

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

March 21, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 6:01 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale Arizona. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice was hereby given to the members of the Scottsdale Governing Board and to the general public that the Governing Board would hold a public meeting open to the public on March 21, 2023. Members of the Governing Board and non-Board member participants participated in the meeting in-person.

Board Members in attendance were Julie Cieniawski, President; Carine Werner, Vice President; Dr. Libby Hart-Wells; and Amy Carney. Zach Lindsay was absent. Superintendent Dr. Scott A. Menzel was also present. A quorum was present. Mrs. Cieniawski led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaparral High School Gold Dust Avenue, A Cappella Vocal Ensemble, performed the National Anthem.

Mrs. Werner requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 8.E., Personnel Action Items, 02/09/23 to 03/01/23 for further discussion.

Mrs. Cieniawski moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Acknowledgement of some outstanding celebrations:

- Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, celebrated Mountainside Middle School 8th grade students Anaya Patel, Sanjana Shah, and Tabitha Watton who are the winners of the Hamilton Education Program Online National Competition. Congratulations! They each received a challenge coin.
- Dr. Sackos celebrated the Saguaro High School Real World Design Challenge Team: Owen Barker, Noah Shoup, Brody Kladis, Korbin Gugisberg, Gray Richardson and Nate Simpson who are the State Champion Governor's Award winners of the Real World Design Challenge, National/International competition. Congratulations! Each student received a challenge coin.
- Michelle Irvin, Fine Arts Coordinator, celebrated award-winning a cappella ensemble, Chaparral High School Gold Dust Avenue and choir director Dr. Sammy Brauer. Congratulations, Gold Dust Avenue, and thank you for sharing your wonderful musical talents with us this evening! Lillian Apostolou, Dona Orzman, Mdaeline Ragatz, Katrina Chin, Jaycee Petrey, Michael Reust, Nala Hamid, Camryn Price and Samantha Zell each received a challenge coin.
- Nathan Slater, District Athletic Director, celebrated Division 5A State Champions Chaparral High School girls soccer team. Team Captains and Coach Robyn Carlson were present.
- Student Advisory Board President, Zack Okun is one of 150 seniors nationwide who has been named a 2023 Coca-Cola Scholar! Zack and his cohorts not only exemplify superior leadership, service, and academics - they are change agents who positively impact their communities. Congratulations Zach!

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4. A. Student Advisory Board 2022-2023: Presentation on Arcadia High School, Chaparral High School, Coronado High School, Desert Mountain High School, Saguaro High School and Scottsdale Online

The Student Advisory Board (SAB) presented an update for the 2022-2023 school year. PowerPoint presentation: Student Advisory Board (SAB) Update.

GOVERNING BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Carney

- Recently toured Echo Canyon.
- Toured Ingleside - thank you, Ingleside Garden Club, and Principal Michael.
- Attended Saguaro Teen Town Hall.
- We will be working on scheduling parent/community member town halls.

Mrs. Cieniawski

- Thank you to our employees and their continued commitment to our students.

Motion
Approval of
Agenda as
Amended

Students and
Staff
Recognitions and
Celebrations

Special
Presentation

Governing Board
Reports

- Thank you to those employees that received and returned their contracts.
- Thank you to the generosity and support of those that donated and to all our volunteers.
- Had the opportunity to learn more about the Desert Mountain complex.
- Participated in Read Across America at Laguna Elementary, Anasazi Elementary and Desert Canyon Elementary.
- Attended Susical Jr. at Desert Canyon Middle School.
- Attend the Winter Sports Banquet.
- Attended Saguaro Teen Town Hall.
- Attend the SUSD Mental Health Fair.
- Met with several community members.
- Met with Shannon Crosier and Roger Spivey to learn about the use of our cooperatives.
- Hope everyone had a nice spring break and wishing all a great 4th quarter.

Dr. Hart-Wells

- Congratulations to our students who were celebrated this evening and celebrated every day in our schools.
- Congratulations to the Mohave 7th graders on your science fair exhibits.
- Thank you, Mr. Candless and the entire Saguaro Theater Department for your production of Cursing Mummies.
- Thank you to the caregivers and community members of the Saguaro Creative Arts Boosters for your selfless support of the theater department.
- Thank you to the outstanding teachers and administrative staff at Anasazi Elementary for sharing your IB report.
- Wishing all the juniors good luck tomorrow on their ACT exam.
- The Scottsdale Family Arts Festival is this weekend at SkySong.

