

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

April 14, 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 Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; George Jackson, Vice President; Pam Kirby; and Barbara Perleberg. Kim Hartmann arrived at 5:08 PM. 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 125 visitors.

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

The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0 (Mrs. Hartmann had not yet arrived).

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education, recognized the following:

- Saguaro High School robotics team – Team 4146 Sabercats – which won the Arizona East Regional Finals of the FIRST Robotics Competition and were invited to the FRC World Competition. The team's coach, Christopher Brandt, was also recognized.
- Christopher Brandt, Science Teacher at Saguaro, who was given this year's Outstanding Science Teacher Award from the AZ-Nevada Academy of Science.
- Grayson Jones, Eighth Grade Student at Copper Ridge, who took home fourth place in the final round of the Arizona Geography Bee.
- Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest Winners:
  - Cocopah students Ryan Taylor, Ashley Greer and Grace Taylor, and Chaparral junior Kamren Gilbard
  - Karen Riccobono, Special Education teacher at Desert Canyon Middle School, selected as the 2014 Special Education Teacher Award recipient.
- Heidi Artigue, Chaparral Senior, qualified for the National Speech and Debate Tournament. Teacher Kristin Andreatos was Heidi's coach.
- Sam Hendren, Desert Mountain Senior, was awarded a DECA Western Region Scholarship at the 2015 International Career Development Conference.
- Arcadia High School Drumline was awarded the silver medal for second place at the Winter Guard Arizona state competition.
- Coronado Track Athletes, who performed an unplanned act of kindness during a track workout on A Mountain by rescuing a woman in distress with a possible broken ankle. The students carried the woman down the mountain.
- Mohave Middle School PBIS Student-Created film that received national recognition at the Annual International PBIS Conference and Film Festival.
- Mohave Middle School Principal Chris Asmussen, and Mountainside Middle School Principal Terri Kellen, recognized Dr. Peterson and thanked him for finding funds to support MiniTown, a 24-hour camp for middle school students. A short video of the camp was shown.
- Saguaro Principal Brian Corte, Price Nosky, SUSD Education Foundation president, and Brandy Wells from TGen, were recognized for Saguaro High School's selection to participate in a 3-day pilot professional development program, called Excellence in Bioscience Teacher Initiative.

Dr. Peterson noted that the Mohave robotics students left this day for the world championship.

Public Comment

Julie Cieniawski spoke in regard to morale in the teaching profession in SUSD. She stated that teachers need to be valued more through the means of better pay.

Nancy Cantor spoke in regard to Tonalea Elementary School and communication between the District and the Tonalea neighborhood.

Jim Heather spoke in regard to Tonalea Elementary School and the need for a shade structure and better lighting for the rear parking lot.

Motion #92

Approval of Agenda as Presented

Students and Staff  
Recognition and  
Celebrations

Public Comment

Superintendent’s Comments

Dr. Peterson noted that AzMERIT testing is under way and thanked all the teachers, counselors and staff who have worked hard to educate and prepare SUSD students for the new assessments.

Dr. Peterson thanked all involved with the development of Supai Middle School’s new organic garden.

Dr. Peterson congratulated SUSD’s Charro Foundation’s Outstanding Educators and High School Students of the Year who will be honored on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Peterson introduced the eight new assistant principals whose names were on the Agenda for this evening.

This week is Assistant Principal Week and Dr. Peterson thanked all SUSD assistant principals for all the work they do for SUSD.

Dr. Peterson thanked all SUSD teachers and noted that the week of May 4 – 8, 2015, is Teacher Appreciation Week. A proclamation was presented to SEA President, Rony Assali.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$53,817.41
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers Processed from March 6 through April 1, 2015
- C. Payroll Vouchers Processed from February 26, 2015 through March 26, 2015
- D. Personnel Action Items – 3/3/15-3/30/15
- E. Abolishment of Administrative Positions and/or Reduction in Contract for 2015-2016
- F. Offer of Contracts to Certified Administrative Staff and School Psychologists for 2015-2016
- G. Offer of Contracts to Non-Certified Administrative Staff for 2015-2016
- H. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting-Study Session-Executive Session
- I. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2015 Regular Governing Board Meeting
- J. Approval of Minor Revisions to the ~~2014-15~~ 2015-2016 High School Planning Guide
- K. Revision of Governing Board Policies: Section B-School Board Governance: BBA-Board Member Authority and Responsibilities, BCA-Board Member Ethics, and BDG-School Attorney
- L. Revision of Governing Board Policy JFB-Open Enrollment
- M. Approval to Increase Prior Board Authorization for Request for Proposal (RFP) #13048, Legal Services
- N. Approve the Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Nursing Services - **Pulled to be heard separately**
- O. Approve the Renewal of Contracts - **Pulled to be heard separately**
- P. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization

Mrs. Kirby requested items: N. Approve the Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Nursing Services, and O. Approve the Renewal of Contracts, be pulled to be heard separately.

Mrs. Sneed noted that Consent Item VIII. J. Approval of Minor Revisions to the 2014-15 High School Planning Guide, had a typo and should read: *Approval of Minor Revisions to the ~~2014-15~~ 2015-16 High School Planning Guide.*

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Kirby pulled Consent Agenda Item VIII. N. Approve the Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Nursing Services to ask why is there a request for nurses for next year when the Governing Board had received email from Dr. Peterson stating that the District would not be outsourcing nurses for next year. Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director of Student Services, responded that the RFP is basically for substitute nurses and that the bid is on an as-needed basis. Mrs. Kirby requested that the RFP be clarified that it is for substitute nurses.

