and science to students.

Dr. Laczko-Kerr recognized Chris Curry, Chaparral Teacher, who was named CTE Teacher of the Year for coaching his rookie team, the Chaparral Firebirds Robotics Team. The Team placed 24th overall (out of 44) at the FRC AZ Regional competition.

Dr. Catalani introduced Dr. Althe Allen, Executive Director for Middle School and Secondary Education. Dr. Allen introduced Mary Lou Muccino, principal of Chaparral High School. Mrs. Muccino recognized Chaparral's Varsity Cheerleading Team. The Team competed in Anaheim, CA and won the national cheerleading title, the first time in Chaparral's history. Mrs. Muccino thanked their coaches for their outstanding work with the girls. She introduced the members of the team:

Harriet Ellis	Stephanie Wogan
Elli Schryver	Katie Peterson
Lea Lytle	Chelsea Carpenter
Kayla Boxberger	Peyton Fedorka
Ali Kauffman	Brennan Danis

Dr. Allen introduced Dale Link, Assistant Principal of Arcadia High School. Mr. Link recognized the three students from Arcadia who won the Gold, Silver & Bronze medals for Advertising Design at the State Skills USA Championships:

Lauren Sells	Gold
Danielle Harkins	Silver
Elizabeth Paffenbarger	Bronze

Dr. Allen recognized Kelly Tucker, Arcadia student and Cheryl Dunham, Arcadia teacher. Ms. Tucker was a State finalist in the BioGENEius Challenge for Innovations in Medicine. She worked in conjunction with ASU on a project involved with gene blocking.

Dr. Allen introduced Greg Milbrandt, principal of Desert Mountain High School. Mr. Milbrandt recognized Michael Fraser who was selected for the Presidential Scholars Program.

Dr. Allen introduced Mike Duff, principal of Cheyenne Traditional School. Mr. Duff recognized Jennifer Skiba, 4th grader, who was the 2nd place winner of the AZ Alliance for Arts state essay contest.

Dr. Allen introduced Pamela Wiffen, Mohave self-contained gifted program teacher. The Mohave team is the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair Junior High School State Champions. Ms. Wiffen introduced the winning students:

Brian Levitt-Ahern	Patrick Almhjell	Bailey Archer
Woody Ashby	Anthony Berti	Joshua Brody
Tobert Butler	Anthony Campanella	Jonathan Croom
Rachael Feldberg	Lauren Fowler	Chase Hart
Tessa Williams	Aidan Levine	Alex Marinello
Dakota McPherson	Alexander Michunovich	Adam Mosharrafa
Keegan Moss	Jason Pfundheller	Boston Scott
Alexandra Shangraw	Wil Sharif	Hunter Shipp
Landon Snodgrass	Samantha Surk	Sam Tamer
Hector Torres	Katelyn Whitmore	Hannah Zweig

Dr. Allen introduced the high school principals whose students participated in the 2009 High School Science Olympiads. John Biera, principal of Coronado HS, recognized students Daniel Nemet and Spencer Toupal who both took 4th place. Erika Mills was club sponsor for the team. Greg Milbrandt, principal of Desert Mountain HS, recognized his students:

Kari Broder	Sebastian DeGroof	Jay Hoan
Daniel Mordukhay	Rahul Kini	Pradeep Koripella
Deborah Lee	Rebecca Lin	Divya Mahendra
Sarah Murphy	Sungroa Yoon	

Annie Preston, principal of Saguaro HS, recognized her students:

Johnny Weisman	Laura Stevenson	Jason Philippi
Thalia Craig	Yuliya Mitina	Tony Gannon
Hyder Hussain	Vicki Smith	Brad Abts
Monica Chacon	Lou Lou Derant	Ryan Maples
Beverly Gross	Brendon Hudnell	

Dr. Allen recognized students from Cocopah Middle School and Science teacher Shannon Thomas. Each of the projects projected a technology twenty years into the future. The following students won Honorable Mention at the 2009 Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards:

Michael Diamond	Tyler Waller	Aditya Vijay
Alex Schultz	Philip Terzic	David Endsley
Ben Kravetz	Eric Stoppa	Nick Lundgren
Zach Kirshner		

Dr. Catalani introduced Dr. Pam Sitton, Executive Director of Elementary Education. Dr. Sitton recognized Jeff Quisberg, principal of Anasazi Elementary School. Anasazi was recognized by the Arizona Education Foundation as an A+ school for the 2008-2009 year. This is the third time that the school has been honored with this award (1995, 2003, and 2009).

