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

October 26, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 6:00 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 October 26, 2021. Members of the Governing Board and non-Board member participants participated in the meeting in-person with masks on.

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. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

There was a request to put Consent Agenda Item 8I, Authorization of Expenditure – Willmeng Construction, Inc. for Saguarro Film Room and Consent Agenda Item 8J, Approval of Award of Request for Proposal No. 22-18-26 – Travel Agency & Tour Events for further discussion

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations
Acknowledgement of some outstanding recognitions:

- Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education, recognized Cocomap Middle School students Jacob McDonald, Luca Montemore and Johnny Ward who helped their bus driver during a medical emergency. Thank you, boys, for your outstanding actions and for the great care you took to help Ms. Hughes that day. You truly embody SUSD Values.
- Jacob, Luca and Johnny were each presented with a challenge coin.
- Each year, the Scottsdale Mayor’s office conducts an essay and art competition to honor the September 17, 1787 signing of the U.S. Constitution. The “We the People” competition provides an opportunity for our elementary through high school students to enhance their knowledge of this foundational, national document and to express that knowledge about the First Amendment, the rest of the Bill of Rights, and the remaining Amendments. SUSD students performed outstandingly in these endeavors at all grade levels again this year and were recognized at a ceremony last Thursday.
- The artistic talents of SUSD students were also on display in the results of the Arizona Council on Economic Education’s recent Economics Concepts Poster Contest. Among the non-profit organization’s work is helping educators prepare and students learn about personal finance, economics and entrepreneurship. We are especially proud that two of Scottsdale Online teacher Erin Hansen’s 3rd grade students are among those being recognized this year.
- It has been an amazing few weeks for our band and strings programs in SUSD. This past weekend, 3 of our 5 marching bands – Arcadia, Desert Mountain and Saguaro – placed 1st place in 3 different competitions. These bands also walked away with all of the caption awards for Outstanding Music, Outstanding Visual, Outstanding General Effect, Outstanding Percussion, and Outstanding Auxiliary.
- The annual SUSC Marching Band Exhibition takes place November 10th at 6 p.m. at Arcadia High School. Admission is FREE and the evening will kick off with the National Anthem performed by the trumpet sections of each of our high school bands.
- The success of our performing arts programs continued at the ABODA Fall Orchestra Festival, last weekend. The Saguaro High School Orchestra program received top honors, with all 3 ensembles - Concert, Symphonic and Advanced - walking away with Superior Ratings. The Symphonic and Advanced Orchestra received the denotation of Superior with Distinction, meaning that all 3 judges gave them the highest rating possible in competition. This is quite an achievement for these outstanding musicians and their new instructor, Robert Reyes.
- Stop by Chaparral High School Thursday evening at 6 p.m. for the annual Chaparral Learning Community Orchestra Concert. This outdoor event will feature performances from Cochise, Cherokee, Sequoya and Kiwa Elementary schools, Cocomap Middle School and the Chaparral High School Orchestra. This event is also free and is sure to provide a great evening of music by our strings students.
- Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday – the Saguaro High School Theatre Department presents She Kills Monsters, an entertaining tale of the secret “Dungeons and Dragons”-
playing life of the main character's late sister. We wish director Tim McCandless and his troupe of thespians well! The shows are at 7 p.m. each night.

Superintendent’s Comments
Dr. Menzel highlighted the following:
- PSAT tests were given to all SUSD 10th grade students and 11th grade students that signed up for it.
- The U.S. News and World Report ranking on elementary schools listed Cheyenne Traditional as #5 of all elementary in Arizona, nine of our elementary were in the top 10%, another seven in the top 25% and all SUSD elementary were in the top 50%. Four SUSD middle schools were in the top 10%, three in the top 25% and all were in the top 50%. High school level had two in the top 10%, two in the top 25% and one in the top 50%. Thank you to the teachers in all of the schools, for the principals leading those buildings and ongoing support of parents and community.
- International Baccalaureate night at Desert Mountain high school is on October 28th. Kudos to the team at Desert Mountain high school, the IB team in particular, for all you do.
- Early release this week for parent teacher conferences which will be held in person and virtual. Early release Wednesday and Thursday for elementary and K-8 students; Thursday and Friday for middle school students.
- Open enrollment for the 22-23 school year begins Monday, November 1st.
- Next year's class of kindergarteners and their parents are invited to kindergarten events at our elementary and K-8 schools. Some events are virtual and some in-person. Go to susd.org/Kindergarten for more information.
- The AZ Department of Education will release its analysis related to the aggregate expenditure limit.

