

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

June 7, 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; George Jackson; Pam Kirby. Kim Hartmann appeared telephonically. Interim Superintendent Denise Birdwell, was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 20 visitors.

Mrs. Sneed moved to amend the Agenda by tabling Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Revisions to the 2016-17 High School Planning Guide to the meeting of June 21, 2016. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

Motion #108
Item Tabled –Revisions
to H.S. Planning Guide

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

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

Motion #109
Approval of Agenda as
Amended

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

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

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Celebrations

Dr. Birdwell introduced principals Terri Kellen, Mountainside Middle School, and Chris Asmussen, Mohave Middle School, and thanked them for their work with middle school students and the Minitown program. Ms. Kellen and Mr. Asmussen, co-directors of the event, presented a video showing students from throughout the District's middle schools participating in Minitown camp. 7th and 8th grade students (Delegates) from each SUSD middle and K-8 schools attend a 24-hour overnight Minitown camp to explore issues of identity and peer relationships. Delegates are supported by students from SUSD high schools (Counselors), who have either attended Unitown or Anytown. In turn, Counselors are supported by teacher volunteers (Advisors) from each attending school. Ms. Kellen thanked the Governing Board and Administration for their support. Mr. Asmussen stated that the participating students are taking what they learned back to their respective schools and sharing with other students the benefits they derived from attending the camp. Ms. Kellen and Mr. Asmussen presented T-shirts to Board Members and Dr. Birdwell.

Public Comment

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William Teske spoke in opposition to the District calling for the Bond and Capital Override elections.

Edmund Richard spoke on the difference in time spent on curriculum as opposed to building new buildings.

Heather Heroldt, on behalf of the Scottsdale Parent Council, urged the Governing Board to place the Bond and Capital Override Elections on the November 2016 ballot.

Allyson Beckham spoke in regard to the challenges facing the District, including loss of enrollment. She would like to see the Superintendent provide a written plan or timeline outlining the how, what and where of measuring student growth and progress.

Karen Treon spoke in support of a Bond and Override Election on the November 2016 ballot.

Maryann McAllen spoke in support of a Bond and Override Election and urged the Board to unanimously approve the Resolutions.

Julie Cieniawski, president of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA), spoke in support of the Bond and Override Elections.

Heather Heroldt read a letter from Mark Hiegel, President and CEO of the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hiegel had another commitment, but sent his letter urging the Board to approve Resolutions calling for Bond and Capital Override Elections.

Superintendent's Comments

- Congratulated the 1,908 graduating seniors. The graduating class earned a combined \$55.6 million in scholarships. She expressed confidence that they are well-prepared for either college or career.
- Thanked the 71 SUSD retirees for their combined 1,382 years of service.
- Congratulated Arcadia CMAS teacher Richard Maxwell who was named as a quarterfinalist for the Music Educator Award for the third time by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Foundation. Semifinalists will be announced in September.
- Congratulated Laguna Elementary School 5th grade students who earned Highest Honors at the 2015-16 Word Masters Challenge™ - a national vocabulary competition that involves nearly 150,000 students each year. The Laguna 5th grade team placed sixth in the nation over the last three meets and ninth nationally in the overall competition. Kate Farrell, one of the 5th grade team members scored a perfect score in the last meet and was one of only 13 fifth graders nationwide to earn the score.
- On May 31st, administrators throughout the District attended the Admin Academy. The 2015-16 school year was reviewed and celebrated. Staffing and budget updates were shared.
- SUSD Nutritional Services will be hosting 17 summer food service sites. Breakfast and lunch walk-in service will be available at Yavapai Elementary School through June 30th and at the Tonalea Elementary School (Oak Campus) through August 5th. Sunny Express will service three apartment complexes and nutritional services will host summer programs at 12 campuses throughout Scottsdale.
- Teacher and Staff Development continues even though school is out. Many SUSD teachers and staff are working hard to further develop their teaching skills.
- Congratulated Ann Ahtziger who was named interim principal at Saguaro High School.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$316,279.15
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers April 29, 2016 through May 25, 2016
- C. Payroll Vouchers Processed from April 21, 2016 through May 19, 2016
- D. Personnel Actions – 04/26/2016 through 05/23/2016
- E. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2016 Special Board Meeting/Study Session/Executive Session
- F. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- G. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2016 Special Board Meeting/Study Session/Executive Session
- H. Action of Hearing Officer's Recommendations
- I. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
- J. Auxiliary Operations Statement for April FY16
- K. Student Activities Statement for April FY16
- L. Tax Credit Statement for April FY16
- M. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Warrants Between Board Meetings
- N. Resolution to Appoint the Maricopa County Schools as the Chief Disbursing Office for Garnishments
- O. Authorization to Exceed Subsections 200 and 400 in the Maintenance and Operations Budget per A.R.S. 15-905.G
- P. Authorization for Purchases that Meet Public Purpose and the Public Value is not For Exceeding the Amount Being Paid
- Q. Approve the Purchase of Grade Cam Instructional and Assessment Improvement
- R. Approve the Minor Revisions to the 2016-17 Middle School Planning Guide
- S. Renewal of Contracts – **Pulled to be Heard Separately**
- T. Approval of Annual Renewal of The IGA with MCCD For Dual Enrollment Programs
- U. Approve the Cancellation of RFP #16110, GPS Vehicle Tracking Services
- V. Approve the Designation of Sole Source for Various Vendors
- W. Approve the Purchase of Employee Screening Services through S.A.V.E.
- X. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services the 1GPA
- Y. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services through MOHAVE
- Z. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services through TCPN
- AA. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services through GPPCS
- BB. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services through STATE
- CC. Approve the Purchase of Web-Based Performance Evaluation Systems through GPPCS

