

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

June 2, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:30 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona. President Beckvar called upon Unitown students 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 40 visitors.

Before voting to approve the Agenda, Ms. Beckvar noted that Board Members requested Consent Item VIII. M. Approval of High School Participation Fees, and VIII. AS, Award of RFP #9185, Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating System, be pulled to be heard separately. Also, Information/Discussion Item IX. E. Budget/Legislative Update will be heard after the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Schaefer approved the Agenda as amended. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Dr. Catalani introduced Dr. Althe Allen, Executive Director of Middle and Secondary Education, to recognize the District's Unitown program. The program does amazing things with SUSD students to promote tolerance and acceptance at all SUSD schools. Joe Baca and Katy O'Boyle, co-directors of the program, presented a short video and thanked the Board for its support.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Catalani thanked all administrators, faculty and staff for a successful year. He commended all high school principals and their staffs for the six outstanding graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Catalani thanked Mrs. Cavanagh, Dr. Laczko-Kerr, Dr. Allen, Dr. Sitton, Dr. Sackos, Mrs. Fournalis and the entire planning committee for conducting the 3rd Annual Collaboration for School Improvement workshop. This was a two-day workshop where school leaders got together and reflected on the good things that were done for school improvement this year and set goals for what they would like to accomplish next year.

Public Comment

Pam Krewson spoke in regard to the Arts-In-Education scholarship program.

Consent Agenda

- VIII. A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$225,743.21
- VIII. B. Accounts Payable Vouchers – 4/27/09-5/18/09
- VIII. C. Payroll Vouchers – 4/16/09-5/14/09
- VIII. D. Personnel Actions – 4/25/09-5/22/09
- VIII. E. Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2009 Special Board Meeting
- VIII. F. Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- VIII. G. Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation
- VIII. H. Approval of IGA with City of Scottsdale – Substance Abuse Prevention and Violence Prevention
- VIII. I. Auxiliary Operations Statement for April 30, 2009
- VIII. J. Student Activities Statement for April 30, 2009
- VIII. K. Tax Credit Statement for April 30, 2009
- VIII. L. Approval of Middle School Athletics Program
- VIII. M. Approval of High School Participation Fees – **Pulled to be heard separately**
- VIII. N. Approval of Facility Policy Rental Manual Revision and Update
- VIII. O. Approval of Miracle League Field at Cheyenne Site
- VIII. P. Approve the Purchase of Cabling Equipment and Services through State Contract
- VIII. Q. Approve the Purchase of Computer and Computer Related Products
- VIII. R. Approve the Purchase of Computer Tablets and Laptops through State Contract
- VIII. S. Approve the Purchase of Office Supplies from Office Depot through US Communities

Motion #162

Approval of Agenda as Amended

Students and Staff
Recognition and
Celebrations

Superintendent's
Comments

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda - Continued

- VIII. T. Approve the Purchase of Printer and Facsimile Supplies
- VIII. U. Approve the Purchase of Software through State Contract
- VIII. V. Award of IFB #9032, Trailer Parts and Service
- VIII. W. Award of IFB #10066, Fuel
- VIII. X. Award of IFB #10015, Piano Accessories and Services
- VIII. Y. Award of IFB #10073, Desert Mountain High School Baseball Field Netting
- VIII. Z. Award of IFB #10074, Coronado High School Baseball Field Netting
- VIII. AA. Approve the Designation of Sole Source Vendor – Assessment Technology Inc.
- VIII. AB. Approve the Issuance of RFP for Bond and Financial Services
- VIII. AC. Approve the Issuance of RFP for Returned Check Processing
- VIII. AD. Approve the Purchase of Audio Visual Equipment through State Contract
- VIII. AE. Approve the Purchase of Furniture through GPPCS
- VIII. AF. Approve the Purchase of Furniture through State Contract
- VIII. AG. Approve the Renewal of Contract #6040, Milk and Dairy Products
- VIII. AH. Approve the Renewal of Contract #6177, Foods, Fresh Produce
- VIII. AI. Approve the Renewal of Contract #7000, Sign Language and Interpreting Services
- VIII. AJ. Approve the Renewal of Contract #7012, Nutritional Services, Paper & Cleaning Supplies
- VIII. AK. Approve the Renewal of Contract #7020, Nutritional Services, Fresh Bread-Fresh or Frozen
- VIII. AL. Approve the Renewal of Contract #7021, General Foods
- VIII. AM. Approve the Renewal of Contract #7022, Nutritional Services, Main Entrees
- VIII. AN. Approve the Renewal of Contract #7041, Hearing Officer
- VIII. AO. Approve the Renewal of Contract #8144, Special Education Communication Access Real Time (CART)
- VIII. AP. Approve the Renewal of Contract #9001, Speech Language Therapy Services – Regular and Bilingual
- VIII. AQ. Approve the Renewal of contract #9033, Nutritional Services, Slushie Product and Equipment
- VIII. AR. Approve the Renewal of Contract #9070, Beverages, Over-the-Counter
- VIII. AS. Award of RFP #9185, Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating System – **Pulled to be heard separately**
- VIII. AT. Award of RFP #10016, Student Assistance & Prevention Programs
- VIII. AU. Award of RFP #10018, Bus Advertising
- VIII. AV. Approve the Renewal of Contract – Various
- VIII. AW. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by Superintendent or Designee

