

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

May 10, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:02 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 Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present. President Bonnie Sneed called upon Mrs... Perleberg to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 130 visitors.

Mrs. Sneed approved the Agenda as submitted. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Dr. Kyle Ross, recognized outgoing and incoming high school student representatives of the Student Advisory Board. The Student Advisory Board provides a student perspective on issues that directly affect them. They have been active members on District level committees, such as the Budget Committee and Capital Override Oversight Committee.

Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director of Elementary Education, recognized the following:

- A+ School of Excellence Award from the Arizona Education Foundation (AEF) for Chaparral High School, Cochise Elementary School, Copper Ridge School, Hohokam Traditional School, and Navajo Elementary School.
- Yavapai's Robotic Team, the Thunderbots, have been invited to the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) North American Tournament of Champions to be held at LEGOLAND in Carlsbad, California, May 20-May 22, 2016.
- The U.S. Army announced that the 6th grade Wizards from Copper Ridge were named as the state winner in the 14th annual eCYBERMISSION competition. The team and their advisor, Mrs. Marina Rodriguez, created a new type of speed bump to reduce speed in parking lots and neighborhoods. A second Copper Ridge Team, the Demelectrons, received honorable mention in the same competition.

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

- Two Arcadia High School students placed in the 27th Annual Arizona Japanese Speech Contest that includes both high school and college students from Arizona. Saif McPherson earned a third place award and Itzae Blanco-Ruiz earned a first place award.
- Several Desert Mountain High School visual arts students won top honors in the Congressional Show Competition sponsored by Davis Schweikert. Carson Zick won first place for her charcoal drawing, Rayne Apodaca won third place for her fashion illustration, and Adam Montoya received honorable mention. Kaitlyn Baxter was recognized by the Shemer Art Center for her felted neckwear design. She also received a scholarship.
- The Desert Mountain MIT Launch Club qualified as finalists in the MIT International Tournament. They will travel to Boston to present their new business Launch project to a select panel of MIT judges.
- Students attending the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) competed in a statewide competition and earned several awards.
- The Desert Mountain High School boy's tennis team recently won the Arizona State Division 1 State Championship.
- Chris Asmussen and Terri Kellen, principals of Mohave and Mountainside Middle School, shared information about the middle level experience of Minitown.

Public Comment

Julie Cieniawski, teacher and President of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA), thanked all of the Executive Board members for their hard work during the past year. She provided an overview of the SEA and an introduction of the SEA Executive Board. She shared all of the various tasks and commitments that teachers encounter each day as they strive for the continual improvement of their craft.

Motion #100
Approval of Agenda as
Submitted

Students and Staff
Recognition and
Celebrations

Public Comment

Mark Steinbeck, parent of two students in the Contained Gifted Program (CGP) at Redfield, thanked Dr. Kim Dodds for her leadership as the Director of Gifted and spoke in support of the program.

The Redfield Contained Gifted Program teachers, Jeanne Blum, Beth Parsons, and Ashley Pantier, recognized and thanked Dr. Kim Dodds, Director of Gifted for all of her hard work on behalf of both students and teachers.

Zachary Cuppy, third grade teacher at Tonalea, expressed anger at the process in which he felt the Tonalea staff was not communicated with regarding the possibility of merging with Supai for a K-8.

Steve Conrady disagrees with the proposed division of funds realized should Prop 123 pass. He feels that the funds should go to teachers and not be used to support brick and mortar or other capital items.

Douglas Brauer, parent of students in the District, reiterated the opinion expressed by Steve Conrady. He also feels that Prop 123 monies, if realized, should go to teachers.

Sandy Kravitz expressed that whether Prop 123 succeeds or fails, the focus needs to be on education. She provided information to the audience for a rally in support of Prop 123.