Mrs. Werner

- Attended the Saguaro Teen Town Hall.
- Attended the Mohave Science Fair.
- Attended the District Athletic Banquet.
- Attended the dance recital at Coronado.
- Recently visited Echo Canyon, Copper Ridge, Cochise, Laguna and Sequoia.
- Had the opportunity to see the Prisms demonstration, concerned with screen time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda, Non-Agenda, Information/Discussion, and Consent Agenda Items
Twelve (12) Digital Public Comment forms were submitted:

- Patricia Pellet – Commented on SUSD.
- Jill Dunican – Commented on SUSD and school clubs.
- Rissel Langbecker – Commented on equity and testing.
- Mark Aguire – Support for the Board members Cieniawski, Lindsay and Hart-Wells.
- Bryn DeFusco – Commented on enrollment and supports SUSD.
- Laura Weeshoff – Commented on DCES Early Learning.
- Emmie Cardella – Commented on the negative Security Supervisor vote at the last Board meeting.
- Susan Winder – Commented on the Principal of Chaparral.
- Tiffany Benson – General public comment.
- Allegra Maloney – General public comment and freedom clubs.
- Shea Najafi – Commented on Governing Board Policy BCC.
- Kim McClure – Scottsdale Parent Council invited the Governing Board to attend the SPC general meetings on March 22nd and April 19th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Menzel highlighted the following:

- Heading into testing season – tomorrow high school juniors will be taking the ACT exam.
- The Scottsdale Family Arts Fest at SkySong - Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th.
- Chaparral High School was host to the AZ FIRST Robotics regional event. The Sabercats advanced to the playoffs. Thank you to staff that worked during spring break to make this event happen.
- Attended the dedication ceremony for the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen. Thank you to local historian, Joan Fudala.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Comments

Superintendent's
Comments

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts \$26,460.11
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from February 8, through March 1, 2023
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from February 8, through March 1, 2023
- D. Payroll Vouchers Processed from February 2 through February 28, 2023
- E. Personnel Action Items, 02/09/23 to 03/01/23
- F. Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2023 Regular Governing Board Meeting
- G. Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2023 Special Governing Board Meeting
- H. Approval of 2023-2024 Work Calendar for Classified Staff
- I. Approval of Job Description, Director of Federal and State Programs
- J. Approve the Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) 23009, Dental and Vision Benefits
- K. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Field Trips
- L. Approve the Use of Mohave Educational Service Cooperatives to Purchase Technology Equipment for a Firewall Upgrade
- M. Approve the Use of Mohave Educational Service Cooperatives to Purchase Network and Wi-Fi Equipment for a Wireless Access Upgrades
- N. Approve the Award of Invitation for Bid (IFB) No 23013 for Weatherization at Chaparral HS & Saguaro HS
- O. Approve the Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No 23011 Athletic Trainers
- P. Approve the Use of the State of Arizona Cooperative Contract for the Purchase of Vehicles

Mrs. Cieniawski moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Motion
Approval of
Consent Agenda
as Amended

Mrs. Werner requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 8.E., Personnel Action Items, 02/09/23 to 03/01/23 for further discussion.

Motion
Motion to table
the employment
of the Chaparral
High School
Principal failed

Dr. Hart-Wells requested to table the employment of the Chaparral High School Principal so there could be further discussion and move forward with the other personnel matters.

Mrs. Werner moved to table the employment of the Chaparral High School Principal. Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. Mrs. Cieniawski and Dr. Hart-Wells voted No. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2.

Motion
Motion to
approve Consent
Agenda Item
8.E., Personnel
Action Items,
02/09/23 to
03/01/23 in their
entirety failed

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 8.E., Personnel Action Items, 02/09/23 to 03/01/23 in their entirety. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Werner abstained. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2.

Mrs. Cieniawski moved to recess the meeting at 7:23 PM. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Motion
Recess at 7:23
PM

At 7:29 PM the Regular Meeting reconvened

Reconvene
Regular Meeting

9. ACTION ITEMS

9. A. Approve the Cooperative Agreement between 1 Governmental Procurement Alliance (1GPA) and Scottsdale Unified School District

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the cooperative agreement between 1GPA and Scottsdale Unified School District pending acceptable contract terms. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer and Roger Spivey, Director of Purchasing, were available to answer questions.

