

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

January 13, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:04 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; George Jackson, Vice President; Kim Hartmann; Pam Kirby; and Barbara Perleberg. Superintendent David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 130 visitors.

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion #42  
Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Sneed moved to amend the motion, tabling Information/Discussion Item IX. B. Scottsdale Unified School District Community Resource Center, to be heard at a dedicated future Work/Study Governing Board Meeting. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

Motion #43  
Amendment to Motion

Discussion ensued regarding tabling the item. Mrs. Kirby noted that there were many people present at the meeting to listen to the Board's discussion regarding a Community Resource Center to be located at the site of the old Tonalea Elementary School on 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak and suggested the Board begin the discussion this evening and be able to answer questions. It was noted that there would not be any decisions made at this meeting.

Mrs. Sneed agreed and withdrew her amendment.

Amendment Withdrawn

The original motion to approve the Agenda as presented was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Mr. Terry Worcester, Director of Facilities and Operations, recognized several of the District's school bus drivers for their heroic efforts in saving the life of a fellow bus driver who suffered a cardiopulmonary arrest after collapsing in a locked restroom. His fellow workers heard the sound of his collapsing, managed to climb through a vent to unlock the door, and rushed in to administer CPR until paramedics arrived. Because of their quick actions, the individual's life was saved. The heroic employees are: Zack Bow, Jonovan Begay, Jack Taylor, David Jacobson, Chris Brundage, Michael Gann and Ted Shepherd.

Students and Staff  
Recognition and  
Celebrations

Mr. Worcester also accepted a check from APS for SUSD's participation in the APS Peak Solutions program during the summer of 2014. Because of SUSD's participation, APS exceeded its load reduction goals during times of critical peak usage. Mr. Joel Fish and Mr. Usama Shami presented SUSD with a 2014 incentive payment in the amount of \$6,948.34.

Kristine Harrington, PIO, recognized the Scottsdale Charro Foundation. Each year, the Charros support SUSD teachers, students and schools by providing funding for Education Grants, Project Graduation, Future Teacher Scholarships, and Education Fellowships. Mr. Ryan Spiekerman, Chair of the Scottsdale Charro Education Committee, announced the recipients of four \$12,500 Education Grants:

- Hopi Elementary – Chromebook and License
- Hohokam Traditional – Mobile Laptop Lab
- Pima Elementary – Do the Math Program, Professional Development and Book Study
- Tonalea Elementary – Chromebook and Laptop Cart

Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director of Elementary Education, recognized Pima Principal Amy Uchacz. Ms. Uchacz was selected as one of the eight 2015 Rodel Foundation Exemplary Principals. She will receive \$1,500 and will mentor an aspiring principal for two years.

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education, recognized the Desert Mountain High School Theater Department that earned several distinctions at the Arizona Thespian Festival, including the distinction of Gold Honor Troupe. Several students were recognized: Michael Brady for his original script; Kat Pastuszak won superior ranking in **Monologues**; Natalie Noriega for an original tap dance from *A Chorus Line*, in **Potpourri**; and Hayden Burke and Aubrey Cole in **Duo Musical**. The schools duo musical also went on to win

**State Showcase Winner, Best in State.**

Dr. Sackos also recognized Mareli Aguiniga, a student at Arcadia High School, who won the Scottsdale Community College Math & Science T-shirt Design competition.

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education, recognized Chaparral High School sophomores Collette Wang and Larissa Van Pelt who placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for high school students in Arizona State University's 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Contest.

Clif McKenzie, the District's Athletic Director K-12, recognized the Chaparral Girls' Swimming and Dive team for winning the State Championship. Also recognized was Chaparral student Ryan Hoffer who was also named Swimmer of the Year for his many accomplishments, including his record breaking achievements. Mr. McKenzie also congratulated Coach Nate Moore who was named Coach of the Year.

Public Comment

Marilyn Armstrong spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Nancy Cantor spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Andrew Dell spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Mike DiLorenzo spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Jim Heather spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Valerie Kempton spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Jonathan Kurka spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Jane McKallor spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Edmund Richard spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Amy Richard spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Ahab Salam spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Christy Salam spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Kelly Salam spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Dave Westbrook spoke in opposition to a Community Resource Center at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street facility, the old Tonalea Elementary School site.

Karen Beckvar spoke in regard to equity at the high schools. Ms. Beckvar asked the Governing Board to consider finding a way to not charge a fee for Fine Arts, which is required for entrance into a university, so that all students in all high schools could take the course.

Julie Cieniawski spoke as an SUSD teacher and a concerned parent in regard to one of her students who committed suicide. Mrs. Cieniawski handed out bookmarks in memory of the student and asked the Governing Board to better facilitate social emotional health education.

Public Comment

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson congratulated Desert Mountain High School on being selected as a GRAMMY Signature School finalist for 2015, one of 120 schools nationwide.

He congratulated Got Cookies?, the Girl Scout troop from Pueblo Elementary School on winning the Teamwork Award at the FIRST LEGO State Robotic Tournament.

