

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

November 17, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:02 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; Kim Hartmann, Pam Kirby; and Barbara Perleberg. Superintendent David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed called upon the Desert Mountain High School Boys Golf Team members to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 40 visitors.

Mrs. Hartmann moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education, recognized the following:

- The five-year anniversary of the STARS program at the Cholla Community Campus. Gina Griffiths, STARS Program Director, and Dave Henderson, STARS President and CEO, thanked the Board for their cooperation and presented a work of art to the District done by STARS students.
- SUSD Employees who were honored by the Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. The honorees were:
 - Teacher of the Year – Steve Speisman – Desert Mountain High School
 - Para-Educator of the Year – Diane Tybor – Saguaro High School
 - Student of the Year – Juwon Del Rio, Jr., Saguaro High School
- Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, Dr. Sylvia Cohen. Dr. Cohen was selected as the Arizona Association of School Psychologists 2015 Keith Perkins Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient. In addition, Dr. Cohen is being recognized by the National Association of School Psychologists as a Model School Psychology Intern Field Supervisor due to her work with supervising and mentoring many school psychologists throughout her time as lead psychologist in SUSD.

Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director of Elementary Education and Assessment, recognized Julie Sparks, a physical education teacher at Desert Canyon Elementary School. Ms. Sparks was recognized by the Arizona Health and Wellness Convention for raising the most money in Arizona for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for the Heart.

Clif McKenzie, SUSD Athletic Director K-12, recognized the Desert Mountain High School Boys Golf Team. The Team won the 2015 Boys Golf State Championship – Division I by one stroke over Brophy.

Public Comments

Julie Cieniawski, President of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA) addressed the Board asking them to put teachers at the top of the priority list in regard to the Inflation Settlement funding. She also asked the Board to also consider pay increases for classified employees.

Katie Assali, Arcadia H.S. teacher, asked the Board to not approve the elimination of World History Honors.

Elizabeth Halverson also asked the Board to not approve the elimination of World History Honors.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson made the following announcements:

- Proclaimed the week of November 15 – 21, 2015, as American Education Week. He presented the Proclamation to Julie Cieniawski, SEA president.
- Chaparral Girls Swim and Dive team won their second straight State Championship.

Motion #17
Approval of Agenda as Submitted

Students and Staff Recognitions and Celebrations

Public Comment

Superintendent's Comments

- Supai Middle School students wrote and submitted 501 letter to the troops through a program with radio station KMLE (107.9).
- The District has 25 student teachers who worked with SUSD students this past fall graduating from college in December.
- The 28th Annual Clean Air Campaign Awards luncheon was held on October 28th. SUSD schools competed against valley corporations and large companies. Arcadia HS and Supai MS were finalists, with Arcadia HS selected as the winner for the People's Choice Most Creative Bulletin Board.
- Over 100 people attended the SUSD Strategic Language Event on November 3rd. They learned about career opportunities for students who study Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, and Russian.
- Over 200 students and parents attended the International Baccalaureate Information Night at Desert Mountain HS.
- Brian Murphy of Saguaro HS has been selected to play in the U.S. Army All American Bowl.
- SUSD Marching Band Exhibition was held on November 10th, at Saguaro HS. All five SUSD high schools performed at the event.
- ABODA State Marching Band competition was held on Nov. 14th. The Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association (ABODA) held its State Marching Competition. Chaparral HS placed 4th in its division and Coronado placed 8th in its division.
- The Middle School Winter Sports Festival was held on November 14th. Over 900 students competed.
- Saguaro HS Football team advanced to the State semifinals.
- Service Learning students will deliver 150 Thanksgiving turkeys to help families this holiday season.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$143,947.92
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 10/02/2015 through 11/04/2015
- C. Payroll Vouchers Processed from 10/06/2015 through 11/05/2015 FY16
- D. Personnel Actions – 09/26/2015 through 10/23/2015
- E. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting/Study Session/Exec Session
- F. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- G. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
- H. Auxiliary Operations Statement for September FY16
- I. Student Activities Statement for September FY16
- J. Tax Credit Statement for September FY16
- K. Revision of Governing Board Policies: Section K-Community Relations (KFA-KL) **Item Pulled and Will be Brought Back at a Future Meeting**
- L. Approval of Annual Renewal of IGA Between SUSD and EVIT – JTED
- M. Approve the Purchase of Tires and Tubes through STATE Contract
- N. Approve the Issuance of an RFP for Promotional School Videos
- O. Approval to Increase Prior Board Authorization for RFP #16024, Nursing Services
- P. Approval to Increase Prior Board Authorization for Purchase of the Relocation, Interior Renovation and Improvements to New SUSD Education Center – IGPA
- Q. Approval of Telecommunications Lease Agreement at Ingleside M.S. & Authorization for Centerline Solutions to Submit Zoning Adjustment Application to the City of PHX Planning & Development Dept. for Zoning **Item Pulled and Will be Brought Back at a Future Meeting**
- R. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Approval Approved

Before asking for approval of the Consent Agenda, Mrs. Sneed noted that Consent Agenda Items VII. K. Revision of Governing Board Policies: Section K-Community Relations (KFA-KL), and Q. Approval of Telecommunications Lease Agreement at Ingleside M.S. & Authorization for Centerline Solutions to Submit Zoning Adjustment Application to the City of PHX Planning & Development Dept. for Zoning, were being pulled to be brought back at a future Board Meeting.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the Consent Agenda without items VII. K. Revision of Governing Board Policies: Section K-Community Relations (KFA-KL), and Q. Approval of Telecommunications Lease Agreement at Ingleside M.S. & Authorization for Centerline Solutions to Submit Zoning Adjustment Application to the City of PHX Planning & Development Dept. for Zoning. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda Items
K. and Q. Tabled

Motion #18
Approval of Consent
Agenda without Items K.
and Q.

