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

August 24, 2021

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 will hold a public meeting open to the public on August 24, 2021. Members of the Governing Board and non-Board member participants participated in the meeting in-person with masks on, via an online platform, or by telephonic communication.

Board Members in attendance were Jann-Michael Greenburg, President; Julie Cieniawski, Vice President; Patty Beckman. Dr. Libby Hart-Wells; and Zach Lindsay. Superintendent Dr. Scott A. Menzel was also present. A quorum was present. Mr. Greenburg called upon Mrs. Cieniawski to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dr. Hart-Wells requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 8R, Approval of Award of RFQ No. 22-20-26 — Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Pueblo Elementary School to McCarthy Building Companies, for further discussion. Consent Agenda 8R will be read alongside Action Item 9F, Approval of Preconstruction Services Contract for RFQ No. 22-20-26 — Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Pueblo Elementary School.

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations
There were no student and staff recognitions and celebrations. These will typically start up again in September.

Superintendent’s Comments
Dr. Menzel highlighted the following:

- Through the first 15 days of school, Pre-K through 12th grade enrollment is at 22,113. This number is down about 124 students from a year ago. Kindergarten through 12th grade enrollment is at 21,431. This number is down 222 from the same time last year.
- The mask requirement that the Board approved began Friday, August 20, 2021. To date, just under 500 requests for exemptions or other accommodations were received. Of the requests received, less than 20% have been denied. The majority of the requests have been approved.
- There have reports, this week, of verbal abuse targeted at teachers, Assistant Principals, Principals and others. Front line staff, building secretaries, nurses, teachers and administrators are following the Governing Board directive and the guidance from public health officials related to the mask requirement. None of them should be subject to the verbal abuse. This year has been even harder than last year. Engage with each other respectfully. Our goal is to keep our schools open for in person learning.

Public Comments – Agenda, Non-Agenda, Information/Discussion, and Consent Agenda Items

Thirty-nine (39) Public Comment cards were presented:

- Charlie Kirk – New resident of Scottsdale. We are defying AZ law and measures. This District is going against the will of the voters and legislature of AZ and masking children. Your time is soon up. There are recall measures.
- Erika Frantze – Former SUSD student. Requested moment of silence for SUSD students that committed suicide and for those who will end up committing suicide this school year due to lack of leadership.
- Kate Taylor – Perspective on mask mandate. Pleased that the District has enacted a mask mandate. She applauded the SUSD Governing Board. We need to work tougher to protect the health of the broader Scottsdale community. Thank you for following the facts and science and for allowing kids to have in person learning.
- Dr. Kaveh Naja – Trauma and critical care surgeon at a local hospital and father or students at SUSD. Applauded the Governing Board for courage and what they are doing. The medical community stances behind the SUSD Governing Board. Thank you for all the work.

Public Comments
- James Taylor – Resident of Scottsdale and has 2 kids that went to SUSD schools. Concerned about those in the community that are against the mask mandate. The minority against masks is so enraged they have cultivated a climate of intolerance and hate that threatens the peace and safety of the public that wanted to attend the meeting tonight. Thank you for placing in person learning as the priority and for enacting the mask mandate to give kids that opportunity. Many waiting outside, who do not even reside in the district, have disrupted the meeting process.

- Lisa Fitzgerald – Disappointed in the actions of the Governing Board. Masks have affected the children mentally. You are supposed to be for kids not against them. Asked to reverse the mandate, allow masks to be a choice.

- Patricia Pellett – Speaking for parental rights for her son’s education. The idea that virtual learning works for all is a joke and has been a failure for her son. He needs to be in class. SUSD has outsourced her son’s transportation as well. Where is the accountability for her son during this crisis? Thank you to the teachers.

- Patti O’Neil – Lives in north Scottsdale and raised her kids at SUSD schools. Thank you to each and every board member, especially those that voted yes for the mask mandate. You gave our community a gift by mandating masks. Thank you for thinking of the students, teachers, and community at large.

- Jodie Galassi – Not a parent, does not have children in the District. Has lived in Scottsdale for 21 years. We need strong leaders like the Governing Board, fills hers with hope. The revolting behaviors have no place in Scottsdale. What you do matters to so many people. The vast majority in Scottsdale owe the Governing Board a debt of gratitude. Thank you!

