

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

January 7, 2016

A Special Meeting-Study Session/Executive Session of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 12:07 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Kim Hartmann; Pam Kirby; and Barbara Perleberg. George Jackson arrived at 1:10 PM. Acting Superintendent Dr. Pam Sitton was also present. A quorum was present.

Action Item

Mrs. Kirby suggested waiting for Board Member Jackson to arrive before taking action on Board Reorganization.

Action Item

Wait for Mr. Jackson to Arrive

Information/Discussion Item

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive director of Secondary Education, presented Information/Discussion Item III. B. 1. Strategic Plan – Continued – High Standards and Accountability. A PowerPoint was shared reviewing the excellence targets, performance actions and measurements. Discussion ensued regarding budget implications, common language, and Districtwide consistency. The Board expressed a desire to have further, more in-depth discussion on this topic at a future meeting.

Information/Discussion

•Strategic Plan – Cont'd
– High Standards and Accountability

At 1:10 PM, Mr. Jackson arrived at the meeting.

Action Item

Board President Bonnie Sneed presented Action Item III. A. 1. Board Reorganization, and asked for recommendations for Board President.

Action Item

Board Reorganization

Mrs. Kirby nominated Mrs. Perleberg for President. Mrs. Perleberg stated that she has been reflecting on this topic and feels at this time, she would nominate Mr. Jackson for President.

Mr. Jackson stated he would be honored, but at this time, he does not feel he has enough time to dedicate to the position. He, in turn, feels Mrs. Sneed should continue as President of the Board and nominated Mrs. Sneed for President.

Mrs. Sneed stated it would be her honor to serve again and accepted the nomination.

At this time, Mrs. Kirby noted that her motion was still on the floor and withdrew her nomination of Mrs. Perleberg as President.

Mrs. Perleberg also withdrew her nomination of Mr. Jackson for President and nominated herself for President. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

Motion #49

Nomination for President

The motion failed with a vote of 2 YEAS (Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Perleberg) and 3 NAYS.

Motion Failed

Mrs. Hartmann acknowledged the commitment that Mrs. Perleberg has made; however, in regard to Mr. Jackson's motion of Mrs. Sneed for President, she feels there is merit in continuity.

Mr. Jackson made his motion again to nominate Mrs. Sneed as President of the Governing Board. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

Motion #50

Approval of Mrs. Sneed as President of the Governing Board

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

Mrs. Kirby stated that the Board has been talking about trying to heal its differences and that Mrs. Perleberg has shown tremendous dedication to the District. She feels it would be a step in the right direction and nominated Mrs. Perleberg for Vice President of the Governing Board.

Motion #51

Approval of Mrs. Perleberg as Vice President of the Governing Board

Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion

Mrs. Sneed introduced Dr. Tom Ogle, Executive Director for Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA), who addressed the Board regarding Information/Discussion Item III. B. 2. Regarding possible implementation of a search service regarding the Board’s effort to employ a new District Superintendent. Board discussion followed regarding issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) and what the timeline would look like if an RFP was issued. Also, the Board discussed the fee ASBA would charge and what that fee would cover in the way of services for a search for a new superintendent. Board Members agreed that in-depth community engagement in the search is critical.

At 1:45 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to convene in Executive Session for:

- A. Discussion or consideration of salary of the acting Superintendent, Dr. Pam Sitton, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1). The employee has been notified in writing in accordance with the statutory provision.
- B. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorneys of the public body pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), regarding Item IV.A., above.
- C. Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the Board to consider its position and instruct its attorneys, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4), regarding Item IV.A. above.
- D. Discussion and consideration for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the position of District Interim Superintendent, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1).
- E. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorneys of the public body regarding pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), regarding the Interim Superintendent search.
- F. Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the Board to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the Interim Superintendent search, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4).

Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

At 7:05 PM, the Special Meeting reconvened.

Mrs. Hartmann moved to bring Dr. A. Denise Birdwell back for a second interview on Monday, January 11, 2016. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve a stipend for Acting Superintendent Dr. Pam Sitton, of \$150 per day for the time she is Acting Superintendent. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

At approximately 7:10 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 7th day of January 2016.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Barbara Perleberg, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

George Jackson

Pam Kirby

Information/Discussion
Visitor

•Implementation of Search Service for District Superintendent

Motion #52
Convene in Executive Session

Special Meeting Reconvened

Motion #53
Dr. Birdwell asked to return for a Second Interview

Motion #54
Approval of Stipend for Acting Supt. Dr. Pam Sitton

Motion #55
Adjournment