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

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

Dr. Catalani introduced Robert Aguilar, the new principal of Mohave Middle School, who was listed in the Board Agenda under Personnel Actions, and welcomed him to the District.

Mrs. Petersen had requested Consent Agenda Item VIII. M. Approval of High School Participation Fees be pulled to be heard separately. Mrs. Petersen was pleased that the fees were going to be \$125 instead of \$200, but wanted to know how the difference would be accounted for. Dr. Catalani responded that the budget that will be presented has taken the reduction into account and that the proposal for the \$125 fee came about after dialogue with the community. Dr. Meyer commented that the District should clearly communicate with the parents that the \$400 Tax Credit could be used for extracurricular activities. Ms. Beckvar suggested sending a tax donation form with the request for the participation fee.

Dr. Meyer moved to increase the high school athletic participation fees as follows:

Current

- \$100 per student per sport
- \$200 per student per year
- \$300 per family per year

Proposed

- \$125 per student per sport
- \$250 per student per year
- \$350 per family per year

Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

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

Consent Agenda Continued

Motion #163
Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

•High School Participation Fees

Motion #164
Approval of increase in High School Athletic Participation Fees

Dr. Meyer has requested Consent Agenda Item VIII. AS Award of RFP #9185, Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Systems, be pulled to be heard separately to be able to comment that as a District, we are making every effort we can by controlling our energy costs. The award of this RFP will allow the District to fix its costs based on solar panels.

•Award of RFP #9185, Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Systems

Ms. Beckvar moved to approve the award of RFP #9185, Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Systems, to Solar City in partnership with Praxis Energy, LLC, for a fixed rate of \$0.11 a kilowatt hour lease agreement. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

Motion #165
Award of RFP #9185, Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Systems

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

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Catalani presented Information/Discussion Item IX. E. Budget Update. Dr. Catalani reported that the Republican leaders will be releasing their budget tomorrow, June 3, and that it is different from the budget the Governor had presented. The delay affects peoples' lives and negatively impacts students. SUSD has developed a budget based on what it believes its funding level will be and will present that proposal to the Board on June 16th. Dr. Meyer gave a brief synopsis of what is currently happening at the Legislature and asked all constituents to keep advocating for the smallest cuts possible to education.

•Budget Update

Kevin Price, Internal Auditor, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. A. Audit Services Board Update. Mr. Price gave a PowerPoint reviewing the Audit Report. The State released its second revised 100 Day ADM, showing an increase for SUSD to 25,348.175. Audit Services will be reviewing that revision. Mr. Price reported that all bond construction is complete. The Audit on Saguaro construction will be completed before Mr. Price leaves the District on June 30, 2009. He also has taken actions to strengthen the areas where improvement can be made on Fixed Assets. He has not had a meeting with Tom Horne to discuss the problems with ADM. He has been waiting for the Attorney General's opinion to be released. Due to budget restraints, ADE problems such as ADM have been pushed aside. All school districts are meeting on this problem and will continue to do so. Ms. Beckvar thanked Mr. Price for his service to the District.

•Audit Services Board Update

Dr. Allen, Executive Director for Middle and Secondary Education, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. B. Proposed Student Code of Conduct Revisions – 2009-2010 School Year and introduced the co-chairs of the committee, Assistant Principals Greg Sackos, Sandy Lundberg, and Nick Noonan, who gave a PowerPoint presentation. A review was given of the objectives for the Code of Conduct which were in compliance with AzSAFE initiative and requirements and how that effected the 2009-2010 Code of Conduct. The committee recommends that the Code of Conduct :

•Proposed Student Code of Conduct Revisions – 2009-10 School Year

- Aligns to AzSafe, an Arizona Department of Education mandate;
- Uses one book – K-12;
- Has a parent signature page redesigned as submitted;
- Be adopted by the Board as submitted.

Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of Prohibited Behavior – Homicide and Kidnapping. The ADE recommended inclusion of the two extreme incidents. The Board was not comfortable including these incidents in the Code of Conduct. Incidents such as those would be handled by local police departments ,and leaving them out would not limit the District's ability to report any such incident. It was decided to omit those incidents from the Code of Conduct. Also discussed was the inclusion of a parent acknowledgement that they have read the Code of Conduct. The committee will include that acknowledgement on the signature page. This item will be brought back as a Consent item on June 16, 2009.

Brought Back 6/16/09 as Consent

Tom Clark, Executive Director for IT, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. C. Technology Implementation – 2009-2010 School Year. Mr. Clark presented a proposal that would allow the District to accelerate its Technology Plan by next year and save a minimum of \$1 million. Three options were presented to the Board in which the District would finance the Technology Plan and implement the entire Plan by October 2009.

•Technology Implementation – 2009-2010 School Year

Option A

Complete Classroom Phase I & II
Network Upgrade & Voice Communications
Finance \$6 million

Option B

Complete Classroom Phase I & II
Network Upgrade
Finance \$4 million

Option C

Complete Classroom Phase I & II
Finance \$2 million

Also, Andi Furlis, Director of Recruitment and Professional Development, presented the goals for Technology Professional Development. The proposal would increase access to technology tools for all students and staff, as well as provide coaching and support for integration of technology in the work place. Mrs. Furlis reported that 500 laptops will be provided to 500 teachers equitably across the District. Those who receive the laptops will participate in a professional development program of study so that they can infuse technology into their instruction.

Discussion followed on the three options and the Board’s concerns regarding financing the plan and sufficient technical support. Mr. Clark reported that the District has a very effective support system, using the “trainer of trainer model,” and that the Vendor would supply training as well. The Board asked Mr. Clark to bring this item back as an Action Item on the June 16, 2009 Agenda.

Michelle Marshall, General Counsel, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. D. Revision of Board Policies – Sections I – Instructional Programs and J – Students. The Board had reviewed the revised policies as submitted by Ms. Marshall and directed her to bring the item back as a Consent Item on June 16, 2009.

Action Items

Dr. Catalani presented Action Item X. A. Approval to Place Renewal of K-3 Override on November 3, 2009 Election Ballot. In 2005, SUSD asked tax payers for permission to address the needs of its youngest learners by approving a K-3 Override. It is now time to renew the Override to ensure the continuous of this funding. This is not a tax increase; the renewal will continue the current funding. Ms. Beckvar asked that support for all day kindergarten is continued. The Board would also like Administration to be sure that everyone is trained on the dos and don’ts for elections.

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve placing the K-3 Override Renewal on the November 3, 2009 Election Ballot. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Catalani presented Action Item X. B. Revisions to Board Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements. Dr. Catalani stated that this item was tabled on the June 2, 2009 Board Agenda to ensure that all high school principals and counselors were in 100% support of the policy. Ms. Marshall made a couple of revisions to the policy so that it accurately reflected the feelings and desires of all of the District’s high school principals and counselors. A minimum GPA was added for the Scholar Diploma and waivers are also reflected in the revisions.

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements, as presented. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Future Action

The Board did not have any requests for Future Action Items.

Governing Board Reports

Ms. Beckvar thanked High School Principals and their staffs for the meaningful graduation ceremonies held at each high school.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 5:30 PM, Regular Board Meeting-Work/Study
Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 1:00 PM – Special Board Meeting – Work/Study
Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 5:30 PM – Public Hearing/Special Board Meeting

Brought Back on 6/16/09 as Action

•Revision of Board Policies-Sections I&J

Brought Back on 6/16/09 as Consent

Action Items

•Renewal of K-3 Override on Nov. 3, 2009 Election Ballot

Motion #166

Approval to Place K-3 Override Renewal on November 3, 2009 Election Ballot

•Revisions to Policy IKF- Graduation Requirements

Motion #167

Approval of Revisions Policy IKF-Graduation Requirements

Future Action

Governing Board Reports

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Motion #168

At 8:53 PM, Mrs. Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

Adjournment

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

Dated this 2nd day of June 2009.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Karen Beckvar, President

Eric Meyer, Clerk

Jennifer Petersen

Dieter Schaefer

Bonnie Sneed