

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

February 25, 2016

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 4:12 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Mohave District Annex, 8500 E Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Barbara Perleberg, Vice President; Kim Hartmann; George Jackson, and Pam Kirby. Interim Superintendent Dr. Denise Birdwell, was also present. A quorum was present.

Mrs. Sneed moved to convene in Executive Session for:

- A. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body regarding the search process for the new Superintendent of the Scottsdale Unified School District, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3)(4).

Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

At 5:58 PM, the Special Meeting reconvened.

STUDY SESSION

Mrs. Sneed indicated that, as there was no information to present specific to Information/Discussion and Possible Action regarding proceeding with the search process for a new Scottsdale Unified School District Superintendent, Item IV. A, the discussion was open for Board member comment. Board members expressed varying viewpoints regarding awaiting a legal opinion on the approval of ASBA to perform the permanent Superintendent search. The opinion would require approximately one week for completion. Discussions revolved around whether a compressed timeline would allow for the process to be completed with appropriate community input, if the candidate pool would be reduced such that the leadership characteristics could not be matched with the community vision, and if deferring the process could be construed by stakeholders as a breach of the commitment made by the Governing Board to honor the process. All Governing Board members agree that it is important to act in a manner that is best for the community, families, students, and staff. A strong leader is also an important variable as the Governing Board considers initiatives such as a Bond and Capital Override, and addresses the need to increase enrollment and diversify student opportunity. While the Board agrees on the issues of importance, opinions differ on whether the goals can be met by respecting the process as originally outlined; or, if the goals would best be met by extending the timeline for a permanent superintendent search.

Mrs. Kirby moved to defer the search for a permanent superintendent until FY16-17, the next school year. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 –1; with 1-Nay from Mrs. Sneed.

At 7:11 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 25th day of February 2016.

Motion #75
Convene in Executive Session

Special Meeting Reconvened

Study Session
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Superintendent Search

Motion #76
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Permanent Superintendent Search

Motion #77
Adjournment

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

George Jackson

Pam Kirby