Consent Agenda

- VII. A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$129,271.95
- VII. B. Accounts Payable Vouchers – 3/30/09-4/20/09
- VII. C. Payroll Vouchers – 3/19/09-4/16/09
- VII. D. Personnel Actions – 3/27/09-4/24/09
- VII. E. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2009 Special Board Meeting
- VII. F. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- VII. G. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2009 Special Board Meeting-Work/Study
- VII. H. Annual Transfer of Student Activities Fund Balances
- VII. I. Auxiliary Operations Statement for March 31, 2009
- VII. J. Student Activities Statement for March 31, 2009
- VII. K. Tax Credit Statement for March 31, 2009
- VII. L. Exercise of DMB Property Purchase Option
- VII. M. Approval of Coronado High School Address Change
- VII. N. Approval of Revision #4 of the 2008-2009 Annual Budget
- VII. O. Approve the Purchase of Floor Coverings through State Contract
- VII. P. Approve the Purchase of Industrial Supplies through State Contract
- VII. Q. Approve the Purchase of Copy Paper through State Contract
- VII. R. Approve the Purchase of Temporary Employment through State Contract
- VII. S. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities through Mohave Contract
- VII. T. Approve the Purchase of Shade Structures through Mohave Contract
- VII. U. Approve the Purchase of Fencing through Mohave Contract

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda - Continued

- VII. V. Approve the Purchase of Playground Equipment through Mohave Contract
- VII. W. Approve the Purchase of Gym Equipment Installation and Maintenance Service through TCPN
- VII. X. Approve the Purchase of Portioned Package Ice Cream, Frozen Yogurt & Frozen Desserts
- VII. Y. Approve the Purchase of Electrical Services through SAVE
- VII. Z. Approve the Renewal of Printing Services
- VII. AA. Approve the Renewal of Contract #7002, Medicaid in Schools (MIPS)
- VII. AB. Approve the Renewal of Contract #7003, Travel Agencies and Tour Events
- VII. AC. Approve the Renewal of Nutritional Service Food Acquisition and Distribution Tools for Schools
- VII. AD. Approve the Renewal of Contract for Financial Management Software
- VII. AE. Approve the Renewal of Contract for Vitamin and Electrolyte Enhanced Water
- VII. AF. Approve the Renewal of Contracts
- VII. AG. Approve the Increase to Prior Board Authorization for Special Education Communication Access Real Time (CART)
- VII. AH. Approve the Increase to Prior Board Authorization for Environmental Assessment and Abatement Services
- VII. AI. Approve the Issuance of RFP for Power Factor Correction Devices
- VII. AJ. Ratification of Procurement Item Approved by Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization
- VII. AK. Designation of Sole Source for Various Vendors
- VII. AL. Designation of Sole Source for Testing Materials
- VII. AM. Cancellation of RFP #10010, Prepared Pizza and Approve the Issuance of New RFP for Prepared Pizza

Mrs. Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Information/Discussion Items

Walt Chantler, principal of Zuni Elementary School, Jim Selgo, principal of Aztec Elementary School, and Mike Duff, principal of Cheyenne Traditional School, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Update on Transition Plan for Redfield Elementary School and Cheyenne Traditional School. The principals presented a PowerPoint reviewing steps that have been taken so far. Many positive things are happening with the transition and a Redfield Website has been created as one way to communicate with the community on the details of the consolidation. Mr. Duff reported that Cheyenne has also been included in many of the meetings and they, too, have had on-going meetings with staff, the site council and its PTO. The principals are looking forward to the transition and believe they have set the ground work to have a successful opening of Redfield and move of Cheyenne. The Board asked to see an update on all the cost savings and where the funds came from. Dr. Peterson will forward that report to the Board shortly. The Board thanked the principals for smoothly executing such a complicated move.

