

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

August 15, 2017

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, President; Kim Hartmann; and Sandy Kravetz. Board Vice President Pam Kirby arrived at 6:01 PM; Board Member Allyson Beckham arrived at 6:13 PM. Superintendent Dr. A. Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present. President Perleberg called upon Mrs. Hartmann to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Perleberg welcomed approximately 100 visitors.

Mrs. Perleberg noted amendments to the Agenda:

- Action Items IX. B. Arizona School Boards (ASBA) Annual Membership Dues for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; IX. C. ASBA Proposed 2017 Political Agenda Recommended by the Legislative Committee; and IX. D. Selection of Delegate and Alternate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly September 9, 2017, to be moved to the Consent Agenda and heard as one item.
- Mrs. Hartmann to be the Delegate and Mrs. Beckham to be the Alternate.
- Dr. Birdwell to advise Delegate and Alternate on ASBA Proposed Political Agenda.
- Action item IX. E. ASBA Bylaw Amendments to be removed from the Agenda
- Information/Discussion Item VIII. C. SUSD Program Choice and Academic Rigor to be heard as the first Information/Discussion item.

Mrs. Hartmann moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 0 (Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Beckham had not yet arrived).

Students AND Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Dr. Cecilia Johnson, Assistant Superintendent - Educational Leadership, recognized Coronado High School teacher Wendy Paez. Ms. Paez was named the 2017 Outstanding JAG (Jobs for Arizona Graduates) Coordinator/Specialist. Due to the success of Coronado's JAG program, the office of Arizona Governor Ducey contacted the District to offer a second program at Coronado.

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director - Support Services, recognized the Scottsdale Unified School District Foundation for its support of the District. One of the ways the Foundation supports SUSD is through the award of grants. Grants totaling \$40,000 are awarded annually to SUSD teachers, administrators and students. Dr. Sackos thanked this year's applicants and the Foundation for its generosity.

Public Comment

Paul Lowes spoke in regard to better treatment of SUSD educators.

Julie Horwin spoke in support of release time for the president of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA).

Mike Peabody spoke on behalf of the Scottsdale Support Personnel Association (SSPA), asking that the Governing Board ratify the SSPA Employment Agreement.

Jerry Smith asked the Governing Board to honor the Teacher Employment Agreement (TEA) process with the SEA.

Beth Parsons spoke in support of the SEA, stating that the SEA advocates for the teaching profession.

Ron Davidson stated he teaches for the positive influence he can have on children and his disappointment in the lack of support given to SUSD teachers. He had to spend his own money to make copies of material for his students.

Amendments to Agenda

Motion #138  
Approval of Agenda as Amended

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Public Comment

Dr. Birdwell asked for the receipt for his expenditures, stated that he would be reimbursed and that she would look into this situation.

Bonnie Bezon spoke concerning the climate in SUSD regarding the SEA and the TEA.

Julie Cieniawski, president of the SEA, introduced the SEA Executive Board, stating that its members have been elected to represent their peers and that they contribute a lot of good to SUSD. They do not believe their systems are broken.

Michelle Siek stated that administration delegitimizes the TEA by calling it a handbook.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Birdwell commented on:

- New school year started without a hitch. SUSD welcomed 185 new teachers – the same number of new teachers as last year
- Students returned to find their schools spic-and-span, thanks to our maintenance department
- Dr. Birdwell introduced Debi Spaulding, SUSD Chief Systems Officer, and members of the IT Department and commended them on their very hard work in providing SUSD teachers with 1,520 new laptop computers
- New Programs were started at two schools:
  - A new Gifted Pre-K Academy at Redfield Elementary School
  - Two kindergarten classrooms at Desert Canyon Elementary School, splitting their days between instruction in Mandarin Chinese and English
- Curriculum Nights are coming up in the next few weeks at SUSD schools
- Thank you to the SUSD Foundation. The Foundation's Quest for the Best Gala will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Phoenician. This year's inductees into the Foundation's Hall of Excellence are two members of Chaparral High School's Class of 1994, Channel 3's Jaime Cerreta and former Major League Baseball and Firebirds standout Paul Konerko.
- The SUSD Showcase will be held from 10 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Cocopah Middle School.

Dr. Birdwell completed her remarks by thanking all SUSD teachers for their input and welcomed everyone to the new school year.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts – \$293,908.33
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers FY17 June 14, 2017 through August 2, 2017
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers FY18 July 10, 2017 through July 31, 2017
- D. Payroll Vouchers FY17 June 13, 2017 through July 13, 2017
- E. Payroll Vouchers FY18 July 11, 2017 through July 27, 2017
- F. Personnel Actions – 06/20/2017 through 08/02/2017
- G. Approval of Minutes of June 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting/Public Hearing-FY2017-18 Budget
- H. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- I. Amendment to Minutes of May 9, 2017 Regular Governing Board Meeting
- J. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
- K. Appointment of Student Activities Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers
- L. Student Activities Fundraising Authorization
- M. Tax Credit Fee Authorization
- N. Tax Credit Fee Waiver Authorization
- O. Approval of Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes
- P. Approval of Child and Adult Care Food Program Permanent Agreement
- Q. Approval of National School Lunch Program Permanent Agreement
- R. Approval of 2018 Capital Plan and New Construction Application to State of AZ School Facilities Board
- S. Approve First Amendment to IGA w/City of Scottsdale – Use of Parking Spots at Anasazi Elem. School
- T. Approval of IGA w/City of Scottsdale-Substance Abuse Prevention and Violence Prevention
- U. Approval of IGA w/City of Scottsdale for School Resource Officers

Superintendent's  
Comments

Consent Agenda

- V. Approval of Renewal IGA – SUSD and Page Unified School District
- W. Approval of Renewal IGA – SUSD and Winslow Unified School District
- X. Approval of SUSD Capital Improvement Projects
- Y. Approve Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services – SAVE Contracts
- Z. Approve the Delegation of Procurement Authority

Consent Agenda - Continued

- AA. Approve the Designation of General Counsel as Bid Protest Officer
- BB. Authorization for Execution of Agreements and/or Contracts
- CC. (MOVED FROM ACTION ITEMS) ASBA-2017 Membership Dues, 2017 Political Agenda, Selection of Delegate and Alternate

Mrs. Hartmann moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 0.