Mrs. Kirby requested that Consent Agenda Item VII. S. Renewal of Contracts, be pulled to be heard separately.

Superintendent's Comments

Consent Agenda

•Item VII. S. Renewal of Contracts Pulled to be Heard Separately

Consent Agenda Item VII. S. Renewal of Contracts. Mrs. Kirby pulled this item to ask about Contract #14010 – Supplemental Instruction Materials. It appears that Purchasing will be sending renewals to approximately 80 different vendors. Her question was “at what point does curriculum say if the renewal is needed?” Dr. Karen Benson, Executive Director of Instructional Services, responded that the curriculum department monitors all usage of disposable textbooks, as well as digital materials. Dr. Birdwell also stated that Dr. Nance, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, is presently assessing all educational programs.

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Consent Agenda Item VII. S. Renewal of Contracts. Mrs. Sneed seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Birdwell introduced Debbie Ybarra, whose Offer of Contract was approved under the Consent Agenda - Personnel Actions. Ms. Ybarra is joining the District as Director of Early Childhood, effective July 1, 2016.

Information/Discussion

Item VIII. A. Revisions to the 2016-17 High School Planning Guide, was tabled to the meeting of June 21, 2016.

Action Items

Daniel O’Brien, CFO, presented Action Item IX. A. Approval of Resolution Calling for Special Bond Election. Dr. Birdwell stated that she has drafted an Executive Summary that speaks to the fiscal responsibilities for Bonds and Overrides required of Governing Board Members and of the superintendent and staff members of the District. This Executive Summary will be posted on SUSD’s website for the District’s stakeholders to reference. Mrs. Kirby noted that in regard to the sale of the Bond, the Governing Board may opt to completely abandon the sale of the Bond due to economic issues that might face the District. She would like Dr. Birdwell to amend her Executive Summary to include that possibility. Further discussion ensued regarding community groups and committees. Dr. Birdwell stated that these groups are communication tools and not decision makers. The only decision maker is the Governing Board.

Other points raised by Governing Board Members were: Mr. Jackson noted that the Governing Board is simply approving Bond capacity and that the \$229 million will not be used if not necessary. Mrs. Perleberg noted that she has gained confidence in the new leadership of the District and is hopeful stakeholders will also gain that confidence. Mrs. Hartmann would like to see administration continue to reconcile enrollment data and projections so the Board can feel they have the most up-to-date data. She also has interest in the District’s academic achievement plan and its continuation. Mrs. Sneed reiterated that Proposition 123 built awareness that there isn’t going to be an increase in support from the State Legislature any time soon.

Mrs. Kirby stated that she is compelled to explain her vote. She has never agreed with Administration before, but feels confident with the District’s new leadership.

