

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

August 23, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:01 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 Dr. Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed called upon Mrs. Kirby to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 75 visitors.

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

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

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director of Support Services, along with Alesia Martin, Chairperson of the Scottsdale Unified School District Foundation (SUSDF), presented the SUSDF mini-grants to SUSD educators. In May 2016, the SUSDF awarded \$47,743 in mini-grant awards. The following educators were recognized:

- Chaparral's Jeff Jordan and Amy Palatucci for First Robotics
- Cocopah's Louise Bunker for Little Bits of STEAM
- Cheyenne's Regina Morgan for EV3 Mindstorms
- Saguaro's Chris Brandt and Susan Lindberg for FRC Robotics
- Tonalea's Zach Cuppy and Nancy Brazel for Advanced Robotics
- Tonalea's Zach Cuppy for iPad Air 2
- Laguna's Stacy Kosednar for iPad Minis
- Redfield's Cathy Skinner for Chrome Books
- Tonalea's Angela Berry for Technology Equipment
- Chaparral's Bonnie Gursh and Jeff Jordan for 3D Printer
- Redfield's Carolyn Hahn and Lori Soble for Chrome Books
- Hohokam's Linda Tardie for Literacy Library for Teachers
- Chaparral's Rachel Shamah and Amy Palatucci for Sensory Room Equipment
- Anasazi's Gretchen Kaiser for Planning Day
- Desert Canyon Elementary School's Laura Victor for Read Across America Night
- Matt Lins for PBIS Film Festival
- Tonalea's Angela Berry for Two Community Events
- Redfield's Jen Waldron for Peaceful Playground

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executor Director of Secondary Education, recognized:

- Laura Tutelman, Desert Mountain High School senior, winner of a national Scholastic Art and Writing Award for her painting entitled "self-reflection"
- Cocopah Middle School for receiving the honor of being named a "School of Merit" in the area of civic engagement and education by the Arizona Department of Education's "Excellence in Civic Engagement Program." The hard work of Cocopah educator Cheri Stegall and her Social Studies colleagues at Cocopah, played a large part in this recognition.

Dr. David McNeil, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Leadership, recognized:

- Bill Garner, Tonalea teacher, who was selected by Earthwatch Institute to participate in an on-going science research project at Sagehen Research Station in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
- Holly Hooley, 4th Grade teacher at Desert Canyon Elementary School, who was chosen to participate in the Mickelson Exxon Mobil Teacher Academy.

Motion #3

Approval of Agenda as Submitted

Students and Staff
Recognition and
Celebrations

Public Comment

Richard Reid and his son Robert Reid, spoke in regard to Robert's expulsion from SUSD, asking the Governing Board to reconsider the decision of the Hearing Officer.

Amy Richard thanked Dr. Birdwell, Mr. Priniski, principal of Tonalea K-8, James Dorer, Chief Security Officer, Jack Taylor, Transportation Coordinator, and all those who assisted her and her family during a recent incident at Mrs. Richard's home.

Bonnie Bezon, Kiva teacher, spoke in regard to continuing concerns with testing of elementary students.

Joshua Pantier thanked the Governing Board for directing the bulk of the Proposition 123 funds to teachers. He also appreciated getting his salary notice reflecting an increase, something SUSD teachers have not seen for a long time.

Julie Cieniawski, President of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA), spoke about key elements for success and asked the Governing Board to continue to look for ways to support SUSD teachers.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Birdwell reported

- Administration held welcome back rallies in each Learning community for all employees. The rallies were well received and very successful.
- Thanked James Dorer and Jack Taylor for their outstanding work and dedication in assisting with an incident this past Friday night.
- This year, SUSD had 16 finalists in the 61st annual National Merit® Scholarship Program. Eight of our finalists earned National Merit® Scholarships.
- On August 2nd, all Tonalea K-8 families were invited to attend a community BBQ. The event was a huge success.
- Over 61,000 free meals were served this summer under the federally funded Summer Food Service Program. Patti Bilbrey, Director of Nutrition Services, and her staff did an outstanding job.
- Over 6,500 SUSD students participated in summer programming, which included High School Online Summer School, High School Summer School at Coronado, Kids Club Camps, Early Childhood Camps, athletic and enrichment camps, and 21st Century Grant Summer Program.
- This summer, SUSD hosted both a middle and high school summer bridge program for those students who did not meet academic success in the 2015-16 school year.
- Business United for Scottsdale Schools (BUSS) will be hosting a breakfast on August 31st at SkySong. BUSS concentrates on career and college readiness for SUSD students.
- New teacher orientation was offered to 166 new SUSD teachers on August 1st and 2nd.
- Covering the Basics: Back-to-School 2016 was held July 27 at Scottsdale Stadium. Nearly 1,000 children were provided with backpacks, school supplies, clothing, socks and shoes.
- SUSD has 7 new principals and 8 new assistant principals this year.
- Open Houses and Back to School Nights will be offered at all SUSD schools.
- The SUSD Foundation will hold its Quest for the Best Gala to benefit SUSD on September 10 at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale.
- The SUSD Showcase will be held October 22 from 10 AM to 1 PM at Cocopah Middle School. The showcase is a celebration of all of the learning that takes place at SUSD schools. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate SUSD.