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Steve Nance, Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. C. SUSD Program Choice and Academic Rigor. A PowerPoint was shared, reviewing the District’s choice offerings and available transportation for the students who attend these programs. Tied together with choice programs is academic rigor. He stated that it is hard to define exactly what rigor is: rigor is not defined by the type of school; rather, it is what happens within the school that matters.

At 6:01 PM, Mrs. Kirby joined the meeting.

Dr. Anna McCauley, Assistant Superintendent - Accountability and Instruction, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. AzMERIT & AIMS Science Results. A PowerPoint was shown, reviewing student-level trends in ELA and Math. Dr. McCauley reviewed where the greatest gains were in ELA and Math and in performance levels. Shown were the percentages of students who moved from the proficient level to the highly proficient level; also, the percentage of students who maintained the highly proficient level.

At 6:13 PM, Mrs. Beckham joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued concerning comparative data. Dr. Birdwell noted that as the data is studied, administration will be able to identify gaps in student levels. They will then be able to bring high school and middle school teachers together to look at the data and identify how to raise those levels of achievement. Assessment helps administration address those areas of the curriculum that need to be addressed. Dr. McCauley noted that this school year, all 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take the ASPIRE test and all high school juniors will take the ACT test, at no cost to the student. Both tests will be administered during the school day.

Dennis Roehler, Director of Facilities, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Update on Summer 2017 Construction Projects. Mr. Roehler showed a slideshow of highlights of the work his team did over the summer and thanked his team for its hard work and dedication. Dr. Birdwell thanked SUSD voters for the support they showed the District with the passage of the 2016 Bond and Capital Override.

Dr. Christopher Thuman, Principal - Ingleside Middle School, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. D. Reflections on Opening Week. At the Special Meeting held August 10, 2017, reflections on opening week were shared from the high schools and the elementary schools. Dr. Thuman and middle school principals Nick Noonan, Cocopah; and Chris Asmussen, Mohave, shared some of the professional development projects each middle school worked on during the summer. The principals thanked the Governing Board for its support.

Action Item

Louis Hartwell, Chief Business and Operations Officer, and Patti Bilbrey, Director of Nutrition Services, presented Action Item IX. A. Approval of Award for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #18016 – Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Centralized Kitchen Project. Ms. Bilbrey reviewed the process used in awarding this RFQ and highlighted some of the reasons this project is important to the District. The Centralized Kitchen will enable Nutrition Services to

Consent Agenda-Cont'd

Motion #139  
Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

Information/Discussion

•SUSD Program Choice and Rigor

Mrs. Kirby Arrived at Meeting

•AzMERIT & AIMS Science Results

Mrs. Beckham Arrived at Meeting

•Update on Summer 2017 Construction Projects

•Reflections on Opening Week – Middle Schools

Action Item

•Approval of RFQ #18016-CMAR - Centralized Kitchen Project

produce healthier entrees for students. It will enable the department to enhance its profit and bring increased financial revenue to the District. The Board discussed the contingency fee of 6.5% for this project. This fee is higher than earlier projects because the design of the kitchen has not been finalized, and, therefore, there is more risk to the builder. If the final plan is less than estimated, the contingency fee will be reduced.

Mrs. Perleberg moved to approve the Award for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #18016 – Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Centralized Kitchen Project to Chasse Building Team. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Future Items

Mrs. Perleberg asked for a discussion on the Policy language for Open Enrollment Capacity, Transportation and Guidelines for capping Open Enrollment, as discussed at the Special Meeting on August 10, 2017.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Monday, August 28, 2017 – 9 AM - Board Retreat at the Mohave District Annex (MDA)  
Thursday, September 7, 2017 – 3 PM – Board Study Session at the MDA  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 5 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting at Coronado HS

Governing Board Reports

Mrs. Kirby introduced Tracy Livingston, candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Hartmann reported:

- Attended the SUSD Self-Insurance Trust Committee on behalf of the Governing Board in June. As a result of the meeting, Laura Smith, CFO, in conjunction with the Trust Committee, is conducting a deeper, historical analysis of the District’s third-party administrator fees and experience rates, as well as the District’s outside investment portfolio performance. The Trust Committee goal is to balance and optimize risk and return on investment for the District.
- Met with Helios Foundation over the summer to share and discuss Coronado High School’s CSI progress. Helios is interested in supporting CSI in some capacity. One particular area of interest is the funding of a college matriculation specialist or similar position. Dr. Amy Fuller, Administrator on Assignment, is now working with Helios leadership to define the commitment.

At 7:24 PM, Mrs. Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017

**The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48**

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Barbara Perleberg, President

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Pam Kirby, Vice President

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Allyson Beckham

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Kim Hartmann

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Sandy Kravetz

Motion #140  
Approval of Award of  
RFQ #18016 – CMAR-  
Centralized Kitchen  
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Adjournment

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