

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

November 14, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:15 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Barbara Perleberg, President; Pam Kirby, Vice President; Allyson Beckham; Kim Hartmann; and Sandy Kravetz. Superintendent Dr. A. Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present. President Perleberg called upon Mrs. Kirby to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Perleberg welcomed approximately 200 visitors.

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

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

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Dr. Cecilia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Leadership:

- Introduced Dale Link, Desert Canyon Middle School Principal, and the DC Voices Advanced Choir, under the direction of student teacher Adam Kent. The students performed the French madrigal, “Je le vous dirai.”
- Recognized Cocopah Middle School social studies teacher Cheri Stegall and Principal Nick Noonan. The Arizona Council of the Social Studies has named Cheri Stegall the 2017 recipient of its Isadore Starr Distinguished Social Studies Teacher Award.
- Recognized the Saguaro High School Robotics team and Math & Science Academy program coordinator Susan Lindberg. The team finished second at the recent Sanghi Foundation state First Robotics Championships. They worked in alliance with Brophy College Prep and Tempe Prep.

Nathan Slater, District Athletic Director, recognized:

- Arcadia High School boys championship golf team
- Chaparral High School girls championship badminton doubles team

Erin Helm, Public Information and Marketing Officer, recognized Desert Canyon Middle School security officer Dennis Draper for the outstanding job he did in making a Desert Canyon Middle School student feel very special for Halloween. The student is a big Star Wars fan and Mr. Draper built him a Star Wars X-Wing that fits onto the student’s wheelchair.

Dr. Birdwell and Governing Board Members recognized the first 29 SUSD teachers who have been named Outstanding Educators. Each school’s principal recommended a teacher for the honor. Each teacher was presented with a red rose.

Public Comment

Edmond Richard thanked the Governing Board for the demolition of the 68th Street property. Although the community is sad it is being demolished, the property has been a blight on the community.

Nancy Cantor advised the Board that community members are volunteering to protect the mosaic art that has been a part of the 68th Street property during the demolition process.

Susan Hughes spoke in regard to teacher and classified support staff contracts and respecting teachers.

Kari Kurland spoke in support of reinstating the Teacher Employment Agreement (TEA) and the Meet and Confer process.

Beth Parsons spoke in support of the North Star Project.

Julie Cieniawski asked the Board to listen to the employees of the District, honor the TEA and engage the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA).

Motion #30
Approval of Agenda

Students and Staff
Recognitions and
Celebrations

Public Comment

Bonnie Bezon spoke in support of reinstating the TEA, the bargaining process and release time for the SEA president.

Andrea Mee spoke in regard to a teacher's point of view and why she gave up teaching.

Jason Skrodenis spoke in regard to issues and concerns regarding communication and transparency.

Jann-Michael Greenburg spoke about transparency with the superintendent.

Dana Fuller spoke of her concern with serious issues that need to be addressed. Asked the Board to stop construction until answers are provided.

Dan Drake spoke about trust and verifying information. Would like Hopi to be renovated rather than rebuilt.

Eric Kurland spoke of how the state is trying to decimate teaching.

Mindy Whalen spoke in support of reinstating the TEA and bringing back the Meet and Confer process.

Rony Assali spoke in regard to collecting and using data regarding teachers and parents versus rhetoric.

Joe Thomas, Arizona Education Association president, asked the Board to do what is right and listen to its teachers.

Richard Spiegel responded to comments made at the last Board meeting. The Hopi community was never asked what they wanted. The Board disregarded the possibility of renovating existing buildings.

Claudia Richardson stated the Hopi community wants to be listened to. The Board should listen to what the people are trying to say.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Birdwell reported:

- The Learning Community Conversations with the Superintendent on instructional practice and teacher training finished up for this semester. The meetings will resume in February. Thank you to parents and all those who attended.
- Last month, the District hosted Scottsdale Honors Its Own (SHIO), and celebrated District employees who marked 10, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. Congratulations to all.
- Also last month, the District held its 3rd annual SUSD Showcase at Cocopah Middle School. The event celebrated all-things SUSD. Thank you to all those who helped, and thank you Nick Noonan for letting us invade his campus.
- Last week, two annual District events were held: the High School Marching Band Exhibition, at Desert Mountain high School, and the Middle School Choir Festival, at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Thank you students for making us proud.
- This week, SUSD middle school student athletes will wrap up their fall season as they compete in the Middle School Fall Sports Festival.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts – \$41,595.64
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers October 4, 2017 through November 1, 2017
- C. Payroll Vouchers October 3, 2017 through November 2, 2017
- D. Personnel Actions – 09/09/2017 through 10/27/2017
- E. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2017 Special Governing Board Meeting and Executive Session
- F. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2017 Special Governing Board Meeting
- G. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2017 Regular Governing Board Meeting
- H. Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- I. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips

Superintendent's
Comments

Consent Agenda

- J. Auxiliary Operations Statement for June Fiscal Year 2017
- K. Auxiliary Operations Statement for July Fiscal Year 2018
- L. Auxiliary Operations Statement for August Fiscal Year 2018
- M. Auxiliary Operations Statement for September Fiscal Year 2018
- N. Student Activities Statement for June Fiscal Year 2017
- O. Student Activities Statement for July Fiscal Year 2018
- Consent Agenda - Continued
- P. Student Activities Statement for August Fiscal Year 2018
- Q. Student Activities Statement for September Fiscal Year 2018
- R. Tax Credit Statement for June Fiscal Year 2017
- S. Tax Credit Statement for July Fiscal Year 2018
- T. Tax Credit Statement for August Fiscal Year 2018
- U. Tax Credit Statement for September Fiscal Year 2018
- V. Approval of K-8 Science Kit Updates
- W. Hohokam Traditional School Name Revision to Hohokam Elementary School
- X. Pima Elementary School Name Revision to Pima Traditional School
- Y. Award of Contract for the Demolition of the Buildings Located at 6801 E. Oak St. in Scottsdale, AZ (formerly Tonalea Elementary School)
- Z. Award of Contract for the Demolition of the K Building, Pima Elementary School Campus Located at 8330 E. Osborn Rd. in Scottsdale, AZ.
- AA. Award of Contract – Apache Roof Replacement
- BB. Approval to Combine Both Lot Parcels into One Lot Parcel Located at Cheyenne Traditional School
- CC. Approval of the Purchase of Multi-Functionally Device Copier

Mrs. Kravetz moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Action Items

Laura Smith, CFO, presented Action Item VIII. A. Issuing School Improvement Bonds of the District. Presenting with Ms. Smith was Megan Burke, the District’s financial advisor from RBC Capital Markets. A discussion was held regarding the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the sale of school improvement bonds at this time.

Mrs. Perleberg moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of school improvement bonds of the District. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0 (Mrs. Beckham voted NAY).

Laura Smith presented Action Item VIII. B. Refunding Outstanding Bonds of the District. Ms. Burke reported that there is an opportunity to refund outstanding bonds at a lower rate, a tax rate savings of over 10% over the life of the loans.

Mrs. Perleberg moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of refunding bonds of the District. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Birdwell presented Action Item VIII. C. Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for RFQ #17090 Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) Services for the New Rebuild Project at Pima Traditional School. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the total cost of the Pima project. A short recess in the meeting was called to clear up some confusion expressed by Mrs. Beckham on the total cost of the project.

Mrs. Perleberg moved to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for RFQ #17090 Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) Services for the New Rebuild Project at Pima Traditional School. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

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

Michelle Marshall, District Legal Counsel, presented Action Item VIII. D. Approve the Revision and/or Adoption of Governing Board Policies: GCL (Professional Staff Schedules & Calendars),

Consent Agenda – Continued

Motion #31
Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented

Action Items
•Issuing School Improvement Bonds

Motion #32
Adopt Resolution – Issuance and Sale of School Improvement Bonds

•Refunding Outstanding Bonds of District

Motion #33
Adopt Resolution – Issuance and Sale of Refunding Bonds

•GMP-RFQ #17090-CM@R Services-Pima Traditional School

Motion #34
Approval of GMP-RFQ #17090-CM@R Services-Pima Traditional School

•Revision/Adoption of Policies GCL, GCQA, GDQA, GDJ

GCQA (Professional Staff Reduction in Force), GDQA (Support Staff Assignments & Transfers), and GDJ (Support Staff Reduction in Force). Ms. Marshall reviewed the revisions suggested by the committee for each policy. The committee suggested alternative language for Policy GCL. The second paragraph of the Policy shall read:

*Professional staff members are expected to be in their respective rooms or work areas as the schedule prescribes so that they may see students, parents, and/or attend to other duties as assigned. ~~Employees will be present and available for an eight (8) hour contract day, which will be determined by the student hours at each school.~~
Employees will be present and available for a professional day in which all obligations are met, as defined by Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee. Family members are not allowed in teacher work areas during school hours, or unsupervised at any time. Exceptions may be granted with permission of the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee.*

Minor revisions for consistency were made to the other policies.

Mrs. Perleberg moved to approve the adoption and/or revisions of Governing Board Policies GCL (Professional Staff Schedules & Calendars), GCQA (Professional Staff Reduction in Force), GDQA (Support Staff Assignments & Transfers), and GDJ (Support Staff Reduction in Force), as presented and amended. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion Items

Mrs. Perleberg moved to table Information/Discussion Items IX. B. Coronado Success Initiative Update and IX. D. Update on FY2017 Bond Projects, to the December 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Debbie Ybarra, Executive Director of Elementary Education, and Dr. Cecilia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Leadership, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. A. 2017-2018 School Continuous Improvement Plans (CIPs). The following school principals presented highlights from their schools’ continuous improvement plans:

- Julio Martinez – Yavapai Elementary School
- Dr. David Priniski – Tonalea K-8 School
- Dale Link – Desert Canyon Middle School
- Christopher Gilmore – Coronado High School

Dr. Birdwell and Dr. Anna McCauley, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Instruction, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. C. Schools for Open Enrollment Capacity. A review of current open enrollment was given. Hopi Elementary School already has 75 students on a waiting list for next year. Dr. Birdwell noted that Hopi kindergarten would be capped to four classes, from the current five classes. Schools will be encouraging parents to sign their student up for enrollment as soon as they can.

Future Items - There were no requests for Future Items.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, December 7, 2017 – 3:00 PM – Special Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Governing Board Reports - There were no Governing Board Reports.

At 9:59 PM, Mrs. Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Beckham seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 14th day of November 2017

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Motion #35
Approval of
Adoption/Revision of
Policies GCL, GCQA,
GDQA, GDJ

Information/Discussion

Motion #36
Table
Information/Discussion
Items IX. B and IX. D.

•2017-2018 CIPs

•Schools for Open
Enrollment Capacity

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming
Meetings

Governing Board
Reports

Motion #37
Adjournment

Barbara Perleberg, President

Pam Kirby, Vice President

Allyson Beckham

Kim Hartmann

Sandy Kravetz