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

September 28, 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 September 28, 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. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dr. Hart-Wells requested to move agenda item 7A, Student Advisory Board Presentation, to occur after agenda item 5, Superintendent’s Comments.

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Acknowledgement of some outstanding celebrations:

- Dr. Ibi Haghighat, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education and Sheila Miller, Cochise Elementary Principal, celebrated “Mr. Charles,” Charles Hamilton, Cochise Elementary crosswalk guard and lunchroom aide. Thank you, Mr. Hamilton, for your dedication and commitment to the students of Cochise Elementary School. We, in SUSD, could not do what we do without you and others like you who support our 28 other schools. Mr. Charles was presented with a challenge coin.

- Dr. Ibi Haghighat, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education and Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education, celebrated the work of SUSD’s 29 school principals. October is National Principals Month.

- Dr. Ibi Haghighat, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education and Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education celebrated two recent doctoral degree recipients: Dr. Brooke Williams, Laguna Elementary School Principal, and Dr. Chris Asmussen, Mohave Middle School Principal. Thank you, Dr. Williams and Dr. Asmussen, for taking on such weighty pursuits while also admirably managing your students and schools. Congratulations! Dr. Williams and Dr. Asmussen were each presented a challenge coin.

- The Finance Department has once again received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the prestigious Association of School Business Officials International for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year. Thank you, Shannon, for your leadership that makes the district’s receipt of this award possible.

- October 22nd was opening night of Clue at Chaparral High School. The fall high school theater production continues with Desert Mountain High School’s lighthearted retelling of Homer’s Odyssey opening September 29th.

- Our high school marching bands are also putting in terrific performances on the field. The 6-time state champion Spirit of Arcadia Marching Band got off to another great start again, taking 1st place and 5 caption awards at last weekend’s Arizona Marching Band Association competition at Gendale High School.

- Compelling last week was the Desert Mountain High School Symphonic Orchestra, which received a Superior rating – one of the highest ratings possible – at the Arizona Band and Orchestra Association’s Fall Orchestra Festival.

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Menzel highlighted the following:

- Covid Update – ruling by Judge Cooper ruled that on the procedural grounds, the inclusion of the mask prohibition in the budget reconciliation bill, violated Arizona’s constitution because it was not directly connected to the title of the bill. The judge ruled it is unconstitutional. Pursuant to Governing Board directive 01-2021, following the judge’s ruling, the decision has been made, based on conversation with the health department, to continue the mask requirement. The health department recommends universal masking. We will continue to follow the
recommendations of the public health department. Merv 13 filters have been installed in the classrooms. The ultimate goal is to ensure we can maximize in person learning opportunities for all our students. Working on setting up PCR testing at two elementary schools. Those will be voluntary. Looking at all strategies to keep as many students in school.

- Strategic Planning goals – continuing to make progress. Moved from Phase I to Phase II; adopted Mission, Vision and Values for the District. Looking at school and community partnerships; culture and climate in our buildings; goals related to finance and organization health and wellbeing. The next Strategic Planning Design Team meeting is October 27, 2021.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
7. A. Student Advisory Board Presentation

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education introduced Trex Jones, President of the Student Advisory Board and Zack Okun, President-Elect of the Student Advisory Board. Trex and Zack provided an overall introduction and presentation of the Student Advisory Board. PowerPoint presentation: Student Advisory Board Update.

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

Eighteen (18) Public Comment cards were presented:

- Patricia Pellet – Curriculum forced upon the children violating AZ parental rights laws, CRT. Stop the segregation in the school district.
- Robin Snyder – Morris to an SUSD student, SUSD grads and fellow alumni. Pull kids out of SUSD. The mask mandate is letting kids and parents down. Masks don’t work.
- Emmie Cardella – SPC update. October monthly meeting is on October 20th 6-7pm at MDA. Dr. Michelle Watt will be joining. Dr. Menzel joins for a brief Q&A at the beginning of each meeting. October 28th – PTO round table at MDA 9-10:30am, training on IAP’s.
- Bryn DeFesco – SUSD parents since 2012. Experience has been positive. Important that institutions be diverse. What is the status of the DEI Committee? No one from SUSD responded to Diamond Strategies, DEI firm.
- Victoria Kauflarich – Scottsdale property owner for 20 years and resident for 10 years. The Governing Board’s responsibility is to the students, faculty and staff of SUSD. Thank you for your determination and perseverance to continue and fulfill this mission. You are doing the right thing.
- Robb Valles – Father of an SUSD student. Expressed frustrations with the Special Education department. Sometimes feels like the District is against them. Consider meeting Special Education parents and consider expanding the District website. Thank you for the mask mandate and sticking with the science.
- Carine Werner – Mother of current SUSD students and former students. So much has changed within the District; students withdrawn at an alarming rate. Misinformation behind SEL. Get back to actual education.
- Lincoln Werz – Sixth grader at SUSD. Why would we mask only the people that are safest from the virus? Stated he is safe from the virus, but not safe from the Governing Board politics.
- Mahmood Hussain – Appreciate the science. Keep doing what you’re doing and don’t listen to the loud people. Please keep protecting our children.
- Tim Curtis – Eleven years in the District. Stop the mandates. Let families choose for themselves - affecting kids.
- Blanca Steber – SUSD has been declining in the education experience. SUSD can’t even meet the minimum standards of the state.
- Caroline Ho – It’s the Governing Board’s duty to protect the children. The Board should have voted against the supplemental materials they approved. The Board’s job is to protect children and they’re not doing their job.
- Brian Coughlan – Disappointed over the mask mandate decision. The Governing Board has lack of objectiveness and critical thinking.
- Sara Solen – A parent at SUSD. Make sure the data and information are accurate before sending out.
- Dave Seligson – Mesa has been operating successfully with mask optional. Let the parents choose the risks and mitigation strategies for their own children.
- Rebecca Pate – Mother of children that attend SUSD. Masks do nothing against the Covid virus. Completely disagree with Board decision. The health of her children is not the Board’s concern.
Shannon Meyers – Placed the Board on notice – the Board is overstepping and out of control. This is forced action. The Board cannot force children to wear masks. The Board is failing us.