- Tom Fitzgerald – He has a daughter and grandson at Cheyenne. The Governing Board has not put in the time and effort to learn about Covid. The SUSD letter provided zero facts or in-depth analysis. No statistical difference with schools that have masks and schools that do not. Masks do not do anything and there is no evidence that they do. You made an ignorant decision. We have no choice than to recall the Governing Board which is underway right now.

- Jill Lassen – Parent and librarian. Commented on the importance of good teen and young adult books. All topics are important for teens. Teens can handle certain book topics. Please do not put the District out there for challenging these books.

- Brehan King – SUSD parent and hospital-based physician. Thank you to the Governing Board and Dr. Menzel. Thank you for the mask mandate. Masks are a simple measure that keep kids in school. Masks keep kids healthy and keep schools open. Masks and Covid are temporary, but public schools are permanent.

- Laura Weeshoff – Children attend SUSD schools. Proud of teachers, dedicated administrators and school board. Northgate - the sidewalk must be widened. Urge you to widen the sidewalk as a measure of safety. Please consider allowing a limited number of volunteers outside during the school day. Supports the mask mandate.

- Trish Olson – Has 3 children at SUSD. Personal rights and the ability to choose is the cornerstone of who we are as Americans. We did not elect the Governing Board to use children as their political battleground. It must stop. The messaging coming from SUSD is not always clear and concise. The students need to be at the forefront of the decisions made. There is a need for transparency for parents and caregivers.

- Amanda Wray – The Strategic Planning Design Team committee meetings were held behind closed doors, no minutes, deliberations or votes were made available to the public. There is no insight into those discussions. Lack of transparency in SUSD. Not anti-mask, but believes parents should have a choice.

- Sara Solem - SUSD parent. Your mandate has caused stress on student, staff and family. Families and staff did not receive surveys. You put everyone in impossible situations. Let the parents decide on how to best manage their children. Thank you to Board member Lindsay and Beckman.

- Amy Carney – This latest mask issue you created is to distract every one of the failing schools and lack of enrollment in our district. Money should be spent on the new marketing campaign. No one will want to move to the SUSD district right now. Families are leaving the district. Start focusing your efforts on the betterment of the educational experience for every child at SUSD.

- Ann Myers – Lives in Scottsdale and grandmother of a Kiva student. You have a difficult job, but it is not thankless. Thank you from the community. Thank you for mandating masks and your courage for standing up to the craziness.

- Jeff Stephan – Two children attend SUSD. Masks will not stop the Chinese militarized virus bioweapon that China gave us. Thank you to Zach for voting against the mask mandate.