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Consent Agenda Item VIII. N. Approve the Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Nursing Services, as amended. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

Superintendent’s Comments

Consent Agenda

Items Pulled to be Heard Separately

Correction

Motion #93  
Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

•RFP for Nursing Services

Motion #94  
Approval of RFP for Nursing Services as Amended

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

Mrs. Kirby pulled Consent Agenda VIII. O. Approve the Renewal of Contracts, to ask why Contract #13059 for Multi-media Advertising, was listed for \$500,000 when last year it was \$50,000. Daniel O'Brien, CFO, stated that this was most likely a typo. He will verify with staff and bring that contract back at the next Board Meeting.

•Renewal of Contracts

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Consent Agenda VIII. O. Approve the Renewal of Contracts, with the exception of contract #13059 for Multi-media Advertising. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

Motion #95  
Approval of Renewal of Contracts with the Exception of Contract #13059

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

Information/Discussion Items

Information/Discussion

Shaun Holmes, Director of Employee Relations and Staffing, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. A. Staffing Update. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing the changes in the staffing process, the timeline, and the use of Google. Board members expressed interest in the use of extending 6/5s contracts and in having a very clear picture for the public of where the Override dollars are going. Board members were happy to hear that after four years of eliminating teachers, the District is now hiring.

•Staffing Update

Dr. Pam Sitton, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. B. Teacher Evaluation Instrument. The presentation focused on the Evaluation Instrument as related to occupational and physical therapists, and was updated to ensure the instrument evaluated what was actually being done. Gretchen Leja, District Occupational Therapist, presented a PowerPoint that reviewed the differences between an occupational and physical therapist, gave an overview of the working group, and reviewed the changes made to the evaluation instrument. The committee's next steps will include a review of counselor evaluations and teacher on assignment evaluations. The Board was happy to hear that Medicaid billing has already increased from \$150,000 last year to \$278,000 thus far this year.

•Teacher Evaluation Instrument

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director of Student Services, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. C. Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct for the 2015-2016 School Year. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing the guiding principles used in developing and improving school discipline policies and practices. A discussion ensued regarding school resource officers, the use of PBIS and open enrollment policy consequences. Discussion was also had regarding revocation of open enrollment, especially as it pertained to Saguaro High School. Ms. Marshall, General Counsel, was asked to seek the opinion of the Attorney General regarding revocation. Mrs. Kirby requested staff to have a conversation with Saguaro High School Principal Corte regarding what is working and what is not working at Saguaro High School as far as the Code of Conduct is concerned. The item will be brought back on May 12, 2015 for approval.

•Student Code of Conduct

Brought Back on 5/12/15

Dr. Sackos presented Information/Discussion Item IX. D. Annual Coordinated School Health Update. This is an annual update to the Governing Board pursuant to Policy JL and JL-R – Student Wellness, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, and the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) of 2010. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing the process improvements made for managing new and existing health related programs in SUSD schools and the surrounding community.

•Coordinated School Health

Dr. Karen Benson, Director of Curriculum, and Diane Murphy, K-5 ELA Teaching & Learning Coach, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. E. Instructional Materials Review K-5 English Language Arts (ELA) with Social Studies Support. Ms. Murphy shared a PowerPoint that gave an overview of the work and progress of the K-5 ELA instructional materials committee at work in SUSD this year. The committee is recommending Core Knowledge for K-2 phonics; for Technology for Grades 3 – 5, the committee is recommending mobile devices and carts. Discussion followed regarding the selection of Core Knowledge for K-2 phonics. The item will be brought back on May 12, 2015 for approval on the Consent Agenda.

•Instructional Material Review K-5 ELA

Brought Back on 5/12/15

Dr. Benson presented Information/Discussion Item IX. F. Process and Update on the Work of Instructional Materials Review Committee. A PowerPoint was shown that shared the prioritized list of recommendations (and dollars associated with them) of four instructional materials committees at work in SUSD this year: K-5 ELA, 9 – 12 ELA, 9 – 12 World Language and 9 – 12 Social Studies. The District is in its final year of the seven year cycle of the Capital Override dollars. The committees have been thoughtful about identifying the needs/gaps of SUSD's

•Process and Work of Instructional Material Review Committee

instructional materials, while being fiscally responsible when looking for resources to support the best teaching and learning. Restrictions to budgets and access to more and better open source “digital” resources has changed the landscape of “instructional materials” significantly. Discussion was held regarding the use of Chromebooks instead of iPads. The item will be brought back on May 12, 2015 for approval on the Consent Agenda.

Brought Back on 5/12/15

Action Item

Dr. Andi Furlis, Executive Director of Instructional Services, presented Action Item X. A. Follow Up on Assessment Committee Recommendation. A PowerPoint was shown. Answers to questions the Board had asked when this item was first presented at the March 24, 2015 Board Meeting were provided. The committee is recommending to extend the contract with Assessment Technology Incorporated (ATI) for a period of one year as a sole source to satisfy State and Federal compliance requirements. Discussion followed regarding the use of the data gathered by ATI and if the District is benefitting from it. The item will be brought back on May 12, 2015 as an Action Item.

Action Item

•Follow Up on Assessment Committee Recommendation

Brought Back on 5/12/15

Future Items

There were no Future Items requested.

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

Thursday, May 7, 2015 – 12:00 PM - Governing Board Study Session  
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Governing Board Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 4, 2015 – 10:00 AM – Governing Board Study Session  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Governing Board Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 23, 2015 – 2:00 PM – Governing Board Regular Meeting – Budget Adoption

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Governing Board Reports

There were no Governing Board Reports.

Governing Board Reports

At 9:30 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion #96  
Adjournment

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

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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

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