

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION/ STUDENT APPEAL/
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

December 13, 2016

A Special Meeting/Executive Session/ Student Appeal of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 3:35 PM at the Scottsdale Unified School District Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona.

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

Mrs. Sneed moved to convene in Executive Session/Student Appeal at 3:35 PM. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1 Mrs. Kirby recused herself).

Motion #29
Executive
Session/Student Appeal

Swearing in of newly elected Board members took place approximately 4:30 pm. New Board Members; Barbara Perleberg, Allyson Beckham, and Sandy Kravetz were sworn in by Board President Bonnie Sneed.

Swearing in of Newly
Elected Board Members

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:04 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Regular Board Meeting

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Barbara Perleberg, Vice President; Kim Hartmann; George Jackson; and Pam Kirby. Interim Superintendent Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed called upon Mr. Jackson to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Kirby moved to Amend the Agenda by moving VIII E Action Item to an Information Item. Mrs. Kirby moved to approve the Amended Agenda. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

Motion #30
Approval of Agenda as
Amended

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Clif McKenzie, Executive Director of Athletics, recognized the Saguaro State Champion Football Team. The team presented the Board with a signed game ball from the championship game. The team also showcased their trophies.

Students and Staff
Recognition and
Celebrations

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director for Support Services – recognized the PBIS AZ Award – (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) Recognition for three campuses who competed within the Film Festival and won awards, Chris Asmussen, from Mohave Elementary, Joel Young from Desert Canyon ES, and Haley Fortney Copper Ridge Elementary.

Dr. David McNeil, Assistant Superintendent, recognized County Trip Reduction Program. Cochise Elementary School won first place over Sequoya, and Desert Canyon Elementary school as well as several business organizations.

Dr. David McNeil also recognized, State Champ Cathy Anderson, Teacher of the Year for Adaptive PE designated for Special Needs Students. Thank you for your amazing work with these students.

Dr. von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education, recognized Mountainside Middle School as a Springboard Demonstration School. Dr. von Gnechten also recognized Vicki White from Mohave Middle School teachers' summer geography training. Lastly, Four Time Thespian Festival Awards from Chaparral High School. The Theatre Team was presented to the Board for their honors.

Public Comment

1 Michael Norton –Thank you for your service and commitment President Sneed and Mr. George Jackson. Funding is limited by the funds that the State allows. We do not have the funding for

Public Comment

rebuilding all schools and therefore we need to balance the spending. We need to rethink the building of smaller schools.

2 Julie Cieniawski SEA – People try to define success, but to a teacher, it could be as simple as a student showing up to class. Thank you for your service as a Board and for the importance of what you do for the students and community. Thank you for your commitment and hard work.

3 Chris Thuman, Principal of Ingleside, Recognized a staff member, Susan Doyle, Director of Human Resources. Susan stopped to help a student in need after crashing his bike. Mr. Thuman also thanked the Board for their service.

4 Nancy Hudson – President of SAA, thanked President Sneed and Mr. Jackson for their years of service to Scottsdale Unified School District.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Birdwell commented that:

- Open Enrollment – As of December 13, 2016, 1,372 open enrollment applications have been submitted. Families will be told by February 1 where their students stand.
- Niche ranking – Scottsdale Unified School District has been named the 3rd best school district in the state of Arizona by Niche and a 2017 Best School District in America.
- First Lego League Robotics Tournament – Mohave Middle School hosted the First Lego League Robotics Tournament. The event was organized entirely by Saguaro High School robotics students, but were also supported by Mohave students. 7th grader Colin Hutton and 8th grader Ben Steinberg, who did yeoman's work supporting the tournament. Saguaro's Lucky Lim was given the Volunteer award and Yavapai art teacher Kay King won the Coach award
- Saguaro Principal, Ann Achtziger, appointment of Ann Achtziger to become Saguaro High School's principal. Dr. Denise Birdwell discussed Ms. Achtziger's knowledge and accomplishments and congratulated her as Principal of Saguaro High School.
- Dr. Denise Birdwell presented a tribute with pictures of Board President Bonnie Sneed and Board member George Jackson with a special thank you for all their service and dedication over the years. Both Mrs. Sneed and Mr. Jackson expressed their gratitude for all the wonderful kind words and Leadership team and said their service was an honor to be Governing Board members.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$10,654.31
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers November 16, 2016 through November 30, 2016 **Pulled to be heard separately**
- C. Payroll Vouchers Processed from November 3, 2016 through December 1, 2016
- D. Personnel Actions – 11/5/2016 through 11/28/2016
- E. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2016 Special Governing Board Meeting/Study Session
- F. Approval of Minutes of November 22, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting **Pulled to be heard separately**
- G. Action of Hearing Officer's Recommendation
- H. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
- I. Approval of 2017-2018 Middle School Planning Guide (MSPG)
- J. Approval of 2017-2018 High School Planning Guide (HSPG)
- K. Approval to Purchase Architectural Services
- L. Approve the Purchase of Facility Lifecycle Analysis Services through the 1 Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA) Contract
- M. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with /Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) for Transition from School to Work Services
- N. Ratification of Procurement Item Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization

Superintendent's
Comments

Consent Agenda as
Amended

Mrs. Sneed asked to remove Consent Agenda item VII B, Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from November 16, through November 30, 2016 and Mrs. Hartmann asked to remove Consent Agenda item VII F, Approval of Minutes of November 22, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting, (with a later comment) from the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Kirby made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda without VII B and VII F. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion #31
Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

Motion passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

Consent Agenda item VII B, Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from November 16, through November 30, 2016 - Mrs. Sneed recused herself.

Motion #32
Approval of Consent Agenda Item VII B

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Consent Agenda item VII B, Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from November 16, through November 30, 2016. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1 (Mrs. Sneed recused herself).

Motion #33
Approval of Consent Agenda Item VII F as amended

Mrs. Hartmann moved to approve Consent Agenda item VII F, Minutes of November 22, 2016 with the addition of the ***Future Item, Employee engagement survey/assessment preferably in January***, as amended. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Action Items
No Action Taken

Action Items

Possible Vote to Convene in Executive Session:

- A. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1), for discussion or consideration of a proposed Superintendent Contract.

Mrs. Sneed reminded the audience that one Executive Session has already taken place at the Study Session on December 8, 2016. Board decided no further Executive Session was necessary. No action was taken.

•Superintendent Contract 2016-2019

The Board discussed Action Item VIII B. Approval of the Superintendent Contract for the 2016-2019 for Dr. A. Denise Birdwell. Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Sneed thanked both Mrs. Hartmann and Mrs. Perleberg for their help in the negotiation of the contract. Mrs. Hartmann spoke about two elements of the contract that validated their decision of choosing Dr. Birdwell and thanked her for her input. First, the Superintendent contract in the past had been done in a calendar year versus a school fiscal year. Dr. Birdwell pointed out how and why the contract would be best for the District if done in a fiscal year. Secondly, performance, how to measure and balanced it. The Board needs to define Performance and it should include; academic achievement, fiscal, organizational health, academic focus and community partnerships.

Mrs. Perleberg made a motion to approve the Superintendent Contract for 2016-2019 for Dr. A. Denise Birdwell. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

Motion # 34
Approval of Superintendent Contract for Dr. A. Denise Birdwell

The Motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

Congratulations were expressed to Dr. Birdwell and she thanked Attorney Denise Lowell-Britt for her assistance with the contract.

Daniel O'Brien presented the Sale of the Bond Resolution VIII D. Approval is being asked for the Resolution of selling \$45 million of the bond proceeds to begin immediately. Clarification was added by Dr. Birdwell expressing the increase from original conversation from \$40 to \$45 million. This does not mean the \$45 million will be all spent in one year, just fiscally a better decision to sell when the interest rate is low and we are locked into an interest rate.

•Sale of the Bond Resolution

Mrs. Sneed made a Motion that the Governing Board deem advisable and adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of school improvement bonds of the District. This is the first sale, \$45 million of the \$229 million, of the Bond approved by the voters on November 8th.

