

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

February 9, 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 Bonnie Sneed, President; Barbara Perleberg, Vice President; Kim Hartmann; George Jackson; and Pam Kirby. Interim Superintendent A. 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. Sneed welcomed approximately 40 visitors.

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

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

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Dr. Karen Benson, Executive Director for Instructional Services, recognized the nine SUSD teachers who earned the National Board Certified Teaching credential. The District now has 85 NBC Teachers. The newly certified teachers are: Ashley rose, Saguaro; Jennifer Fox, Hopi; Jennifer Bethke, Laguna; Kelly Vandenheuvel, Redfield; Kim Keck, Yavapai; Lori Jordan, Chaparral; Maureen Traynor, Tavan; Patti Hanlon, Copper Ridge; and Sheila Fullerton, Kiva.

Dr. Benson recognized the District Spelling Bee winner and runners up. The winner this year was Omkar Bharath, third grade student from Redfield Elementary. The runners up were Shaun Mathew, fifth grade student from Hopi; Tyler Velarde, eighth grade student from Mohave; Hayden Mangan, eight grade student from Mountainside; Connor Dassinger, fifth grade student from Cochise; and JJ Fayey, seventh grade student from Cocopah. Six SUSD students will compete in the Regional II Spelling Bee, which will be held February 18 at Arcadia High School.

Dr., Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education, recognized the following:

- Chaparral High School Cheer and Pom teams who were named the AIA State Champions.
- Chaparral High School JV Poms team who won the 2016 National Dance Team Championship.
- Desert Mountain High School art students whose work will be exhibited at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Adrian James, 11<sup>th</sup> grader, won third place for the Arizona Partnership for Immunization photo contest. Dex Dulak won first place for her portrait; Elizabeth Lara won second place with her painting and Adam Montoya won third place with his figure painting.
- Teachers and students from Desert Mountain High School who represented SUSD at the State AMEA Conference. The students all received a Superior Rating. They are: Aubrey Cole – Voice; Renee Rule – Flute; Nathan Borgogni – Piano; Summer Beckman – Voice; and Emma Westerhoff – Cello.
- DMHS student, Ashley Irvin, was chosen for the All-State Jazz Band.
- Saguaro student Danielle Mara was recognized at the state First Lego Championship as volunteer of the year.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Birdwell announced:

- National School Counselor Week and recognized all of SUSD's school counselors.
- Maestro Zhang Yue and members of the SUSD high school honors orchestra held a concert at Saguaro High School that was conducted by Maestro Yue.
- The District hosted the All-City Athletic Fall Sports Banquet on January 25, honoring athletes from all District high schools.
- Scottsdale Charros invited students from SUSD to the Scottsdale Stadium for the annual youth luncheon and baseball clinic on January 28.
- DMHS students won the 2016 AZ State Grades Chess Championship.
- Six SUSD schools have submitted A+ applications and will be preparing for site visits this spring.
- All five SUSD high schools are participating in Advanced ED recertification process.

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Approval of Agenda as Submitted

Students and Staff  
Recognition and  
Celebrations

Superintendent's  
Comments

- Tonalea Elementary School earned a silver designation through Beat the Odds Institute
- The District will participate in the Parada del Sol on February 13, 2016.
- Several SUSD schools will participate in the AZ SciTech Festival on February 27.

Public Comments

Mike Norton, Cheyenne parent, spoke in regard to his concern for the future of Cheyenne Traditional School in light of the development of charter schools in the area surrounding Cheyenne.

Wally Graham spoke in regard to his disappointment in the recent change of the superintendent of SUSD and the need for continuity and leadership.

Bonnie Bezon thanked the Board and the SUSD Foundation for their support of NBC teachers and spoke of her concern regarding teacher finances.

Julie Cieniawski, president of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA), spoke in regard to the impact of inadequate wages for teachers and concern over Proposition 301 monies.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$168,405.31
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 01/06/2016 through 01/27/2016
- C. Payroll Vouchers Processed from 12/17/2015 through 01/28/2016
- D. Personnel Actions – 01/05/2016 through 01/25/2016
- E. Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2016 Special Board Meeting-Study Session/Executive Session
- F. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2016 Special Board Meeting-Study Session/Executive Session
- G. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- H. Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2016 Special Governing Board Meeting
- I. Action of Hearing Officer’s Recommendation
- J. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
- K. Auxiliary Operations Statement for December FY16
- L. Student Activities Statement for December FY16
- M. Tax Credit Statement for December FY16
- N. Approval of Proposed 2017-2018 School Year District Calendar
- O. Revisions to 2016-2017 High School Planning Guide
- P. Approval of Renewal of IGA w/Maricopa Cty. Dept. of Pub. Health for Tobacco Use Prevention Program
- Q. ~~Approval of Telecommunications Lease Agreement for Cell Tower at Ingleside Middle School and Authorization for Centerline Solutions to Submit the Zoning Adjustment Application to the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department for Zoning for Cell Tower at Ingleside Middle School – **Pulled to be heard separately**~~
- R. Approve the Issuance of an RFP for Annual Chiller Services and Preventative Maintenance
- S. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Supt. or Designees with Prior Board Approval