- Carine Werner – If someone wants to wear a mask, wear a mask. Appalling. This mandate is nothing more than tiny tyrants pushing their political agendas. Stop the nonsense and let kids be kids. They are not your pawns. Let teachers teach.
• Shiry Sapir – Parents see a pattern of indoctrination. We will not go away. This is not the end of our movement it is just the beginning. It is the right of parents to question everything.
• Brian Coughlan – Why is it ok to be teaching kids CRT? It is disheartening to see what is being taught to his kids and kids of the future. Hard work, character and faith gets you success not the color of your skin. Blind hatred.
• Heather Meowel – Scottsdale resident for 27 years. Thank you for doing the mask mandate and your bravery Thank you for following the science and listening to the majority of the school district. There are a lot of people backing you.
• Nolan Field – Student. Cowardice and dumb that you are not letting the public in. You serve the community; the community does not serve you. Appalled that the mask mandate was passed. You are stressing me out and other kids at SUSD. Enough of this nonsense.
• Kate Peters Rae – Mother of an SUSD student. Thank you for passing the mask mandate. It ensures that schools can stay open and her child can be at school in person.
• Tracey Martin – Coach in the valley. Think of the collateral damage you are instilling in the children. This is not a lifestyle to treat children as if they are sick. These kids and families are affected every day. Trauma starts when kids are young.
• Jesse Anderson – Your microphones are on and the meeting is being livestreamed. You should cease and desist. No statistical benefit of masks. Stop the mask mandates and stop quarantining healthy kids. Do the work and collect the data.
• Sheila Charara – Two boys attend Cherokee. Thank you for what you've done during this pandemic. Concerns have increased because of rising Covid numbers. Encourages everyone to get the vaccine. She doesn't like wearing masks, but she does it. The Governor has zero interest in protecting children while they are attending school. Don't yield to political agendas and keep education moving forward.
• Felecia Nace – Opposed to students being masked with masks made in China. It is hard to find masks not made in China. Chinese manufacturers can outpace US standards. Don't impose masks if you cannot guarantee kids safety.
• Keegan Campbell – Chaparral HS senior. Was denied his rights of public eduction because he refused to wear a mask. This isn’t about safety, but about control. Not anti-mask, but anti-tyranny. Masks cause severe anxiety and acne. Consider what you are doing to our youth.
• Emmie Cardella – SPC update. Last week was the first general meeting, which was well attended. The next meeting is September 15th at 9am at MDA. September 14th is IAP training.
• Martin Cardella – Parent of 3 SUSD students. Thank you to the Governing Board members that voted to implement the mask mandate. It was the right decision in order to provide as much safety for our children and increase the likelihood that out schools can stay open. Thank you for honoring your commitment to doing what is best for all SUSD students.
• Robin Golsten – Daughter attends Chaparral HS. Thank you to the Governing Board and Dr. Menzel for following the science. Thank you for thinking of the teachers and the children. They are safer with the masks than without. Masks are needed. Very happy with the mask mandate.
• Geoff Mathieu – The fear that has been inspired by this hysteria is creating a lot of trauma for the children.
• Pat Norton – Retired teacher. Concerned about what is happening to the kids in the district and across the US. We need to focus on what is happening to the kids. You are bringing in CRT and adding to the curriculum. Teachers do not need to have things added. Marketing is not the answer. Teach the basics so kids can have a good education.
• Mike Peabody – You have the support of the families, the rational families. Thank you all for making the tough decisions.
• Lenna Bien - Son was sent home from school after he sneezed. Sneezing is not a Covid symptom. Please look at the numbers.
• Brian Coughlan – Lack of public and parent input on the masking polices that were recently enacted. Cloth masks are ineffective in stopping Covid-19 and respiratory viruses. Do your research on T cells and B cell immunity. Read the science.
• Madison Selee – Not yet a parent, but will be. Advocating for the choice of the parents and children to wear masks or not wear them. Unconstitutional mandates against children. Forcing a child, against their will, in a place of learning is child abuse. These children belong to God and their parents, not the state. We believe in freedom. End these forced mandates.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
7. A. Discussion of Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Proposed 2022 Political Agenda

Vice President Cienlawski reviewed the recommendations and engaged the Board in conversation about any recommended alternatives to the platform. Vice President Cienlawski asked that Governing Board members provide input to her, as the ASBA delegate, to discuss at the Delegate Assembly. All
Governing Board members and Superintendent Menzel were invited to the Delegate Assembly. Vice President Cieniawski will be available to receive any comments via email.

7. B. Scottsdale Unified School District COVID Mitigation Strategies

The Governing Board requested information be provided to them regarding ongoing mitigation strategies in Scottsdale Unified School District. Review of where the District is regarding Covid mitigation strategies. PowerPoint presentation on COVID Mitigation Update.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
B. Acceptance of Gifts $196,186.40
C. Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from June 16 through August 11, 2021 FY21
D. Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from July 20 through August 9, 2021 FY22
E. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from June 15 through August 11, 2021 FY21
F. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from July 12 through August 9, 2021 FY22
G. Payroll Vouchers Processed from June 10 through August 5, 2021 FY21
H. Payroll Vouchers Processed from July 15 through August 3, 2021 FY22
I. Personnel Action Items, 3/11/2021 to 8/24/2021
J. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2021 Special Governing Board Meeting and Executive Session
K. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2021 Regular Governing Board Meeting
L. Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2021 Special Governing Board Meeting and Executive Session
M. Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2021 Special Governing Board Meeting and Executive Session
N. Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2021 Special Governing Board Meeting and Public Hearing
O. Approval of Award of Request for Proposal No. 22-24-26 — Districtwide Cement Work
P. Approval of Award of Request for Proposal No. 22-25-26 — Alarm Monitoring Services
R. Approval of Award of RFQ No. 22-20-26 — Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Pueblo Elementary School to McCarthy Building Companies
S. Approve the Designation of Sole Source procurement for Zonar Systems Inc. for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
T. Authorization for Execution of Agreements and/or Contracts

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, Consent Agenda Item 8R has been pulled and will be discussed alongside Action Item 9F. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS

9. A. Appointment of Audit Committee

Dr. Menzel recommended the appointment of an Audit Committee comprised of three non-school board members and two school board members. There was a recommendation to appoint three non-school board members out of a pool of eight: Sara Regan, Danielle Martinage and Dale Belt. Sharron Walker, City of Scottsdale Auditor, has agreed to be a part of the orientation process.