Motion # 35
Sale of the Bond Resolution

Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion. Mr. Jackson abstained from the vote.

The Motion past with a vote 4-0-1 (Mr. Jackson abstained)

Information Item

Dr. Birdwell presented ~~Action~~ Information/Discussion item VIII E. Process and Approval of First Bond Rebuild Project (Mrs. Kirby had amended the Agenda for this item). This is a summary of what the Board discussed in the Study Session. The Governing Board has a Fiscal Responsibility of:

- Authorizing the sale of the bonds
- Priority of the expenditures
- Hiring of Architectural and Construction firms
- Notifying the community yearly of the expenditures
- Approval of the Design of schools
- Provide timeline of construction
- Monitoring the appropriate expenditures

The Superintendent and District Staff has the Responsibility of:

- Bond budget balances
- Bond strategic plans
- Implementation of projects
- Selection of a bond committee for fiscal review
- Project reports and updates
- Yearly enrollment growth or decline
- Expenditures including category percentiles
- Measurable data on impact of expenditure in instructional practice

The District Design Team includes:

- Superintendent/Designee, Architectural Firm, School Principal, Director M&O, Chief Systems Officer (IT/Infrastructure), Director Nutritional Services, Director of Transportation, Chief Security Officer, Assistant Superintendent, (Student Academic Program and Curriculum

The School Community Includes:

- Architectural Firm, Chief Financial Officer, Principal, Teachers (3), Parents (3), Community at Large

Dr. Birdwell also discussed three Case Studies as examples from two Architectural firms which discussed examples in different phases. Each Study has a timeline of 21 months. These are only examples of the process of a couple different school sites with varying complexities and timelines. Mrs. Kirby asked several questions concerning what the District is locked into regarding the site, location and designs. The design and discussion stages usually take 4-6 months. Discussion followed with questions from Board members.

Amend and Rephrase Action item VIII F -Approval of Hohokam and Hopi Elementary Schools for Rebuild. Discussion and questions ensued over what the rephrase should say.

Mrs. Hartmann made a motion to approve the Hopi rebuild and to prioritize the discussion of Hohokam. Further, authorize Administration to pursue construction procurement process for Hopi Elementary School. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Future Items – No items

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

- Thursday, January 12, 2017 – 3:00 PM – Study Session
- Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting
- Thursday, February 9, 2017 – 3:00 PM – Study Session
- Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting

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Information Item

Amended from Action VIII E

- Process and Approval of First Bond Rebuild Project.

Action Items

- Approval of Hohokam and Hopi Elementary Schools for Rebuild

Motion # 36

Approval of Action Item VIII F as amended

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Jackson – Attended Saguardo High School Championship Football game which was wonderful. Also the BUSS breakfast on November 29, 2016 with great speakers. Lastly, he attended at Mohave Middle School, the Robotics Tournament which was outstanding. Mr. Jackson expressed it has been an honor to serve on the Board for Scottsdale Unified School District and the community is excited to see Scottsdale moving in a positive direction.

Mrs. Hartmann attended the Charro's event November 16th for the Business and Education community. She also attended the Scottsdale Leadership Luncheon Awards to honor a student from Desert Mountain. Mrs. Hartmann also had an opportunity to work with the Community engagement and academic achievement initiatives. The Initiatives are with Charros and ASU for a Design Challenge for the Coronado Community. Mrs. Hartmann and Dr. Birdwell met with a representative concerning a Workforce Initiative and Partnership with Economic Development. Mrs. Perleberg congratulated Ms. Achtziger on her appointment as Principal at Saguardo High School. She also congratulated Mohave 8th grade choir and their instructor for a wonderful concert.

Mrs. Sneed, Board President congratulated Dr. Birdwell on being appointed as Superintendent. She also thanked everyone for a wonderful 8 years of serving Scottsdale Unified as a Board member.

At 7:00 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a presentation of gifts and short celebration ensued for Governing Board members Mrs. Sneed and Mr. Jackson, whose terms expire on December 31, 2016.

Dated this 13th day of December 2016

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

George Jackson

Pam Kirby

Motion #37
Adjournment