

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

April 25, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:12 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Barbara Perleberg, President; Pam Kirby, Vice President; Allyson Beckham; Kim Hartmann; and Sandy Kravetz. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Steve Nance, represented Superintendent Dr. A. Denise Birdwell. A quorum was present. President Perleberg called upon Mrs. Hartmann to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Perleberg welcomed approximately 200 visitors.

Mrs. Perleberg, on behalf of the Governing Board and the District, extended condolences to Dr. Birdwell on the recent passing of her mother.

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

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

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Dr. Nance introduced Dr. Cecilia Johnson, Executive Director of School Leadership, who recognized the following students:

- Danielle Sherman, Desert Canyon 8th grade student, was awarded a National Silver Medal in the 2017 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- Top performing SUSD High School Music Students from Chaparral, Coronado and Saguaro High Schools who were chosen to audition for the All-State Choir, All-State Orchestra and the All-State Band:
 - Chaparral: Ari Cohen and Madison Kearney
 - Coronado: Mai Saito
 - Saguaro: Chance Robson, Cameron Whyte, Sarah Perleberg and Davis Whyte
- Cameron Whyte, Saguaro High School, awarded a 2017 Flinn Scholarship from the Flinn Foundation, valued at more than \$115,000
- Desert Mountain High School Pom and Cheer Teams were awarded the AIA overall state title for Division 1 Spirit Lines
- Chaparral High School Pom Team won the Pom division at the recent Universal Spirit Association National Championship in Anaheim, California

Dr. Nance introduced Debbie Ybarra, Director of Early Childhood Learning, who recognized the following students:

- Ava Aguirre, Pueblo Elementary School 5th grade student, local Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest winner
- Two SUSD Schools were recipients of the Arizona Educational Foundation A+ School of Excellence Award: Cherokee and Tavan Elementary Schools:
 - Walt Chantler, principal of Cherokee Elementary School, introduced members of his staff and thanked them, as well as Cherokee parents for the work they do.
 - Margaret Serna, principal of Tavan Elementary School, introduced members of her staff and also thanked them, as well as Tavan parents, for the work they do.

Public Comment

Linda Keeler spoke in regard to her concern about the elimination of positions as listed on the Agenda.

Diane Ellett spoke in regard to her SUSD position having been eliminated and thanked the teachers she served.

Motion #88

Approval of Agenda as Amended

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Public Comment

Anne Hanson spoke in regard to her position having been eliminated and expressed her appreciation for having the opportunity to serve SUSD.

Linda Schlenker spoke in regard to her concern that parent input was not listened to in the hiring of a new principal of Arcadia High School.

Karen Treon spoke in regard to her concern about the direction and lack of transparency of the District.

Mary Wepprecht spoke in regard to her concern about the direction the District is heading.

Julie Cieniawski, president of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA), spoke in regard to finding a common ground with administration and in support of the Teacher Employment Agreement (TEA).

Pert Beck spoke about her concern for the lack of respect shown towards SUSD teachers.

Ellen Young spoke about her concern for the lack of respect shown towards SUSD teachers.

Sonya Kim spoke in regard to change needing to be made by collaboration. Parents want to be part of the change, not just informed of changes.

Katie Assali spoke about her concern with administration not including teachers in decisions.

Christine Marsh spoke in support of Arizona School Boards Association's resolution opposed to universal vouchers approved in Senate Bill 1431, and asked the Board to adopt the resolution.

Jenny Kelly spoke about her concern for the lack of respect and trust shown towards SUSD teachers.

Tim Gibson spoke in opposition to Senate Bill 1431 for universal vouchers.

Marsha Crossman hopes the District realizes it has wonderful teachers.

Velyet Barentine spoke about her concerns with the lack of respect, transparency and trust in the District.

Rose Smith spoke about her concerns that SUSD teachers are not respected.

Ian Stephen remarked that good strategy takes inclusion and time.

Courtney Sucato spoke about teachers and parents who want to work with the District but the District must listen to them.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Nance commented on:

- Scottsdale Charros annual Outstanding Educators and Students Banquet on April 28, 2017
- Nicholas Basch, Desert Mountain High School, was named a winner of a National Merit Scholarship.
- The annual Middle schools' track meet is underway at Arcadia High School
- High school track and field athletes are competing this week in the Northeast Valley Regional Championship
- High School Proms are now taking place.
- On the Consent Agenda for this evening, the following are the new leaders for the District:
 - Mary Kline – Executive Director of Special Education
 - Michael Roberts – Director of Elementary Education
 - Dr. Lisa Hirsch – Principal of Desert Mountain High School
 - Alexis Freeman – Principal of Pima Elementary School
 - Todd Stephens – Principal of Arcadia High School

Superintendent's
Comments

- o Dr. Amy Fuller – Administrator on Assignment, overseeing the Coronado School Initiative

Consent Agenda

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- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$111,239.83
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers March 3, 2017 through April 12, 2017
- C. Payroll Vouchers Processed from March 7, 2017 through April 6, 2017
- D. Personnel Actions – 02/25/2017 through 03/31/2017
- E. Offer of Contracts to Cabinet, Administrative Support and Support-Exempt Staff for 2017-18
- F. Abolishment of Non-Certified Administrative Positions for 2017-18
- G. Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2017 Special Board Meeting/Exec. Session
- H. Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- I. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2017 Special Board Meeting-Vision Training
- J. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2017 Special Board Meeting-Vision Training
- K. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- L. Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2017 Special Board Meeting
- M. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
- N. Auxiliary Operations Statement for January FY 2017
- O. Auxiliary Operations Statement for February FY 2017
- P. Auxiliary Operations Statement for March FY 2017
- Q. Student Activities Statement for January FY 2017
- R. Student Activities Statement for February FY 2017
- S. Student Activities Statement for March FY 2017
- T. Tax Credit Statement for January FY 2017
- U. Tax Credit Statement for February FY 2017
- V. Tax Credit Statement for March FY 2017
- W. Approval of Increase in School Lunch Price
- X. Approval of Preschool Adoption –Literacy Curriculum
- Y. Approve the Issuance of Request for Proposals (RFP's) for Multiple Commodities and Services

