

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
STUDY SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

May 7, 2015

A Special Meeting/Study Session of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 12:03 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, 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.

Information/Discussion Items

Mrs. Sneed presented ASBA Issues for Legislative Committee Consideration. The Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) has requested that school districts submit proposals for consideration by the Legislative Committee to present to the 2016 Legislature. They are asking for three long term issues, three short term issues and three issues that are specific to the 2016 Legislative Session. The proposals the Board would like to submit are:

Long-Term Issues – These should be core beliefs and/or issues that need to be addressed over 5 – 10 years

1. Support the success of district public schools through appropriate funding.
2. Level the regulatory requirements for public (district and charter) schools.
3. Require equal academic and financial transparency and accountability from public/charter schools receiving public funding.

Short-Term Issues – These should be issues that can be accomplished over 3 – 5 years

1. Comparative and consistent auditor general reports for public (district and charter) schools.
2. Provide additional funding for Teacher Compensation and Performance-Based Pay.
3. Provide additional funding for professional development.

2016 Session-Specific Issues – These should be specific items for bill introduction in 2016

1. Protect local control and free speech issues for districts.
2. Funding for pre-K and all-day Kindergarten.
3. Allow use of tax credit dollars in the classroom.

The proposals will be brought back for approval at the May 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.

Michelle Marshall, General Counsel, and Terry Worcester, Director of Facilities and Operations, presented District Rentals and Leases. A short PowerPoint was shown with an overview of the differences between rentals and leases. Rentals are simpler contracts and for shorter terms. They tend to be student or community related and are usually Class I - III. Leases are for longer terms, 24 hours per day, tend to be Class III and IV, typically end on June 30 with renewal letters issued every May 1. The current rates on leases were approved in 2011 and are market-based. A rate increase will be recommended for the Board's consideration in 2016. The Board discussed bringing all human occupied leases to the Board for approval. They would like to see better definition of leases and rentals, a check list upon moving out of facility, an Exhibit B added to the lease document which would explain any offset, and a definition of Class I, II, III and IV.

Dr. Andi Furlis, Executive Director of Instructional Services, presented Benchmarking – How teachers get and use data. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing the difference between Benchmark tests and Pre/Post tests. The Board discussed who actually uses the data and whether there is too much testing. There has not been a question whether the elementary schools use the data, the question has been whether the secondary schools use the data. A survey was sent to teachers with the results showing that the majority choose to continue with ATI for one more year in light of the changes occurring at the Board of Education. The approval of the recommendation from the Assessment Committee on the use of ATI for one more year will be an Action item on May 12, 2015 Board Agenda.

Information/Discussion

•ASBA Issues for Political Agenda

•Action on 5/12/15

•District Rentals and Leases

•Benchmarking

•Action on 5/12/15

Because of the time, Mrs. Sneed noted that the Agenda Items Guiding Principles and Strategic Planning Process Overview will be postponed to a later date.

Guiding Principles and Strategic Planning Tabled

Danny O'Brien, CFO, presented Budget FY16 Update. Mr. O'Brien reviewed the Draft of the FY16 Budget reductions. Questions were raised regarding the cuts to personnel at the school sites and whether or not it was the Board who requested Teacher Horizontal payment. The Board would like to see supporting details of the budget and a pie chart reflecting the dollars in the classroom.

•Budget FY16 Update

Future Items

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Mrs. Sneed would like an Agenda Item on enrollment and staffing on the June 9, 2015 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Kirby would like an executive session for the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

Motion #97
Adjournment

At 2:50 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 7th day of May 2015.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

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