Jane Hurges – Mother of three. Every stat has been based on lies.

8. Consent Agenda
A. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
B. Acceptance of Gifts $77,570.92
C. Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from August 16 through September 15, 2021 FY22
D. Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from August 18 through August 27, 2021 FY21
E. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from August 16 through September 15, 2021 FY22
F. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from August 18 through August 27, 2021 FY21
G. Payroll Vouchers Processed from August 12 through August 17, 2021 FY21
H. Payroll Vouchers Processed from August 13 through September 14, 2021 FY22
I. Consent Item: Personnel Action Items, 9/1/2021 to 9/14/2021
J. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2021 Regular Governing Board Meeting
K. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2021 Governing Board Public Hearing
L. Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2021 Special Governing Board Meeting
M. Approval of the Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with the City of Scottsdale for Ballfield Maintenance for the 2021-2022 School Year
N. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") with Maricopa County Health Services for Food Services
P. Approval of Revisions to Policy DJE – Bidding and Purchasing Procedures
Q. Approval of Revisions to Policy EBAA – Reporting of Hazards/Warning Systems
R. Approval of Revisions to Policy GCFC – Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements
S. Approval of Revisions to Policy G DFA – Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements
T. Approval of Revisions to Policy IHAMC – Instruction and Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation ("CPR")
U. Approval of Revisions to Policy IHAMD – Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention
V. Approval of Revisions to Policy IJJ – Textbook/Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption
W. Approval of Revisions to Policy JLDAC – Vision Screening/Testing of Students
X. Approval of Revisions to Policy JLFC – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection
Y. Approve Amendment 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with DC Ranch Community Council ("DCR")
Z. Approval of iReady Additional Licenses

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS
9. A. Approval of Revisions to Policy GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members

Lori Bird, General Counsel, recommended that the Governing Board approve the revisions of policy: GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve Revisions to Policy GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

9. B. Approval of Revisions to Policy JJJ – Extracurricular Activity/Cultural Expression

Lori Bird, General Counsel, recommended that the Governing Board approve the revisions of policy: JJJ – Extracurricular Activity/Cultural Expression.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approve Revisions to Policy JJJ – Extracurricular Activity/Cultural Expression. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.


Motion #36
Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended
Action Items
Motion #37
Approval of the Revisions to Policy GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members

Motion #38
Approval of the Revisions to Policy JJJ – Extracurricular Activity/Cultural Expression

Motion #39
It is recommended that the Governing Board support the nomination of the Saguaro High School Big Band Ensemble as candidates to attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference in San Diego, CA on April 2-4, 2022.

Mr. Greenburg moved to approved Support of High School Musical Nominations / National School Boards Association Annual Conference, the recommendation being Saguaro High School’s Big Band. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 - 0.

Future Items
Dr. Hart-Wells
- During public comment the RFQ that was from the previous summer. Refer to administration for follow up.
- Make supporting documentation information available on the website or YouTube

Mrs. Cieniawski
- Follow up on DEI and Diamond Strategies conversation
- Gathering of Special Education parents for future consideration/future action
- When discussing policies have them visible on the screen during the presentation for the public to view

Mr. Lindsay
- Hearing of complaints on Special Education issues - it’s time to do a Special Education audit

Dates of Upcoming Meetings
A. Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Special Governing Board Meeting – MDA
B. Monday, October 13, 2021 - 5:00 PM - Board Workshop/Retreat – MDA
C. Tuesday, October 26, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Regular Governing Board Meeting – Coronado High School

Governing Board Reports
Mrs. Cieniawski
- Attended the ASBA Law Conference – very beneficial and great learning opportunity.

Mrs. Beckman
- Attended the Joint Meeting of the City Council Subcommittee on Education, Scottsdale Unified School District Joint Advisory Committee on Education, and Scottsdale Community College Joint Advisory Committee on Education

Mr. Lindsay
- Two Cochise parents were instrumental in coordinating Mr. Charles’ birthday celebration: Julie Schulze and Leslie Steinberg – Thank you!

At 7:47 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 28th day of September 2021

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Jann Michael Greenburg, President

Patty Beckman

Zach Lindsay

Dr. Libby Hart-Wells

Julie Cieniawski, Vice President