Motion #89
Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

Motion #90
Convene in Executive Session

At 6:20 PM, Mrs. Perleberg moved to convene in Executive Session for:

Discussions or consultations for legal advice with the Attorney of the Governing Board regarding Action Item IX. A. Approval of Award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #17081 for the Rebuild of Hopi Elementary School, and Action Item IX. B. Approval of Award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #17084 – Track and Field Improvement at Chaparral, Coronado and Saguaro High Schools, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

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

Regular Meeting
Reconvened

At 7:23 PM, the Regular Meeting reconvened.

Information/Discussion

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Pam Sitton, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Special Services, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Update on Goals for Teacher Salaries. A PowerPoint was shared highlighting the Administration's goal to raise teacher compensation by 10%, with a starting salary of \$40,000 within the next five years. Teacher contracts for school year 2017-18 were sent out on March 28 and as of the date of this meeting, 38 contracts had not yet been signed, with 15 contracts having been rejected. It was noted that at the same time last year, 20 contracts had been rejected. Also discussed was the changes to employee health insurance. Dr. Sitton stated that the cost for medical and dental insurance for employees either would stay the same or would be reduced.

•Update on Goals for Teacher Salaries

•Average Daily Membership (ADM) and Enrollment Counts

Dr. Anna McCauley, Assistant Superintendent for Accountability and Instruction, and Carol Forsgren, Compliance Officer, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Average Daily Membership (ADM) and Enrollment Counts. A PowerPoint was shared that reviewed the data for Kindergarten through 12th grade. The system for gathering this data has been improved. It is possible that the District will be able to recoup 140 memberships for the 2016-17 school year, which could increase this year’s budget by approximately \$500,000. The Board discussed the importance of knowing the correct number of students in classrooms. A more complete report will be available after the school year ends. An update will be given to the Governing Board in August 2017.

Louis Hartwell, Chief Systems Officer, and Missy Mudry, Procurement Advisor, presented Amendment: Information/Discussion Item VIII. C. Bond Project Management Update. Ms. Mudry shared a PowerPoint that reviewed the amount of work that has been done in the past two weeks to bring the District up-to-date on its 2016 Bond projects. An overview of the timeline that will be followed was also shared. Discussion was had concerning issues being brought to Board Members regarding Cheyenne Traditional School. Dennis Roehler, Director of Facilities, reported that he and James Dorer, Chief Security Officer, met with City of Scottsdale officials and believe the City now has the correct information and that the project will be able to move forward. Also discussed was a communication plan and how the District website will be used to inform the community about Bond projects.

Action Items

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Action Item IX. A. Approval of Award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #17081 for the Rebuild of Hopi Elementary School, with the amendment to Article 4 – Contract Amount and Payment. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 1 (Mrs. Beckham opposed the wording of the Amendment).

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Action Item IX. B. Approval of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #17084 – Track and Field Improvements at Chaparral, Coronado and Saguaro High Schools, with the Amendment to Article 4 – Contract Amount and Payment. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Perleberg moved to table Action Item IX. C. Proposed Issues to Submit to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for 2018 Political Agenda to the May 9, 2017 Regular Governing Board Meeting. Mrs. Beckham seconded the motion.

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

Future Items

Update on Average Daily Membership data.

Mrs. Hartmann would like a follow up on the contractor evaluation committee and the potential conflict of interest. She would also like an item on the Arizona School Boards Association Resolution opposing the expansion of Education Savings Accounts (Senate Bill 1431).

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, May 4, 2017 – 3:00 PM – Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Governing Board Reports

Mrs. Hartmann reported the following activities:

- March 24 – participated in a Scottsdale Leadership Education Panel Discussion
- March 29 – participated in a City of Scottsdale and Tempe Education Initiative to discuss City of Tempe education/human service best practices. Scottsdale City Manager to make a recommendation for City of Scottsdale education collaboration opportunities

•AMENDMENT TO AGENDA: Bond Project Management Update

Action Items

Motion #91
Approval of RFQ #17081 – Hopi Elementary School

Motion #92
Approval of RFQ #17084 – Track and Field Improvements- Chaparral, Coronado & Saguaro High Schools

Motion #93
Table Proposed Issues to Submit to ASBA-2018 Political Agenda to 5/9/17

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board Reports

- April 10 – introduced Be A Leader Foundation President to Drs. Johnson and Fuller to explore CSI partnership opportunities including 1) piloting a college attainment boot camp and coaching program (with the Scottsdale Charros volunteering as coaches) this Summer/Fall 2017 and 2) exploring the possibility of a matriculation specialist who focuses on first-generation college attainment success and scholarships
- April 11 – met with the Social Venture Partner Community liaison to provide CSI update and discuss potential partnering opportunities
- April 11 – participated in the CSI Steering Committee Meeting and Charros Education Committee Update to discuss ASU/MLFT Design Initiative and CSI progress

Motion #94
Adjournment

At 9:01 PM, Mrs. Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kravetz seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 25th day of April 2017

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Barbara Perleberg, President

Pam Kirby, Vice President

Allyson Beckham

Kim Hartmann

Sandy Kravetz

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