

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

April 19, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:08 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Barbara Perleberg, Vice President; Kim Hartmann; George Jackson; and Pam Kirby. Board President Bonnie Sneed was absent. Board Vice President Perleberg chaired the meeting. Interim Superintendent Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present. Vice President Perleberg called upon Mr. Jackson to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Perleberg welcomed approximately 130 visitors.

Mrs. Hartmann approved the Agenda as submitted. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Dr. Milissa Sackos recognized Mohave Middle School student Haley Stephens for the PBIS film she created that received national recognition at the Annual PBIS Conference and Film Festival in San Francisco.

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten recognized the following students and staff:

- Cocopah Middle School Science Olympiad team for winning second place in the Arizona State Science Olympiad Tournament
- Dashram Pai, 6th grade student at Cocopah Middle School who took third place in the 2016 State National Geographic Bee
- Desert Mountain high School students who were Graphic Design Winners:
 - Lauren Anderson – top honors at the State of Arizona’s Skills USA Competition and first place at the Western States Printing Alliance Competition
 - Hannah Emery won third place for her awareness poster at the Western States Printing Alliance Competition
 - Amelia Whittington won third place for her concert poster at the Western States Printing Alliance Competition
- Taylor Ruck, sophomore at Chaparral High School, became the youngest Arizona Olympian since 1992 when she was named to the Canadian swim team for the Rio Olympics
- Thirteen students from Chaparral, Desert Mountain and Saguaro High Schools were Music State Champions:
 - Chaparral High School
 - Sydney Chalpin, Madison Kearney, and Marissa Fireman - All-State Band
 - Ann Chang – All-State Orchestra
 - Sophie Phillips – All-State Choir
 - Teachers: Jennifer Mireau – Band, and Nathan /Richard – Orchestra and Choir
 - Desert Mountain high School
 - Barrett Yueh – All State Band
 - Wesley Jung – All-State Orchestra
 - Michael Goldstein – All-State Choir
 - Teachers: Michelle Irvin – Orchestra and Band; and Jennifer Moore –Choir
 - Saguaro High School
 - Cameron Whyte – All-State Orchestra
 - Seth Tutnick – All-State Choir
 - Davis Whyte – All-State Choir
 - Chance Robson – All-State Choir
 - Tino Velez – All-State Choir
 - Teachers: Eileen Wright – Orchestra; and Gaylin Tutnick – Choir
- Three Coronado students took first place at the 26th Annual American Indian Student Art Show and Sale sponsored by the Heard Museum Guild:
 - Angelica Butler – Cultural Items for her etched shell
 - Isiah Gorman – Photography
 - Brody Begay – Computer Generated Art (digital photography)

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Submitted

Students and Staff
Recognition and
Celebrations

- Arcadia High School Winter Guard earned the title of 2016 Novice Class Champion at the Winter Guard Arizona Championships. Also congratulated was their teacher, Jan Gardner
- FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition – Arizona West Regional
Arcadia High School robotics team #3187, received the Gracious Professionalism Award
Chaparral High School robotics team #3019, awarded the Regional Engineering Inspiration Award and received an invitation to compete in the FIRST Robotics Championships in St. Louis, MO
Saguaro High School robotics team #4146, received three awards: the Industrial Safety Award, the Wildcard Award, and recognized as a Regional Finalist and was invited to the 2016 FIRST Championship in St. Louis, MO

Public Comment

Jenny Ekstrom, teacher at Sequoya Elementary School, spoke in regard to salaries for teachers, the teachers' evaluation process, and the state of things at Sequoya.

Julie Cieniawski, President of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA) spoke in regard to honoring SUSD teachers and safeguarding teachers with better pay.

Edmund Richard spoke in regard to the low graduation rate in the Coronado Learning Community.

Jim Heather thanked the Board for extending Dr. Birdwell's contract for an additional year and presented Dr. Birdwell with a stuffed tiger for her office to signify Dr. Birdwell being a tiger mom (Superintendent of Scottsdale Schools) protecting her tiger cubs (the SUSD District students).

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Birdwell made the following comments:

- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report was awarded to SUSD Finance Department
- AZMerit Testing is taking place in our schools
- Voices of Saguaro performed in the 2016 COA Nationals in New York
- Cochise Elementary School raised \$21,707 at the Jump Rope for the Heart Fundraiser and is currently ranked #1 in the state of Arizona
- The PBIS Film Festival was held at Saguaro High School. The following groups earned awards:
 - Kiva Rap – Best in Show
 - Desert Canyon Elementary School – Best in Show
 - Mountainside ROAR – Most Community Involvement
 - Copper Ridge Nice Girls – Most Creative
 - Pima Playground – Most Positive
 - Kiva Kindergarten – Most PBIS Centered
- The Charro Foundation's Outstanding Educators and Students Awards Banquet will be held on April 22
- Introductions of New Principals and Cabinet Positions:
 - Anna McCauley – Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Instruction
 - Steve Nance – Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
 - Krista Anderson – Executive Director of Special Education
 - Kathleen Hughes – Principal of ANLC
 - Tamara Jogodzinski – Principal of Hopi
 - David Priniski – Principal of Tonalea
 - Chris Thuman – Principal of Ingleside
- Assistant Principal Week 2015 was April 11 – 15
- This week is Public School Volunteer Week
- During the month of April, school librarians and their programs are celebrated
- Teacher Appreciation Week 2016 is May 2 – 6, 2016