Public Comments – Agenda, Non-Agenda, Information/Discussion, and Consent Agenda Items
Ten (10) Public Comment cards were presented:
- Patricia Pellett – Commented on curriculum. Parents should have a say in their children’s curriculum.
- Carrie Kercsmer – Commented on Savvas; did not vet chapters or books.
- Carine Werner – Commented on Agenda item 7C, First Read of Proposed Revisions to Policy IHAMB – Family Life.
- Amy Carney – Commented on curriculum and inclusion. Find books with universal themes.
- Candace Vodicka – Commented on school safety, educating students against bullying and the use of crisis dogs. Reminded parents of safe storage of firearms. Secure storage of guns saves lives. Asked the Board to pass a resolution to promote a public safety campaign reminding parents on the importance of safely storing guns and the presence of unsecured guns.
- Tim Curtis – Stop creating animosity, stop mandating when not needed and continue to self-reflect.
- Amy Bean – Commented on curriculum choices in the elementary classroom. Materials and books are not presented to parents in advanced.
- Mahmood Hussain – Appreciates the Governing Board. The Board is doing great work, doing hard work and doing the right thing.
- Jason Alexander – Had a positive experience with Steven Cervantez, AP at Desert Mountain High School who went above and beyond.
- Emmie Cardella – Presented a Scottsdale Parent Council update: two new initiatives; expanding Special Education Committee; IEP training scheduled; meet the Special Education team with Marge Rehberg scheduled; and launched a gifted committee with the first meeting to be held on November 18th at MDA at 6pm. The next general meeting is on November 17th at MDA at 9am special guest speaker Margaret Serna, Director of Title I.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
7. A. Hohokam Bond Project Audit Report
Sharron Walker, City Auditor for the City of Scottsdale, presented on the Hohokam Bond Project audit report. PowerPoint Presentation: Hohokam Bond Project.

7. B. M&O Override, Capital Override, and Bond Fiscal Year 2021 Report
Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, presented the prior year expenditures and current year budgets for the M&O Override, Capital Override, and Bond projects. PowerPoint Presentation: Override and Bond Expenditures and Budget.

7. C. First Read of Proposed Revisions to Policy IHAMB – Family Life Education

Lori Bird, General Counsel, recommended that changes be made to existing Governing Board Policy IHAMB. The proposed revisions will revise the policy addressing family life education in order to be in alignment with state statute.

7. D. First Read of Proposed Revisions to Policy JFB – Open Enrollment

Lori Bird, General Counsel, recommended that changes be made to existing Governing Board Policy JFB. The proposed revisions will revise policy JFB addressing open enrollment to align with statutory changes.

7. E. First Read of Proposed Revisions to Policy JKD – Student Suspension

Lori Bird, General Counsel, recommended that changes be made to existing Governing Board Policy JKD. The proposed revisions will create a policy addressing student suspension in grades K-4.

7. F. First Read of Proposed Revisions to Policy JKE – Expulsion of Students

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7. G. First Read of Proposed Revisions to Policy JK – Student Discipline

Lori Bird, General Counsel, recommended that changes be made to existing Governing Board Policy JK to align with statutory changes. The proposed revisions will update current policy by addressing student discipline in grades K-4.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
B. Acceptance of Gifts $86,242.99
C. Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from September 22 through October 6, 2021
D. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from September 22 through October 6, 2021
E. Payroll Vouchers Processed from September 24 through September 29, 2021
F. Personnel Action Items, 9/15/2021 to 10/05/2021
G. Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2021 Regular Governing Board Meeting
H. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2021 Special Governing Board Meeting
I. Authorization of Expenditure – Willmeng Construction, Inc. for Saguaro Film Room
J. Approval of Award of Request for Proposal No. 22-18-26 — Travel Agency & Tour Events

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ACTION ITEMS

9. A. Approval of Pre-Construction Services Contract for RFQ No. 22-20-26 - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Pueblo Elementary School
Dennis Roehler, Director of Facilities and Bond Management, recommended that the Governing Board approve the award of Preconstruction Services for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 22-20-26 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the remodel/rebuild project for Pueblo Elementary School to McCarthy Building Company.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve Pre-Construction 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.

9. B. Approval of Pre-Construction Services Contract for RFQ No. 22-21-26 — Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Tavan Elementary School

Dennis Roehler, Director of Facilities and Bond Management, recommended that the Governing Board approve the award of Preconstruction Services for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 22-21-26 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the remodel/rebuild project for Tavan Elementary School to Core Construction.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve Pre-Construction Services Contract for RFQ No. 22-21-26 — Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Tavan Elementary School. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

9. C. Adoption of Governing Board Goals

It is recommended that the Governing Board adopt the Governing Board goals presented.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Adoption of Governing Board Goals. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Future Items

Dr. Hart-Wells
- Request a follow up and update once the Hohokam project is finished

Mrs. Cieniawski
- Request for public health education and safety campaign, sensible gun storage – pursue with a resolution

Mr. Greenburg
- A future item for the Audit Committee will be to develop a plan for future audits

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

A. Tuesday, November 9, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Special Governing Board Meeting – MDA
B. Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Regular Governing Board Meeting – Coronado High School

Governing Board Reports

Mrs. Cieniawski
- Had an opportunity to see a new teacher, Shad Willingham, at DMHS in the theater program who adapted Homer's Odyssey
- Attended a math party
- Attended Prisms VR party
- Saguaro High School had a “Rockin Lunch” that Officer Steel was a part of
- Helped the Scottsdale Branch of the American Association of University Women read through hundreds of middle school essays
- Participated in Mayor Ortega’s Constitution Contest
- Attended the AZ Education Foundation Teacher of the Year Award event

Mrs. Beckman
- Coffee House at Saguaro – November 3rd, 4th and 5th

Mr. Lindsay
- Cochise had a Go Gold Day for pediatric cancer – raised $2,600 for Phoenix Children’s Hospital
- The Cocopah band performed with the Chaparral band at the Chaparral football game
- Looking forward to the orchestra concert at Chaparral on Thursday
At 8:38 PM, Mr. Greenburg moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Beckman seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 26th day of October 2021

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Jann-Michael Greenburg, President

Patty Beckman

Julie Cieniawski, Vice President

Dr. Libby Hart-Wells

Zach Lindsay