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

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Peterson introduced Becky Hill, the District’s Legislative Lobbyist, to present Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Update on Legislative Issues. Ms. Hill shared a PowerPoint reviewing some highlights of where the State Legislature is regarding education. Much of the legislators’ work will be delayed until next summer. In the Spring of 2016, talk will be around funding formulas and the difficulty around those formulas. Consultants have been asked to provide background information for the Governor before he decides on how he will proceed. Currently, the A-F Label model is being reviewed, with a new model being developed. It is felt that education should see some good recommendations when Classrooms First reconvenes in the summer. The Inflation Funding settlement will be decided at a Special Election on May 17, 2016. A Constitutional Amendment will be needed to amend the distribution amount and provide a safeguard on the State Land Trust. If the election is successful, SUSD would receive approximately \$5 million. Discussion followed. Dr. Peterson noted that the State budget will be done before the May 17, 2016 election, probably in April. Title I funding will be maintained; however, the number of Title I students is increasing which decreases per student amount. A plan is being developed that will distribute the Inflation Funding settlement dollars meaningfully and will be presented to the Governing Board with many options to choose from.

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education and Assessment, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Career and Technical Education (VTE) Program Updates. A PowerPoint was shared that reviewed CTE offerings available in SUSD schools, the funding sources and challenges, and the benefits of CTE courses. Approximately 118 SUSD students attend the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT). SUSD provides transportation for the students who attend EVIT. Although SUSD offers satellite programs at its high schools, with 2,415 enrolled students, EVIT offers 30 occupational training programs that are either not available through SUSD, or do not fit in with a student’s schedule. The District receives funding through the State’s Joint Technical Education District (JTED), which will see approximately a \$650,000 cut in funding this year. Funding is also received through a Perkins Federal Grant. Students who graduate from the CTE program receive certification in their chosen field.

Dr. von Gnechten presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. C. Revisions to 2016-17 High School Planning Guide (HSPG). A PowerPoint was shared reviewing committee members, the process used to select or eliminate courses of study, and the guiding principles used for new course consideration. The Board discussed the proposed elimination of World History Honors. This elimination is a continuation of a prior Governing Board discussion and decision on best practice to only eliminate Honors courses that directly compete with Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Further discussion and data was requested by the Governing Board.

Dr. Pam Sitton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. D. Principal and Teacher Classification. As shown in the PowerPoint presentation, this discussion is pursuant to §15-203(38), that requires a public discussion once a year on the District’s aggregate performance classifications of principals and teachers. Dr. Sitton provided the necessary data on the classification of District teachers and principals.

Action Item

Bonnie Sneed, Board President, presented Action Item IX. A. Approval of Proposed Changes to ASBA Bylaws and Authorization to Enable Governing Board Secretary to Vote on Approved Changes on Behalf of SUSD Governing Board. There are two proposed changes to the Bylaws. Mrs. Sneed read each one separately.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the proposed change to Article V. Officers and Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Section 2. Board of Directors. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the proposed change to Article V. Officers and Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Section 5. Nominations and Elections. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve allowing Governing Board Secretary Sondra Como, to electronically vote on the approved changes on behalf of the SUSD Governing Board. Mrs.

Information/Discussion

•Update on Legislative Issues

•CTE Program Updates

•Revisions to 2016-17 High School Planning Guide

Action Item

•Proposed Changes to ASBA Bylaws

Motion #19

Approval of Change to ASBA Bylaws Article 5 Section 2

Motion #20

Approval of Change to ASBA Bylaws Article 5 Section 5

Motion 21

Approval to Allow Board Secretary to Vote on Behalf of Board

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

Future Items

There were no Future Items requested other than additional data pertaining to the High School Planning Guide.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, November 24, 2015 – 12:00 PM – Executive Session
- Thursday, December 10, 2015 - 10:00 AM – Study Session
- Tuesday, December 15, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting
- Thursday, January 7, 2016 – 12:00 PM – Study Session
- Tuesday, January 12, 2016 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Governing Board Reports

Mrs. Hartmann, Mr. Jackson, and Mrs. Sneed reported on their activities to further community partnerships and opportunities for the District since last month’s Board Meeting.

At 8:20 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 17th day of November 2015.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

George Jackson, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

Pam Kirby

Barbara Perleberg

Future Items

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

Governing Board Reports

Motion #22
Adjournment