Also, Mohave Middle School VEXIQ Team 7681B took the overall prize at the Regional Robotics Tournament and will be defending its State Title on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Peterson thanked everyone for the \$3,029,364 received in Tax Credits for 2014.

Dr. Peterson announced that the MLK Voices event on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, will take place at Saguaro High School who will host 15 schools from across the valley. Marv Levy, Hall of Fame Coach of the Buffalo Bills, will be the speaker. This will be followed that evening by the MLK Dinner Celebration.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$123,256.97
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 12/3/2014 through 12/19/2014
- C. Payroll Vouchers 11/20/2014 through 12/31/2014
- D. Personnel Actions – 11/25/2014 through 12/15/2014 – **Pulled to be heard separately**
- E. Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2014 Special Board Meeting/Study Session and Executive Session
- F. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting – **Pulled to be heard separately**
- G. Action of Hearing Officer's Recommendations
- H. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Field Trips
- I. Auxiliary Operations Statement for November, 2014
- J. Student Activities Statement for November, 2014
- K. Tax Credit Statement for November, 2014
- L. Approval for AT&T to Install New 50 Kilowatt Generators at Existing Wireless Communication Facility at Both Pima Elementary School and Saguaro High School
- M. Approve the Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Legal Services to be Issued through the 1Government Procurement Alliance Purchasing Cooperative
- N. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization

Mrs. Kirby requested that Consent Agenda Items XIII. D. Personnel Actions – 11/25/14 – 12/15/14, and F. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, be pulled to be heard separately.

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Kirby pulled Consent Agenda Item XIII. D. Personnel Actions – 11/25/14 – 12/15/14, for clarification. Rebecca Kelbaugh was listed under Separations, Administrative. Mrs. Kirby asked if that position was going to be back-filled as the same position or a different position. Dr. Sitton responded that the position was posted as the same with the same salary range.

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Consent Agenda Item XIII. D. Personnel Actions – 11/25/14 – 12/15/14. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Kirby pulled Consent Agenda Item XIII. F. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting for a correction. Under Future Items, Mrs. Kirby had requested a Board discussion on long term strategy, competitive landscape, etc., prior to the community discussions on consolidation. Mrs. Como will amend the December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes to read:

Superintendent's Comments

Consent Agenda

Amendments to Consent Agenda

Motion #44  
Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

•Personnel Actions

Motion #45  
Approval of Personnel Actions

•Minutes of December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

Mrs. Kirby also would like Board discussion on long term strategy, competitive landscape, etc., prior to consolidation discussions with the community.

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Consent Agenda Item XIII. F. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, subject to that modification. Mrs. Sneed seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion Items

Michelle Marshall, General Counsel, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. A. Open Meeting Law Training. Open Meeting Law training is given every January and must cover all aspects of the law and emphasize the strict requirements regarding Executive Sessions. Ms. Marshall shared a PowerPoint that reviewed A.R.S §38-431, Public Meetings and Proceedings. Also reviewed were exceptions for student matters under A.R.S. §15-843. Ms. Marshall also reviewed the regulations regarding Notices, legal advice, Calls to the Public, electronic communications and serial communications.

Dr. Milissa Sackos and Dr. Andi Furlis, Executive Director of Instructional Services, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. B. Scottsdale Unified School District Community Resource Center. Dr. Sackos gave an overview of what Community Resource Centers are, the benefit they have and the link to academic achievement. Centers must be a collaborative effort to be of value and be able to provide support for families. Dr. Furlis shared a PowerPoint that reviewed those values and the need for a Community Resource Center (CRC) in SUSD. An independent survey to over 260 parents residing in 17 different zip codes in Scottsdale and surrounding areas was conducted by Dr. Meg Bruening, Assistant Professor at ASU. The results showed the top three needs were tutoring/homework help, a health clinic, and a food pantry/donations center. Community Resource Centers are currently being conducted successfully in neighboring communities. To develop a CRC in SUSD, located at the 68<sup>th</sup> Street Facility (the former Tonalea Elementary School location), partnerships would have to be developed, there would be no additional cost to SUSD, and it would have the flexibility to be relocated when the school campus is rebuilt.

The Board held a lengthy discussion. Board Members reiterated that this was the first time any of them had heard this proposal and they all thanked the community members for their comments. The Board Members questioned the survey and who it was sent to and questioned if a Resource Center was actually needed in that location. They all agreed that a Board Study Session was necessary to continue the discussion and to get answers to the myriad of questions they all had. The survey conducted by ASU, and whether it was given to the Tonalea community members, was discussed. The Board would like to know what services are currently provided in the District's schools, and where those services are located. Also to be discussed will be whether a centralized Center is necessary and that the entire process should involve the targeted communities. Board Members apologized to the Tonalea community members.