Superintendent's Comments

- Acknowledged the loss and service of Navy Seal who graduated from Arcadia High School.
- Acknowledged and thanked Julie Cieniawski for her service and leadership as President of the SEA.
- Congratulations to the four high schools nationally recognized by *U.S News & World Report*: Arcadia, Chaparral, and Desert Mountain High Schools all received silver national awards, and Saguaro High School received a bronze.
- Arcadia High School was one of 21 Arizona schools and one of seven high schools in Arizona recognized as No Place for Hate by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) on April 27th.
- The Coronado High School JAG program was recognized as the 2016 JAG Program of the year.
- The Charros Foundation banquet honoring Outstanding Educators and High School Students of the Year was held on April 22nd. Thank you to everyone who was honored and attended.
- The Scottsdale Unified School District's (SUSD) new magazine, *Advantage*, was mailed to households in our attendance area and to our open enrolled students in April. It highlights success stories within the District and will be mailed out again in the fall. No Maintenance and Operations (M&O) dollars were used to fund the magazine.
- With regard to one of the public comment statement made surrounding Tonalea and Supai, the Superintendent will be visiting Tonalea as part of a facility discussion with staff. If she had been made aware of a staff meeting, she would have arranged her schedule to attend to address concerns. At this point nothing has been decided, but conversations are ongoing within the Learning Communities. All Learning Communities will be visited to collect opinions from all stakeholders.

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

Superintendent's Comments

Consent Agenda

- 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

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion Items

Terry Worcester, Director of Facilities, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII, B, District Potential Bond Financial Update. He introduced Gary Aller of Facility Education Services who will review enrollment trends over the next decade. Information considered in the trend analysis include demographics, grade level analysis by learning community, trends within the District, historical data, building data, and information from meeting with economic development groups. Enrollment is compared with charter and private school trends. The information presents a visual comparison of enrollment potential with the current trends. A review of this information can be used to make predictions about declining enrollment and where to make investments in order to positively impact the District. While facilities are an issue, curriculum and instructional improvements/resources within the classroom are important components as well. Dr. Birdwell, Interim Superintendent, indicated that there will be more meetings scheduled to gather community input.

Daniel O'Brien, CFO, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII, A, Potential Bond Financial Update. The potential bond discussion highlighted the areas impacted by the potential bond: rebuild and renovate facilities, life cycle costs for all sites, transportation fleet refresh, and security and safety updates. The bond will maintain a neutral tax rate with the proposed bond sale of \$.61 tax rate or less for the life of the bond, with one sale per year every spring for a period of six years. Furniture, fixtures, and equipment must be re-paid within five years. Life cycle issues include items such as roofs, are a priority.

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII, C, Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct for the 2016-17 School Year. The focus is on a positive climate with a review of measurements of effectiveness and baselines to collect data for evaluation. The move is toward minimum/maximum per behavior infraction that considers mitigating factors and aggravating factors. Student Services will be working with Athletic Directors to include a matrix for consistency.

Action Item

Mrs. Sneed requested suggestions for submission to the Arizona School Boards Association for the 2017 Political Agenda. Mrs. Perleberg indicated that the previous year's submissions would still apply. Mrs. Sneed indicated that the suggestions submitted for the 2016 Political Agenda would be resubmitted for 2017. Another item for consideration would be the official delegate and the alternate to the assembly in September. Mrs. Perleberg expressed interest in the delegate role and Kim Hartmann would be interested in the alternate position. The vote for delegate nomination will occur at the next Governing Board meeting on June 7, 2016.

Future Items

All Board Members expressed that the agenda is already extensive and there is no need to include any additional items at this time.

Governing Board Reports

Mrs. Hartmann reported that she had the opportunity to attend the Annual Charros/SUSD Outstanding Educator and Student recognition dinner on April 22, 2016. On April 29, 2016, she participated in the Charros Education Roundtable to assess current program effectiveness and future programming possibilities. On May 3, 2016, Mrs. Hartmann attended the BUSS meeting to discuss future programming priorities.

Motion #101

Approval of Consent Agenda as Submitted

Information/Discussion

•Potential Bond Financial Update

•Potential Bond Financial Update

•Student Code of Conduct 2016-17

Action Item

•Proposed Issues to submit to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for 2017 Political Agenda

Future Items

Governing Board Reports

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, June 2, 2016 – 3:00 PM – Study Session/Executive Session
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 – 3:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

At 6:51 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 10th day of May 2016.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

George Jackson

Pam Kirby

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Motion #102
Adjournment