Dr. David Peterson, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Miracle League Field at Cheyenne Traditional School Site. Dr. Peterson presented a PowerPoint outlining the incredible opportunity for SUSD. The Miracle League believes every child deserves the chance to play baseball. They would like to begin play in the fall of 2009 by partnering with SUSD on the land at the current Cheyenne Traditional School site on Cholla Street. Dr. Peterson has also been approached by the Scottsdale Soccer League to develop some soccer fields at the site in the future. There would not be any cost to SUSD except for the land. The Miracle League would pay for everything else. The District's own special needs and adaptive children would be able to play. It is intended to award these students with a varsity sport letter. The City of Scottsdale has also endorsed the project. Liability and property insurance would be required the same as is presently required from any of the District's renters. The District would be third-party insured. The Board reacted very favorably to the proposal. Ms. Beckvar asked Dr. Peterson to draft the necessary papers and bring the item back at the June 2, 2009 Board Meeting as a Consent Item.

Dr. Catalani introduced Barbara Collinge, Athletic Director at Ingleside Middle School, and Jeff Oscarson, Athletic Director at Cocopah Middle School, to present Information/Discussion Item VII. C. Discussion on Middle School Athletics. Dr. Catalani noted that this proposal will bring SUSD much closer to what a middle school athletic program should look like. Ms. Collinge and

Consent Agenda - Continued

Motion #157
Approval of Consent Agenda

Information/Discussion
•Update on Transition Plan for Redfield Elementary School and Cheyenne Traditional School

•Miracle League Field at Cheyenne Traditional School Site

To be Brought Back 6/2/09 as Consent Item

•Discussion on Middle School Athletics

Mr. Oscarson presented a PowerPoint outlining the program, a restructured viable middle school athletics program that will allow increased student participation. There are no cuts in this program; all students who come out will be able to participate. The program is set up to work on skill development and will have a competitive level as well. The Board was fully supportive and asked the directors to have a plan on how they will communicate to parents and students. Dr. Catalani stated that the Communications Department will work closely with the Athletic Directors to define communication on what is the intent of the program. He stated that the District will be focusing on a new communications strategy to raise the level of communication in all aspects, not just athletics. This item will be brought back on June 2, 2009 as a Consent Agenda item.

To be Brought Back
6/2/09 as Consent Item

Dr. David Peterson presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. D. Budget Update for 2009-2010 School Year. Dr. Peterson presented a PowerPoint that reflects the latest Legislative proposals in regard to education funding issues. Information was also shared regarding contracts, compensation, and tax and fund distribution. Dr. Peterson also gave an update on Prop 301 funding. The budget projection showed that due to the most recent Legislative recommendations and District budget impacts, the District has a \$20,974,442 deficit, even though the District grew by 121 ADM. The budget deficit is recommended to be made up by the use of Title I and IDEA stimulus funds, utilizing soft capital flexibility, and \$11.6 million in budget savings which will result in reduction in force (RIFs), reduced services, and decreased benefits. In response to an earlier Public Comment, Dr. Peterson noted that certified salaries are made up from M&O funding and 301 dollars. The District has no control over Prop 301 dollars, which go directly to teachers only. The reduction in Prop 301 dollars is due to a loss in state revenues. Teacher salaries saw a loss due to the classroom site fund being down \$176.2 million from the FY2009 original estimate. The District hopes to have the dollars to cover this deficit. Dr. Peterson noted that transportation drivers will not lose their health benefits next year; they will all be at a 30 hour work week. Also, any change to employees' eligibility for health insurance will not take place until the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Peterson presented three scenarios for the budget, a worst-case, a best-case, and a middle case. He asked the Board for guidance on insurance qualifications, on restoration of proposed cuts and on participation fees for high school athletics.