Public Comment

Superintendent's
Comments

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$176,335.16
 - B. Accounts Payable Vouchers March 16, 2016 through April 6, 2016
 - C. Payroll Vouchers Processed from March 7, 2016 through April 7, 2016
 - D. Personnel Actions – 03/01/2016 through 04/04/2016
 - E. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2016 Special Board Meeting-Study Session
 - F. Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
 - G. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2016 Special Board Meeting/Study Session
 - H. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2016 Special Board Meeting/Study Session/Executive Session
 - I. Action of Hearing Officer’s Recommendations
 - J. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
 - K. Auxiliary Operations Statement for February FY16
 - L. Student Activities Statement for February FY16
 - M. Tax Credit Statement for February FY16
 - N. Approval of Acknowledgement and Grantor Approval for LTE 3C, 4C Modifications on AT&T Cellular Tower Site P011 at Saguaro High School
 - O. Approve the Renewal of Contracts
 - P. Approve the Award of the RFP for Architectural Services Issued through 1GPA
 - Q. Approve the Purchase of Architectural/Professional Services through the 1GPA Contract
 - R. Approve the Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Lobbying Services
 - S. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Supt. or Designees with Prior Board Authorization
- AMENDMENT TO CONSENT AGENDA: Personnel Action Items 03/01/16 – 04/04/16

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Information/Discussion Items

Terry Worcester, Director of Facilities, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. District Facility Master Plan Summary. He introduced Allison Suriano, from Facility Management Group (FMG). FMG has been conducting a facility study of District schools. To date, the oldest eight elementary schools have been analyzed. Ms. Suriano presented a PowerPoint giving a summary of FMG’s findings. Dr. Birdwell announced that there will be a place on SUSD’s website, “ Facility Master Plan,” with all the current data available to the public.

Dr. Pam Sitton, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Teacher Evaluation Instrument. A PowerPoint was shown highlighting the changes in the instrument and the next steps that will be taken to improve the evaluation instrument. A discussion ensued regarding an appeal process for teachers. Dr. Birdwell stated that further discussion on the appeal process could be brought forward at a future Governing Board meeting.

Daniel O’Brien, CFO, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. C. Budget Update – FY17. Mr. O’Brien reviewed the Informational DRAFT of a proposed budget for FY17 with the data showing usage of possible revenue the District would receive from Prop 123, if approved by the voters. The Proposed Budget figures are all based on JLBC data. Discussion followed regarding a possible Capital Override Election, as well as a Bond Election, in November 2016 and if the passage of either of those initiatives would free-up funds for technology and salary increases presently allocated for other purposes on the Proposed Budget for FY17, as presented. Board Members indicated that in the future, they would like to see what the Proposed Budget would look like if Prop 123 was not approved by the voters. Mr. Jackson stated that if possible, he would like more of the one-time funds to be used for teacher compensation. He, along with all the Board Members, would like to do whatever they can to help SUSD teachers. Mr. O’Brien reiterated that the items presented at this meeting are based on revenue and dollars that would come from Prop 123, should it be approved by voters.

Action Item

Dr. Karen Benson, Executive Director of Instructional Services, presented Action Item IX. A. K-5 World Language Modified Adoption. A PowerPoint was shared reviewing the World Language Instructional Materials Committee’s recommendations for resources. Dr. Benson noted that the Committee is requesting approval for a one-year of Phase One vendors so that the sustainability of the program can be monitored. Board Members discussed the funding for the program. Mr.

Consent Agenda

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Approval of consent Agenda as Amended

Information/Discussion

•District Facility Master Plan Summary

•Teacher Evaluation Instrument

•Budget Update – FY17

Action Item

•K-5 World Language Modified Adoption

O'Brien stated that some unrestricted capital dollars have been identified. The Board Members feel that this is an important program for SUSD students and believes that the funding to sustain the program will be available.

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the vendors and open source resource identified by the World Language Instructional Materials Committee as the primary and supplementary curriculum resources in elementary World Language program offerings for the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Future Items

Mrs. Hartmann would like a discussion on District performance metrics before the end of the school year. She would like the discussion to include what the District's future metrics will look like and a timeline showing what is needed to get results.

Mrs. Kirby would like a discussion on the teacher evaluation and appeal processes. She noted this discussion can be done next fiscal year.

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Jackson reported that he attended the Western Regional Robotics Competition at Grand Canyon University and was very proud of the teams from SUSD.

Mrs. Hartmann reported that she, along with Dr. Birdwell and Dr. von Gnechten, SUSD Executive Director of Secondary Education, had the opportunity to meet with Arizona State University (ASU) President Dr. Michael Crow's Educational Outreach & Student Services Department to discuss state college attainment trends and goals. Statistics, based on 2013 figures, show that two of the largest performing schools are SUSD schools. Dr. von Gnechten will be sharing SUSD student performance data on how they are performing at ASU.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, April 28, 2016 – 3:00 PM – Study Session
- Thursday, May 5, 2016 – 3:00 PM – Study Session
- Tuesday, May 10, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Mrs. Kirby congratulated Mrs. Perleberg on running a smooth meeting with very short notice.

At 7:14 PM, Mrs. Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Dated this 19th day of April 2016

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

George Jackson

Pam Kirby

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Approval of K-5 World Language Modified Adoption

Future Items

Governing Board Reports

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

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Adjournment