

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
STUDY SESSION  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

September 8, 2016

A Special Meeting/Study Session of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 12:35 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

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

Information/Discussion

Dr. Kyle Ross, Director of Assessment, presented Information/Discussion Item III. A. Assessment of Learning Data Trends – Continued. At the August 23, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting, Dr. Anna McCauley, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Instruction, gave a presentation reviewing the District's AzMERIT historical trends. Dr. Ross continued the review with a PowerPoint displaying the data that Dr. McCauley and he presented to every school principal regarding the individual school and even drilling down to data reflecting the performance of individual students. Kristen Kinghorn, principal of Desert Canyon Elementary School, presented a PowerPoint reviewing how her school was using the data provided by Drs. McCauley and Ross to drive student achievement. Discussion was had regarding using the assessment tool purchased by the District, School City, and the training occurring in using this tool.

Dr. Steve Nance, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Dr. Karen Benson, Executive Director of Instructional Services, presented Information/Discussion Item III. B. First Best Practices – Defined. A PowerPoint was presented reviewing why first, best instruction is used and what best first instruction actually is. It includes high engagement for all students and a deeper learning with frequent checks for understanding in a positive, purposeful, safe classroom culture. Discussion ensued regarding rigor and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and the key components for every PLC meeting in every school. Dr. Nance also reviewed Classroom Walkthroughs and how those were being used to learn what is actually happening in the classroom.

Terry Worcester, Architect and Planning/Design Director, presented Information/Discussion Item III. C. Facilities Life Cycle Analysis: Cochise Elementary School, Copper Ridge K-8, Desert Canyon K-8, Redfield Elementary School, Sequoia Elementary School, and Tonalea K-8. Mr. Worcester shared aerial photos of the schools and reviewed the conditions of roofs, carpeting, buildings and those life cycle components that need extensive work and/or replacement.

Future Items

Mrs. Kirby would like to discuss the High School Planning Guide and a way for SUSD to add to the dual enrollment offerings by complimenting Scottsdale Community College offerings with Rio Salado offerings.

Mrs. Hartmann would like:

- Continued updates on assessment learning, from a Learning Community perspective
- Discussion on how success is measured and what are the performance metrics and the goals
- A schedule for an entire year of Board Meetings that show the correlation between Study Sessions and Regular Governing Board Meetings.

At 2:51 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion

•Assessment of Learning Data Trends – Continued

•First Best Practices

•Facilities Life Cycle Analysis

Future Items

Motion #8  
Adjournment

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

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

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