

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

January 12, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 2:00 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Mohave District Annex, 8500 N. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Barbara Perleberg, Vice President; Kim Hartmann; George Jackson; and Pam Kirby. Acting Superintendent Dr. Pam Sitton was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 30 visitors.

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

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

Students and Staff Recognition s and Celebrations

Dr. Karen Benson, Executive Director of Instructional Services, recognized SUSD staff members, students, and community partners for collaborating to provide meals for SUSD families who were in need. Over 150 full Thanksgiving meals were provided and prior to winter break, 15,000 pounds of food were also provided to SUSD families in need.

Public Comment

Christine Schild spoke in regard to the proposed contract for a search for a permanent superintendent that, in her opinion, based on state procurement laws, can't be approved without a bid.

Edmund Richard spoke in regard to his concern regarding the manner in which the search for a permanent superintendent is done. He feels it is without community input.

Mrs. Sneed stated for the public that the search for an interim superintendent and a permanent superintendent are very different processes.

Barbara Thomas spoke in regard to the chronology of events submitted by Dr. David Peterson, stating that the entry for December 14 concerning herself was untrue.

Josh Pantier spoke in regard to the inflation lawsuit settlement, stressing the importance in remembering the employee groups and not "pet projects."

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Sitton, Acting Superintendent, commented on the following:

- Nine Scottsdale teachers were National Board Certified in December 2015. They will be recognized at the February 9, 2016 Board Meeting.
- Tavan, Navajo and Hohokam students were surprised with a Be Kind Assembly on December 17 when they learned that Scottsdale Bible Church donated computers to each of the campuses.
- SUSD Service Learning Program hosted its Annual Youth Voices Program this morning at Saguaro High School. The program focuses on the importance of the diversity message of community.
- The Charros annual Baseball luncheon will take place at Scottsdale Stadium on January 28. Every year, more than 300 students are selected by school staff to join Major League Baseball players for a day of learning and fun on the field.
- During December 2015 SUSD staff continued to collect tax credit contributions, with preliminary figures showing \$2,614,479.39 in contributions. Beginning this year, tax credit contribution deadlines have been extended to April 15.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$66,925.54
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 12/09/2015 through 12/18/2015
- C. Payroll Vouchers Processed from 12/15/2015 through 12/17/2015
- D. Personnel Actions – 12/01/2015 through 01/04/16
- E. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting/Executive

Motion #59
Approval of Agenda

Students and Staff
Recognition and
Celebrations

Public Comment

Superintendent's
Comments

Consent Agenda

Session

F. Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Consent Agenda - Continued

G. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting/Work Shop

H. Approval of Minutes of January 4, 2016 Special Board Meeting/Executive Session

I. Action of Hearing Officer’s Recommendation

J. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips

K. Auxiliary Operations Statement for November FY16

L. Student Activities Statement for November FY16

M. Tax Credit Statement for November FY16

N. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Approval

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

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

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Sitton presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Proposed 2017-2018 School Year District Calendar. A survey was conducted last fall that was sent to parents, students and employees of the District, asking what they valued most of the four templates provided. The templates provided were the current calendar, one with a shorter fall break, the third with a modified year-round schedule; and the fourth starting after Labor Day. In all groups, the current calendar template was most valued, and is, therefore, the one that is proposed.

Daniel O’Brien, CFO, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Inflation Settlement Dollars Discussion. Mr. O’Brien shared a first draft of a proposal developed by SLT (Superintendent’s Leadership Team) and Administrators. The proposal shows possible ways to distribute any inflation funds that might come to SUSD. The shared proposal is simply a way to begin the discussion. If Prop 123 is approved, the District will receive approximately \$5 million. This will be classified as fiscal year 2016 “one-time funds,” and as an option to consider, will include allotting Capital Funds for Curriculum, Facilities and Technology. Also, an approximate 2% in one-time pay to each employee group, and a 1½% employee retention recognition for those employees with 7+ years of service. Looking at fiscal year 2017, Mr. O’Brien presented options for re-occurring costs. Those expenses included funding for SROs, pay raises for all employee groups and other potential expenses. Another list, also as a potential option, showed additional requests for the Board’s consideration. Again, Mr. O’Brien reiterated, the options being presented were to at least get the conversation started. All figures submitted are estimates and can change by an override, tax rates or Board decisions. Discussion followed regarding requests for peer district comparisons, what site-based needs were to be considered, and enrollment funding impacts.

Michelle Marshall, General Counsel, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. C. Open Meeting Law training. This is an annual training, given to the Board Members every year in January. Ms. Marshall presented a PowerPoint reviewing the open meeting laws.

Action Item

Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director of Elementary Education, presented Action Item IX. A. Approval of Revision of 2016-2017 District Calendar. This proposal is a change to next year’s calendar. Currently, there are two days for teacher conferences. After many discussions with the District’s elementary principals and teachers, a request was unanimously agreed upon for two extra days to be allotted for more teacher parent conferences. This does not affect or include the middle school calendars, nor does it add any contract days to certified agreements. The District will convert two instructional days to dedicate to parent teacher conferences for elementary and K-8 schools only. Teachers at the elementary level are committed to meeting with parents. This change will not completely solve the problem, but it will be a positive message to teachers and parents.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the revision of the SUSD 2016-17 District calendar to convert two instructional days to parent teacher conference days. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Future Items

Consent Agenda - Continued

Motion #60
Approval of Consent Agenda

Information/Discussion

•Proposed 2017-18 School Year District Calendar

•Inflation Settlement Dollars

•Open Meeting Law Training

Action Item

Motion #61
Approval of Revision of SUSD 2016-17 District Calendar

Future Items

There were no Future Items requested.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- Friday, January 15, 2016 – 1:00 PM – Special Meeting
- Thursday, February 4, 2016 – 11:00 AM – Student Appeal Hearing
- Thursday, February 4, 2016 – 12:00 PM – Board Study Session
- Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting
- Thursday, March 17, 2016 – 12:00 PM – Board Study Session
- Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Board Regular Meeting

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Jackson reported that he attended the South Scottsdale Home Tour to benefit Coronado High School. It was a wonderful event.

Mrs. Hartmann reported that she continues to work closely with Mr. Jackson and the BUSS (Business United to Support Scottsdale Schools) organization. BUSS is working closely with Scottsdale Community College and the City of Scottsdale on what the P20 plan looks like. This morning, she attended the Youth Voices program at Saguaro High School presented by SUSD Service Learning. At the assembly, Mayor Lane, City of Scottsdale, went out of his way to mention the collaboration between SUSD and the City. The Youth Voices program reminded her of the work that is done by the District.

At 4:05 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 12th day of January 2016

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Kim Hartmann

Pam Kirby

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

George Jackson

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Motion #62 Adjournment