

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

February 9, 2017

A Special Meeting – Study Session/Executive Session of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 3:03 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, Arizona. Mrs. Perleberg called upon Mrs. Beckham to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in attendance were Barbara Perleberg, President; Pam Kirby, Vice President; Allyson Beckham; Kim Hartmann; and Sandy Kravetz. Superintendent Dr. Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present.

Dr. Steve Nance, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, presented Information/Discussion Item III. A. Discussion of K-8 Structure. Dr. Nance noted that his presentation was not about any particular school, but was a review of the advantages of a K-8 school, as well as the advantages of a middle school. There is no conclusive research showing any differences in the models. A PowerPoint was shared that reviewed the components of both models of instruction. The Board discussed opportunities afforded to students through a K-8 school model and through a middle school model. Also discussed were different models of instruction, including K-5, K-6 and 7-12. There are many options to consider, but there is not an easy answer as it is a complicated question. The Board discussed how important this is to the community and realizes that whatever solution it arrives at for the Coronado Learning Community, it does not have to be the solution for every community in the District.

•K-8 Structure

Michelle Marshall, Legal Counsel for the District, presented Information/Discussion Item III. B. Review of Revisions to Governing Board Policy Manual – Section L. Section L deals with Education Agency Relations, and is a relatively small section of the Policy Manual. Ms. Marshall reviewed her recommended revisions, which included the addition of two policies, LD – Relations with Colleges and Universities and LH – Relations with Education Accreditation Agencies, which SUSD does not currently have. The revisions for Policy LC – Relations with Education Research Agencies, is being revised to comply with legislation enacted during the 2016 Legislative Session. The policies will be brought back as Consent on the March 21, 2017 Board Agenda.

•Governing Board Policy Manual – Section L

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education, presented Information/Discussion Item III. C. Review of Structure of Professional Development Day for Teachers. Dr. von Gnechten shared a PowerPoint reviewing a typical lesson plan for a high school-level subject on a regular attendance day, as well as the same subject on an early-release day. Discussion followed regarding the perception of a lack of rigor on early-release days. It has been found that early release days are never the ideal day to deliver professional development to teachers. Further discussion was had regarding offering teachers full days of professional development outside of a regular school day.

•Structure of Professional Development Day

Future Items

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The Board would like:

- Further discussion on professional development days for teachers.
- Discussion on teacher contract days, and what they look like comparatively across the Valley.
- Clarification on a 7-12 grade instructional model.
- Discussion on selection of 2nd school to be rebuilt or redesigned, depending on the chosen instructional model.

At 4:42 PM, Mrs. Kirby moved to convene in Executive Session for:

Motion #52
Convene in Executive Session

- A. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body so that those representatives can properly represent the Board in upcoming “Meet and Confer” sessions, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5).

Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.
At 7:00 PM, the Special Meeting reconvened.

Mrs. Kirby moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Mrs. Beckham seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 9th day of February 2017.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Barbara Perleberg, President

Pam Kirby, Vice President

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Reconvene Special Mtg.

Motion #53
Adjournment