Mrs. Kirby requested Consent Agenda Item VII. Q. Approval of Telecommunications Lease Agreement for Cell Tower at Ingleside Middle School and Authorization for Centerline Solutions to Submit the Zoning Adjustment Application to the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department for Zoning be pulled to be heard separately.

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item VII. Q. Approval of Telecommunications Lease Agreement for Cell Tower at Ingleside Middle School and Authorization for Centerline Solutions to Submit the Zoning Adjustment Application to the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department for Zoning. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Kirby pulled Item VII. Q. Approval of Telecommunications Lease Agreement for Cell Tower at Ingleside Middle School and Authorization for Centerline Solutions to Submit the Zoning Adjustment Application to the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department for Zoning solely to speak to what public involvement has taken place so far to make the public aware of this cell tower, and what involvement will there be going forward. Mr. Terry Worcester, Director of Facilities and Operations, reported that the proposed project has been vetted within the

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Pull Item VII. Q

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Approval of Consent Agenda with Exception of VII. Q.

•Cell Tower at Ingleside Middle School

community and once the Board authorizes Centerline to submit the zoning adjustment application to the City of Phoenix, the process will continue with community involvement. Michelle Marshall, District General Counsel, noted that the item was being amended to authorize Centerline to go forward with the application for zoning adjustment and that the Board would not be approving the proposed lease at this time.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve authorizing Centerline Solutions to submit the zoning adjustment application to the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department for zoning for the cell tower at Ingleside Middle School. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Karen Benson presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Update on Summer Bridge Program and Tracking Student Success. A PowerPoint was presented that reviewed the goals, the purposes and the measures of success of the program. Data was shared regarding the success of the Summer 2015 Math Bridge for grades 5 to 6 and grades 8 to 9. Also, data was shared regarding support structures for Middle Schools and the realization that successful completion of middle school coursework is essential, as well as successful transition to high school and Algebra I. The Development of foundational skills in math is needed for a student's success.

Dr. Denise Birdwell presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Interim Superintendent's Focus. Dr. Birdwell shared a PowerPoint that reviewed what her focus will be for the next six months. Her plans include creating a student-focused culture, with students at the center of all decisions. She will be focusing on standards and teacher support with curriculum and supporting teachers in the alignment and professional development in assuring excellence in the delivery of learning. Her plans are to refresh the branding and messaging to the District's customers and to listen to the District's consumers – its parents and students. Her focus will include fiscal responsibility and planning for a potential Bond and Capital Override with the help of community relationships. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to come to Scottsdale and thanked her Leadership Team, teachers, students and parents for their warm welcome.

Future Items

There were no Future Items requested.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Friday, February 12, 2016 – 1:00 PM – Special Meeting/Executive Session  
Thursday, March 17, 2016 – 2:00 PM – Special Meeting – Study Session  
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Governing Board Reports

Mrs. Hartmann reported that in regard to Community Outreach, she attended the ANLC parent group meeting. Also, she met with the SEA president, Julie Cieniawski to discuss teacher attraction and retention opportunities and strategies. Mrs. Hartmann continues her work on community partnerships with her involvement in BUSS (Business United for Scottsdale Schools) and announced an outreach event on February 17 with the first BUSS breakfast. She also continues her work with on moving the District forward with the help of the SUSD Foundation, Scottsdale Parent Council and YES to Children.

Mrs. Sneed reported that she has been meeting with constituents and with senior citizens. She attended the Scottsdale Parent Council meeting at Arcadia High School and has toured Copper Ridge School, ANLC, and Tonalea. She attended the DMHS Drama class presentation of Chrysanthemum, given to the Tonalea Community for Family Reading Night with DMHS Drama teacher Marilyn Mumaw.

At 7:01 PM, Mrs. Hartmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

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

Item VII. Q. Amended-  
No Approval of Lease at  
This Time

Motion #70  
Approval of  
Authorization to Submit  
Zoning Adjustment

Information/Discussion

•Summer Bridge  
Program

•Interim  
Superintendent's Focus

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming  
Meetings

Governing Board  
Reports

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Adjournment

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016

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

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Bonnie Sneed, President

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Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

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