

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

August 13, 2015

A Special Meeting/Board Retreat of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 10:10 AM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, Arizona. Mr. Jackson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mrs. Sneed presented the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) 2016 Proposed Political Agenda. The Board was in agreement with the proposals presented by ASBA. The item will be brought back on the August 18th SUSD Agenda for approval.

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Steve Capobres, Facilitator, led a robust discussion among Board Members and staff regarding Governing Board operating principles, the 2015-2016 strategic planning process, and key priorities or goals for 2015-2016.

The discussion concerning Governing Board operating principles included the meaning of excellence and how it is put into practice. Discussion also included the meaning of collaboration and what it looks like. The Board and staff also exchanged ideas on leadership and how it is manifested. Ideas were exchanged on communicating with each other and trusting one another.

The District's strategic planning process was discussed. The Strategic Plan is developed and approved by the Governing Board. Staff then puts it into operation. It is the umbrella under which we operate. In reality, a strategic plan is a three to five year plan and is the vision of the District. It is a fluid process and, therefore, subject to change. It should be respectful of individuality of sites, with a common language within a common theme of: academic success, culture success, and fiscal success.

It is the goal of the high schools to create site improvement plans for 2015-2016, with middle schools to have a plan for 2016-2017. Elementary schools will mirror those of the secondary level.

The Board would like to continue discussing the Strategic Plan timeline and requested Mrs. Como, Board Secretary, to schedule another Study Session in September.

Dr. Peterson announced that SOL (Scottsdale Online Learning) will be the sole provider for the Ice Den. Students come from all over the country to play hockey at the Scottsdale and Chandler branches of the Ice Den. SUSD will provide online instruction to these students.

At 2:10 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 13th day of August 2015.

Information/Discussion

•ASBA 2016 Political Agenda

Consent on 8/18/15

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Facilitator

Motion #1

Adjournment

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

George Jackson, Vice President

Kim Hartmann

Pam Kirby

Barbara Perleberg