Mr. Jackson reiterated his commitment to the tax payers of the District and is in strong support of the Resolutions being brought forward this evening. However, due to regulations from his employer, a large financial services firm, he will have to abstain from the vote.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve a Resolution ordering and calling for a Special Bond Election in the amount of \$229 million to be held on November 8, 2016. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0, with 1 abstention from Mr. Jackson.

Mr. O’Brien presented Action Item IX. B. Approval of Resolution Calling for Special District Additional Assistance Override Election, in the amount of \$8.5 million. Mrs. Sneed asked Mr. O’Brien to explain the different ways a district ask the tax payers for help.

Motion #110

Approval of Renewal of Contracts

Motion #111

Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

Information/Discussion

Action Items

•Resolution – Special Bond Election

Motion #112

Approval of Resolution – Special Bond Election

•Resolution – Special District Additional Assistance Override Election

- Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Override – 15%. SUSD passed an M&O Override in November 2014. This Override is in effect for 7 years.
- District Additional Assistance Override – 10% limit. Can be used for instructional purposes, and for such items as technology, library books, and textbooks.
- Bonds are used for building renovations and rebuilding. Also, such items as major roof repairs, carpeting, pupil transportation, desks, etc. Bonds are based on assessed valuations of property in a district.

Mrs. Sneed further noted that districts continually ask voter approval for bonds and overrides because these initiatives expire. The Board discussed being more explicit in the ballot language regarding what the funds will be used for. Administration is developing a list of what the funds will be used for over the next seven years. Also, the Board will submit a Pro Statement to be included in the election pamphlet that will include the Board's intentions for this override.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve a Resolution ordering and calling for a Special District Additional Assistance Override Election to be held on November 8, 2016. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Mr. O'Brien presented Action Item IX. C. Propose Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Expenditure Budget and Call for Public Hearing. A PowerPoint was shown highlighting line items of the proposed budget. Discussion followed regarding classroom dollars and the tax rate as compared with neighboring communities. The Governing Board Members agreed that they all had many more questions regarding the proposed budget for 2016-2017 and would like another Study Session before the June 21, 2016 Board Meeting to further discuss this proposed budget and its possible approval.

Mrs. Sneed reiterated that the approval of this item is only to approve the publication of the proposed budget for 2016-2017 and to call for a public hearing.

Mrs. Sneed amended the recommendation for approval as listed in the agenda and moved to approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Expenditure Budget for **Publication** and Call for a Public Hearing at the Board Meeting on June 21, 2016 at 5:00 PM at Coronado High School. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion as amended.

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

Dr. Birdwell thanked Mr. O'Brien and his team for all of the extra hours spent in preparing the proposed budget for 2016-2017 for presentation to the Governing Board.

Mrs. Sneed presented Action Item I. D. Selection of a Delegate and Alternate to the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Delegate Assembly September 10, 2016. At the Governing Board Meeting of May 10, 2016, the Governing Board discussed its proposed issues to submit to ASBA for the 2017 political agenda and also had some discussion regarding the selection of a Delegate and Alternate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly.

Mrs. Sneed moved to select Barbara Perleberg as delegate and Kim Hartmann as alternate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly on September 10, 2016 at the Camelback Inn, Phoenix, AZ. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Future Items

Mrs. Kirby would like to discuss the language in the board's Fiscal Oversight Commitment Statement at the Study Session added to the schedule on June 16, 2016 and approval at the June 21, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 3:00 PM Study Session
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Motion #113

Approval of Resolution –
Special District
Additional Assistance
Override Election

•Proposed FY2016-17
Expenditure Budget

Motion #114

Approval of Proposed
FY2016-17 Expenditure
Budget for **Publication**
and call for Public
Hearing as Amended

•Selection of Alternate
and Delegate – ASBA
Delegate Assembly

Motion #115

Selection of Delegate
and Alternate – ASBA
Delegate Assembly

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming
Meetings

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Jackson reported that he attended all of the Community Potential Bond Meetings recently held throughout the District during the month of May. He also attended the A+ Celebrations at Navajo and Hohokam Elementary Schools, which were wonderful celebrations. He expressed how proud he was of the schools.

At 7:05 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 7th day of June 2016.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

George Jackson

Pam Kirby

Governing Board Reports

Motion #116
Adjournment