Action Items

Mrs. Cieniawski moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement between 1 Governmental Procurement Alliance (1GPA) and Scottsdale Unified School District. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Motion
Approval of the
Cooperative
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Governmental
Procurement
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and Scottsdale
Unified School
District

9. B. Approval of Salt River Project Distribution Design and Construction Contract for Pueblo Elementary School

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the Distribution Design and Construction Contract for Pueblo Elementary School. Dennis Roehler, Director of Facilities and Bond Management, was available to answer questions.

Motion
Approval of Salt
River Project
Distribution
Design and
Construction

Mrs. Cieniawski moved to approve the Salt River Project Distribution Design and Construction Contract for Pueblo Elementary School. Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

9. C. Second Read and Approval - Governing Board Policy BCC re Board Member Request for Information

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the proposed changes to Governing Board Policy BCC regarding Board Member Request for Information. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

Mrs. Carney moved to approve the Second Read and Approval - Governing Board Policy BCC re Board Member Request for Information with the changes as presented. Mrs. Werner seconded the motion. Dr. Hart-Wells and Mrs. Cieniawski voted No. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2.

9. D. Second Read and Approval - Governing Board Policy DJE re Bidding/Purchasing Procedures

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the proposed changes to Governing Board Policy DJE regarding Bidding/Purchasing Procedures. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

Mrs. Cieniawski moved to approve the Second Read and Approval - Governing Board Policy DJE re Bidding/Purchasing Procedures. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

9. E. Consideration of Revisions to Governing Board Policy CE regarding Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees and Waiver of Additional Readings pursuant to Governing Board Policy BGB

It was recommended that the Governing Board consider and, if advisable, adopt changes to Governing Board Policy CE as presented and waive any additional readings pursuant to Governing Board Policy BGB. Jennifer MacLennan, Outside Counsel, was available to answer questions.

Mrs. Carney moved to table Consideration of Revisions to Governing Board Policy CE regarding Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees and Waiver of Additional Readings pursuant to Governing Board Policy BGB until Dr. Menzel has provided the Governing Board with a full understanding and report of all current committee work as directed in policy CE. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

FUTURE ITEMS

Mrs. Carney

- Requested a presentation and discussion on all pilot programs in the District - cost, data and implementation.

Mrs. Cieniawski

- Requested a discussion item regarding cell phone utilization throughout the District; an update to the Code of Conduct after decision has been made; and a consistent practice put in place across SUSD when it comes to cell phone usage in our education environment.
- Requested a public discussion on safety and security throughout the District.

Dr. Hart-Wells

- Requested a report out on the status of incorporating computer science (AI & machine learning) into the curriculum, opportunities in the valley for both for students and staff.
- Requested an update on water and energy usage.
- The Arizona Auditor General report showed a slight decline in the percent of expenditures attributed to classroom instruction. Requested a quantitative analysis of why that happened.
- Requested a revised budget be brought to the Board.

Mrs. Werner

- Requested a discussion/possible action around policies, protocols and procedures regarding incidents of staff and students, KEB filings and procedures and JII-EA filings and procedures.

DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, April 4, 2023 – 6:00 PM – Special Governing Board Meeting – MDA; Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 6:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting – Coronado High School.

At 8:16 PM, Mrs. Cieniawski moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Contract for Pueblo Elementary School

Motion

Motion to approve the Second Read and Approval - Governing Board Policy BCC re Board Member Request for Information failed

Motion

Approval of the Second Read and Approval - Governing Board Policy DJE re Bidding/Purchasing Procedures

Motion

Approval to table Consideration of Revisions to Governing Board Policy CE regarding Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees and Waiver of Additional Readings pursuant to Governing Board Policy BGB until Dr. Menzel has provided the Governing Board with a full understanding and report of all current committee work as directed in policy CE

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Motion

Adjournment

Dated this 21st day of March 2023

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48




Julie Cieniawski, President




Carine Werner, Vice President



Dr. Libby Hart-Wells



Zach Lindsay



Amy Carney