Dr. Birdwell concluded her remarks by stating that she feels honored and privileged to be here at the start of the school year. She has found that SUSD has eager employees who want to lead SUSD students.

Public Comment

Superintendent's
Comments

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$215,751.87
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers June 14, 2016 through August 10, 2016 FY16
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers July 5, 2016 through August 8, 2016 FY17
- D. Payroll Vouchers Processed from June 2, 2016 through June 30, 2016 FY16
- E. Payroll Vouchers Processed from July 8, 2016 through August 11, 2016 FY17
- F. Personnel Actions – 06/24/2016 through 08/05/2016
- G. Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2016 Special Board Meeting/Study Session
- H. Approval of Minutes of June 20, 2016 Special Governing Board Meeting/Public Meeting
- I. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- J. Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2016 Special Board Meeting/Study Session
- K. Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2016 Special Governing Board Meeting
- L. Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2016 Special Governing Board Meeting & Executive Session
- M. Action of Hearing Officer's Recommendations
- N. Auxiliary Operations Statement for May FY16
- O. Student Activities Statement for May FY16
- P. Tax Credit Statement for May FY16
- Q. Appointment of Student Activities Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers
- R. Authorization of Check Signers
- S. Student Activities Fundraising Authorization
- T. Tax Credit Fee Authorization
- U. Tax Credit Fee Waiver Authorization
- V. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
- W. Authorization of Execution of Agreements and/or Contracts
- X. Approval of IGA with City of Scottsdale Substance Abuse Prevention and Violence Prevention
- Y. Approval of Ratification of IGA between SUSD and Holbrook USD
- Z. Ratification of Approval of Amendment No. 2 to IGA with City of Phoenix-SROs
- AA. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by Supt. or Designees w/Prior Bd. 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

Dr. Birdwell and Dr. Anna McCauley, Assistant Superintendent Accountability and Instruction, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Scottsdale Unified School District AzMERIT Historical Trends Update. A PowerPoint was shared that reviewed the two-year AzMERIT data for SUSD. A frank and transparent conversation with the Governing Board ensued. Dr. Birdwell noted that the District must look backward to be able to move forward to improve academic achievement. Dr. McCauley presented statistical trend data for the District and for individual schools. In going forward, variables correlated with trends will be identified to enable SUSD to move forward and set the correct academic goals for success. Governing Board support will be critical in moving forward. The Governing Board discussed the data presented and expressed its appreciation for the transparency shown in the presentation. Having heard the sense of urgency, Board Members agreed that support will be given to the Administration, as there is nothing more urgent than meeting the needs of children. Continued discussion and more specifics will be given at the next Study Session on September 8, 2016, at 12:30 PM at the MDA.

Dr. David McNeil, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Leadership, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Scottsdale Unified School District Enrollment Update. A PowerPoint was shared that reviewed SUSD enrollment school-by-school for first day of school 2016, compared with first day of school 2015, and 100th day of school 2015, compared with first day of school 2016. The data presented displayed the number of actual children in their seats at the schools. Also exhibited was the comparison of enrollment for first day 2016 to 11th day 2016. This revealed that enrollment for the District is much better than what was expected due to new competition from charter schools opening in the vicinity of some of SUSD schools. Discussion was had regarding rigor in the classroom starting with the first day of school. The Board Members would like to see the next level of marketing reflect the urgency in having students at school from day one of the school year.

Consent Agenda

Motion #4

Approval of Consent Agenda as Submitted

Information/Discussion

•SUSD AzMERIT Historical Trends Update

•SUSD Enrollment Update

Action Items

Mrs. Sneed presented Action Item IX. A. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Proposed Bylaw Changes. Board Members had received and reviewed the Amendment to ASBA's Bylaws.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the Amendment to ASBA Bylaws as submitted. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Sneed presented Action Item IX. B. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Proposed 2017 Political Agenda Recommended by the Legislative Committee. Board Members had received and reviewed the Proposed 2017 Political Agenda. Board Members would like to bring to the attention of ASBA's Legislative Committee for a future agenda, the block of time English Language Learners are taken out of their classes for intervention.

Mrs. Kirby moved to accept the ASBA Proposed 2017 Political Agenda Recommended by the Legislative Committee. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Future Items

There were not Future Items requested.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, September 8, 2016 – 3:00 PM Study Session. This meeting will be rescheduled to begin at 12:30 PM.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting.

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Jackson reported, as a follow up to Dr. Birdwell's comments, that BUSS will be hosting a breakfast on August 30, 2016, at 7:30 AM, at SkySong.

At 7:25 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 23rd day of August 2016

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

George Jackson

Pam Kirby

Action Items

•ASBA Bylaws

Motion #5

Approval of Amendment to ASBA Bylaws

•ASBA Proposed 2017 Political Agenda

Motion #6

Acceptance of ASBA 2017 Proposed Political Agenda

Future Items

None

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board Reports

Motion #7

Adjournment