Board member considerations/nominations put forward: Mr. Greenburg put his name forward
Mrs. Cieniawski recommended that Dr. Hart-Wells be a member of the Audit Committee. Dr. Hart-Wells accepted the nomination.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Appointment of Audit Committee, the committee comprising of Sara Regan, Danielle Martinage, Dale Belt, Board Member Hart-Wells and Board President Greenburg. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

9. B. Approval of Instructional Time Model for 2021-2022 in Accordance with House Bill 2862

Dr. Kimberly Guerin, Assistant Superintendent of Ed Services recommended the Approval of the Instructional Time Model for 2021-2022 in accordance with House Bill 2862.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Instructional Time Model for 2021-2022 in accordance with House Bill 2862. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.
9. C. Approval of Retention Agreement Regarding Litigation Against Electronic Cigarette/Vaping Manufacturers and to Direct the Retained Attorneys to File a Complaint on Behalf of the District

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve retention of Keller Rohrback L.L.P and Grant Woods of Gallagher and Kennedy and Law Offices of Joseph C. Tann PLLC in JUUL litigation and to direct the attorneys to file a complaint on behalf of the District.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Retention Agreement Regarding Litigation Against Electronic Cigarette/Vaping Manufacturers and to Direct the Retained Attorneys to File a Complaint on Behalf of the District as amended with the word "nest" changed to the word "best". Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

At 9:35 PM The Governing Board paused for a break

At 9:41 PM the Regular Meeting reconvened

9. D. Approval of Self-Insurance Trust Board Trustees

Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the appointment process for the Self-Insurance Trust Board. Bringing forward several recommendations to the Governing Board and to approve the Selection of the Self-Insurance Trust Board Trustees: Eloy Yndigoyen, Valerie Shannon and Melinda Gulick

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Self-Insurance Trust Board Trustees as presented. Mrs. Beckman seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

9. E. Authorize Expenditure - Navajo Elementary Mechanical and Electrical D Wing Build Out

Dennis Roehler, Director of Facilities and Bond Management, outlined the Navajo Elementary mechanical and electrical D wing build out.

Mr. Greenburg moved to Authorize Expenditure - Navajo Elementary Mechanical and Electrical D Wing Build Out as presented. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

9. F. Approval of Preconstruction Services Contract for RFQ No. 22-20-26 — Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Pueblo Elementary School

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Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the process implemented for the Construction Manager at Risk. Dennis Roehler, Director of Facilities and Bond Management, provided additional information on the Pueblo rebuild.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 8R, Approval of Award of RFQ No. 22-20-26 — Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Pueblo Elementary School to McCarthy Building Companies. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Preconstruction Services Contract for RFQ No. 22-20-26 - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Pueblo Elementary School. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Future Items
Dr. Hart-Wells
- Requested a status report on the Phoenix Rising negotiation

Dates of Upcoming Meetings
A. Tuesday, September 14, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Special Governing Board Meeting - MDA
B. Tuesday, September 28, 2021 - 6:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting – Coronado High School
Governing Board Reports
Mrs. Cieniawski

- Attended parent boot camp hosted by a few SUSD parents
- Visited the staff and welcomed them back to Kiva Elementary
- Participated in a Scottsdale roundtable discussion to learn more about what is going on in Scottsdale
- Had the opportunity to listen to some students with the ASBA Black Alliance
- Met one on one with several parents and community members to hear their issues and ideas for improvement
- Look forward to working with Mayor Ortega’s office on the upcoming Education Meeting
- Met with some Saguaro leaders to discuss a pilot program they are currently implementing
- Attended the Kiva groundbreaking ceremony and Hohokam ribbon cutting ceremony

Mrs. Beckman

- Attended Kiva groundbreaking and Hohokam ribbon cutting. Thank you to all the staff and Principals for putting those events together. They were fantastic ceremonies. Thank you for including the Governing Board.

At 10:07 PM, Mr. Greenburg moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 24th day of August 2021

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

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