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education, Alyssa Tarkington, Principal of Coronado High School, and Paul Ferrero, Assistant Principal of Coronado High School, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. C. Coronado High School Early College and Career Program. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing class options, as well as intervention programs, presently being offered at Coronado High School. The vision for the program would be having Coronado students connected and engaged with local colleges and industry *prior* to graduating to ensure a successful transition into post-secondary career paths and aspirations. The program would provide opportunities and resources necessary for students to successfully transition to higher education and the world of work while completing the requirements of the high school diploma. By accomplishing that, Coronado's graduation rate would increase, and the percentage of students leaving Coronado "college ready" would also increase. A timeline was presented showing Freshman transition programs instituted in Year 1 of the proposed program, all the way through Year 4, with transition to Postsecondary options. Throughout the program timeline, direct access with Scottsdale Community College would continue in its partnership, building capacity for dual enrollment. Local industry partnerships would also continue to be built. The cost for this program was shown to be \$133,705 annually for both Junior and Senior cohorts.

Board Members thanked Mrs. Tarkington and Mr. Ferrero for an excellent and impressive presentation. They all would like to see the program succeed and would like to consider ways to have the program funded with M&O dollars to ensure the continuation of the program without the worry of where and how the funding would be available.

Motion #46  
Approval of Minutes of  
12/9/14 Regular Board  
Meeting

Information/Discussion

•Open Meeting Law  
Training

•SUSD Community  
Resource Center

•Coronado HS Early  
College and Career  
Program

Dr. von Gnechten presented Information/Discussion Item IX. D. High School Fall Benchmark Results. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing Benchmarks for 2013 versus 2014. Great efforts have been made to align Benchmarks with Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards and AzMERIT. This is the first year SUSD has fully implemented ACCR Standards. Dr. von Gnechten stated that Benchmarks should be an opportunity for teachers to reflect on a particular standard and if they should have taught it differently. He feels there is a need for the Benchmarks and that it is a formative piece to develop instruction. Discussion followed regarding how teachers use the tool to drive instruction.

Action Items

Dr. Peterson presented Action Item X. A. The Sale of Portion of Land and Real Property Located at 1201 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85257, and Authorize Administration to Complete the Sale. He stated that the District has been working to relocate the staff located at 3811 N. 44<sup>th</sup> Street. The IT staff will be relocated to the District's Warehouse, while Nutrition Services will relocate to Yavapai Elementary School. Other staff have moved to the MDA, leaving the remainder still at District Offices on 44<sup>th</sup> Street. Dr. Peterson has been working with the City of Scottsdale. The City needs to purchase land for flood control and would like to purchase the portion of land at Apache Elementary School that they have been using as a park through a current IGA. SUSD does not currently use the property for any purpose. Discussion was had regarding the funds received, approximately \$2 million, that will go into Fund 506, School Plant Fund. Under statute, those funds can only be used for capital purposes and reduction of indebtedness.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve Action Item X. A. The Sale of Portion of Land and Real Property Located at 1201 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85257, and Authorize Administration to Complete the Sale. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Michelle Marshall, General Counsel, and Daniel O'Brien, CFO, presented Action Item X. B. The Purchase of Land and Real Property Located at 7575 E. Main Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, formerly known as The City of Scottsdale Human Resources Building, and Authorize Administration to Complete the Purchase. The District has been in discussion with the City of Scottsdale regarding the purchase of its former Human Resources building. The District will use the funds received from the sale of the Apache property for this purchase. The amount of the purchase of the Main Street building is same amount as the sale of the Apache property. Discussion was had regarding the use of the property at the old Tonalea site. Dr. Peterson stated that it could be considered; however, the only usable space was the Media Center, which was not enough space to house the staff.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve Action Item X. B. The Purchase of Land and Real Property Located at 7575 E. Main Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, formerly known as The City of Scottsdale Human Resources Building, and Authorize Administration to Complete the Purchase. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Peterson presented Action Item X. C. Approval of District Goals 2014-2017 Measures and Baselines. The Board has been meeting over the last several months to create the Measures and Baselines for District Goals for 2014-2017. Board Members still had questions about some of the data shown in the document and how the data will be used to determine Goals for the Superintendent.

Mrs. Sneed tabled the item for further data and completion at a future meeting.

Future Items for Consideration

Mrs. Sneed noted that Measures and Baselines would be heard at a future meeting.

Mrs. Kirby would like an item on the District's Procurement Policy, as well as the Policy on Rentals and Leases.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Friday, January 16, 2015 – 9:00 AM – Governing Board Study Session  
Thursday, February 5, 2015 – 12:00 PM – Governing Board Study Session

•High School Fall Benchmark Results

Action Items

•Sale of Apache Property

Motion #47

Approval of Sale of Land and Property at 1201 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ (Apache Property)

•Purchase of City of Scottsdale HR Bldg.

Motion #48

Approval of Purchase of City HR Bldg.

•District Goals 2014-17 – Measures and Baselines

Tabled to a Future Meeting

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 19, 2015 – 12:00 PM – Governing Board Study Session  
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Governing Board Reports

The Board wished Mrs. Hartmann's husband a happy birthday.

At 9:16 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

**The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48**

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Bonnie Sneed, President

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Kim Hartmann

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Barbara Perleberg

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George Jackson, Vice President

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Pam Kirby

Governing Board Reports

Motion #49  
Adjournment