•Budget Update for
2009-2010 School Year

A discussion ensued regarding the information presented. In regard to an increase in high school athletic fees, the Board would like to see what neighboring districts are charging and, if SUSD is in line, they would agree to an increase. In regard to qualification for insurance, the Board would favor extending the current eligibility requirements for another year and looking at some type of plan that would allow employees who do not qualify for eligibility to buy into the District's insurance plan. In regard to the decrease in the flexible benefit allowance, the Board would like administration to review what was previously voted on by the Governing Board in 2002 to ensure that this Board does not negate the intent of that vote.

The Board also discussed restoration of proposed cuts. They agreed that the District should prepare to restore approximately 120 FTE positions, bringing class sizes back to where the District is currently staffed. Administration should also prepare for restoration of 9.5 FTE for elementary fine arts. Further, Administration should prepare for restoration of Assistant Principals at all of the elementary schools and high schools, with the exception of the Assistant Principal positions which had been identified for staffing reduction through an efficiency audit. Also, restoration of some of the School Resource Officers (SROs) was agreed upon. The proposed budget will be presented to the Board on June 16, 2009 with the Board's approval for adoption scheduled for a Special Meeting/Public Hearing on June 30, 2009.

Proposed Budget
Presented 6/16/09;
Adoption/Public Hearing
6/30/09

Dr. David Peterson presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. E. Renewal of K-3 Override. Due to the late hour, Ms. Beckvar stated that it was not necessary to present the PowerPoint; the Board had already reviewed it with the information they received for this meeting. Ms. Beckvar wanted the community to be aware of the renewal and would like to see a committee developed to provide visibility to this initiative. Dr. Peterson stated that there is a committee already in place. Notification of the initiative being placed on a ballot must be given to the County by June 6, 2009. This will be an Action Item on June 2, 2009. An election is scheduled for November 3, 2009.

•Renewal of K-3
Override

Action Items

Michelle Marshall, General Counsel, presented Action Item IX. A. Approval of Revision and/or Adoption of Governing Board Policies – Section D – Fiscal Management; Section I – Instructional Program; and Section J- Students. Ms. Beckvar noted that there were two changes to the Agenda Item:

Action Items
•Revision/Adoption of
Governing Board
Policies – Sections D, I
& J

Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements, was tabled by the Administration for more discussion at a later meeting.

Policy DIE – Audits/Financial Monitoring, was amended with the deletion of the last paragraph:

~~The Governing Board recognizes the need to establish and support the internal audit function as an independent appraisal function to examine and evaluate District activities. The Governing Board further directs the Superintendent to establish the department of Internal Audit to conduct audits, investigations, and special projects requested by the Governing Board or the superintendent. The Internal Auditor shall have full and complete access to any of the District's records, physical properties and personnel relevant to the performance of an audit.~~

Ms. Beckvar moved to approve the revisions and/or adoption of Governing Board Policies as presented with the amendment to DIE and the exclusion of IKF. Mrs. Sneed seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Michelle Marshall presented Action Item IX. B. Approval of Revision to Board Policy BEDB – Agenda. Dr. Catalani stated that the revision, the addition of an item to the Agenda entitled **“Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations,”** was to ensure that the District and the Board highlight its students and staff.

Ms. Beckvar moved to approve the revision to Board Policy BEDB – Agenda, as presented. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Ms. Beckvar presented Action Item IX. C. Approval of School Board Operating Protocol. The Board had discussed this protocol at its Work/Study meeting of April 15, 2009.

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve the School Board Operating Protocol as presented. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Future Action

Mrs. Petersen requested a discussion on Standards Based Report Cards.

Governing Board Reports

There were no Governing Board Reports.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting – Work/Study

At 9:25 PM, Mrs. Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 5th day of May 2009.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Karen Beckvar, President

Eric Meyer, Clerk

Jennifer Petersen

Dieter Schaefer

Bonnie Sneed

Motion #158
Approval of Revisions/Adoptions Governing Board Policies-Sections D,I,J as Amended

•Revision to Policy BEDB-Agenda

Motion #159
Approval of Revision to Policy BEDB – Agenda

•School Board Operating Protocol

Motion #160
Approval of School Board Operating Protocol

Future Action

Governing Board Reports

Upcoming Meetings

Motion #161
Adjournment