

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

August 10, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 3:07 PM, in the Board Room at Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona. Mrs. Perleberg led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in attendance were Barbara Perleberg, President; Pam Kirby, Vice President; Allyson Beckham; Kim Hartmann; and Sandy Kravetz. Superintendent Dr. Denise Birdwell was also present. A quorum was present.

Information/Discussion Items

Laura Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented Information/Discussion Item III. A. Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs). Ms. Smith introduced Bill Davis, of the firm Piper Jaffray, to review the benefits of using TANs. TANs is a tool that can be used to bridge a cash flow deficiency. Maricopa County serves as county treasurer and sets up lines of credit for every school district with no fees. The challenge is the interest rate charged varies. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and disadvantages of using this tool. The item will be brought back on the August 15, 2017 Consent Agenda.

Dr. Birdwell presented Information/Discussion Item III. B. Open Enrollment Capacity and called upon Michelle Marshall, District Legal Counsel, to review the Governing Board Policy JFB - Open Enrollment. Dr. Birdwell noted that at this time, the presentation would focus on Hopi Elementary School. Hopi will be the first school to be rebuilt that will be affected by the Open Enrollment Policy. Board discussion included setting a guideline on capping open enrollment in the future. Dr. Birdwell suggested developing a Regulation to the Policy that would memorialize the Board's discussion and decisions for future Governing Boards regarding guidelines for capping open enrollment.

Dr. Birdwell presented Information/Discussion Item III.C. Overview of Personnel Policies and noted that the goal this year is to rebuild the Governing Board Policy Manual. Michelle Marshall shared a PowerPoint, highlighting four areas for discussion:

- Staff Grievances – the District does not have a policy
- Transfer – District Policy GCK
- Professional Day – the District does not have a policy
- High Priority Days – outlined in the Teacher Employment Agreement

The Board discussed the process and timeframe to be followed in rebuilding the Policy Manual. To begin the process, it is planned that the Board will be presented with these four revised policies for a first read in September and that Board approval, or second read, will be requested in October, with policies put in place upon Board approval.

Dr. Steve Nance, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, presented Information/Discussion Item III. D. Program Choice and Rigor. A PowerPoint was shared reviewing the District's choice program offerings, the location of the programs and if transportation is offered. Discussion ensued concerning the costs associated with choice programs and the transportation issues associated with the programs. Dr. Nance continued his presentation with discussion on the definitions of rigor and on recognizing high levels of rigor in schools. The Board discussed evaluating and measuring rigor at the site level, at the present and in the future.

Dr. Cecilia Johnson presented Information/Discussion Item III. E. Reflections on Opening Week. Kristin Kinghorn, principal of Desert Canyon Elementary School, reviewed her school's professional development activities during the first week teachers returned to work. Ms. Kinghorn shared many photographs of the teachers as they collaborated with each other regarding professional learning communities, enjoyed the training the District provided for the new laptop computers every teacher in the District received, and attended the Back to School Rallies held in each of the District learning communities. Chris Gilmore, the new principal of

Information/Discussion

•Tax Anticipation Notes
Visitor
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•Open Enrollment
Capacity

•Overview of Personnel
Policies

•Program Choice and
Rigor

•Reflections on Opening
Week

Coronado High School, shared his school’s activities, as well, which included many professional development opportunities. Mr. Gilmore also shared photos of activities that took place at Coronado all summer long.

Dr. Pam Sitton, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Specialized Services, presented Information/Discussion Item III. F. 2017-2018 School Year Professional Development Calendar Revisions. Currently, November 22, 2017 is designated as part of the Thanksgiving Recess for students and a District Professional Development day for certified staff. Administration realizes that the day before Thanksgiving is not an ideal day to conduct professional development opportunities. Moving the day to the end of the school year, on May 25, would allow for the opportunity to look at goal-setting for the next school year, as well give teachers a day to check out and close out the current school year without having students present. The Board discussed the timelines of this change and whether it would be best to not make a change this year. The Board did not support making this change for the current school year.

•2017-18 School Year Professional Development Calendar Revisions

Dennis Roehler, Director of Facilities, presented Information/Discussion Item III. G. Update on Summer 2017 Construction Projects. Mr. Roehler presented a slideshow of the work that was done throughout the summer throughout the District. He commended his team and thanked them all for their dedication to the District and its students. The Board and Dr. Birdwell also commended and thanked the facilities department on its hard work.

•Update on Summer 2017 Construction Projects

Board President Barbara Perleberg presented Information/Discussion Item III. H. Discussion on Arizona School Boards (ASBA) Membership. The District has paid this year’s Policy Services fee of \$4,200 to ASBA. This year’s ASBA Annual Membership fee is now due in the amount of \$6,000. ASBA offers training and conferences to school districts throughout the state, as well as advocating for education. Non-members may attend training and conferences, but at a higher fee than what is offered to members. The Board discussed the pros and cons of being a Member district. The item will be brought back on the August 15, 2017 Board Agenda as an Action item.

•ASBA Membership

Action Item

Action Item

Louis Hartwell, Chief Business and Operations Officer, presented Action Item IV. A. Approval of Design of Façade for Hopi Elementary School. Hunt Caraway, architects for the Hopi project, had presented renderings at an April meeting and again in a June meeting, to the Hopi Building Committee on what the elevation for the school would look like with a red brick façade and a stucco façade. The brick façade would cost an additional \$120,000. The Hopi Building Committee preferred the brick façade. Discussion followed regarding the brick façade, the additional cost, and the efficiencies and equity the District is trying to attain through all of the upcoming rebuilds. Dr. Birdwell asked Hopi Principal Tamara Jagodzinski to survey her community and get written documentation on which rendering it prefers, stucco or brick. In addition, the Hopi community needs to be aware that in choosing the brick façade, with its additional \$120,000 cost, that, if any unforeseen problem arises with the cost of the entire project, it will necessitate eliminating something from the Hopi rebuild to keep the rebuild at the allotted \$21 million.

•Design for Façade of Hopi Elementary School

Mrs. Perleberg moved to approve the two elevations that were presented at this Board Meeting with the understanding that the Hopi Committee will choose one and that the Administration has permission to move forward immediately, once that decision is made. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

Motion #135
Approval of Design of Façade for Hopi Elementary School

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

Future Items

Mrs. Perleberg tabled this item.

Future Items
None

At 7:15 PM, Mrs. Perleberg moved to convene in Executive Session, noting that the Board will not discuss Item VI. A., only VI. B. and C.:

Motion #136
Convene in Executive Session

- A. Discussion or consultation with the attorney or attorneys of the Board for legal advice and to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the sale of real property located at 3811 N. 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85018, pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-

- 431.03(A)(3) and (4). The attorney or attorneys may participate in the meeting by telephonic communication.
- B. Discussion or consultation with the attorney or attorneys of the Board for legal advice and to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding issues related to the teacher employment association, pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).
 - C. Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body so that those representatives can properly represent the Board in upcoming “Meet and Confer” sessions, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5).

Mrs. Beckham seconded the motion.

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

At 9:06 PM, the Special Meeting reconvened.

Mrs. Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Beckham seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 10th day of August 2017.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Barbara Perleberg, President

Pam Kirby, Vice President

Allyson Beckham

Kim Hartmann

Sandy Kravetz

Special Meeting
Reconvened

Motion #137
Adjourn Special Meeting

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