

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

September 15, 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; Kim Hartmann; Pam Kirby; and Barbara Perleberg. Superintendent David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed called upon Boy Scout Troop #6, Arcadia, to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 50 visitors.

Mrs. Kirby approved the Agenda as submitted. Mrs. Hartmann seconded the motion.

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

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director of Special Education and Student Services, recognized the SUSD Foundation Quest for the Best Gala nominees and winners in the field of health sciences and servant leadership. Dr. Peterson also thanked former Mayor Mary Manross, SUSD Foundation Board Member, for her continued support.

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education, recognized several SUSD students and chaperones for the Scottsdale Sister Cities trip to China. Also recognized was Rotary Member Max Rumbaugh, a leader of the Sister Cities partnership.

Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director of Elementary Education, shared the success of Tonalea Elementary School, which has been featured in an article by the Beat the Odds Institute.

Public Comment

Shoshana Dubnow and Amalia Frohna, representing the Student's Advisory Board (SAB), updated the Board on the recent activities the SAB has been involved with.

Bonnie Bezon spoke in regard to testing in elementary specials and asked the Board to allow specials teachers to use all of the tools in their tool box to accommodate their students.

Julie Cieniawski, president of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA), spoke in regard to a quality education for all and asked the Board to make teacher compensation a unified goal.

Todd Gosselink spoke in regard to the District property at 44th Street and Indianola, asking the Board why the property was being sold to the lowest bidder.

Nate Nathan, representing SUSD as the broker for the sale of the property at 44th Street and Indianola, reported to the Board that his company put a package together for the sale, asked the bidders for their final best offers and that it was the opinion of the group that the citizens of the neighborhood would not accept the density that the previous speaker's company had bid. (Also, that company was not the highest bidder.)

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson recognized and thanked SUSD staff members for making sure our schools were ready to open and operate during the recent storms that hit the area.

Dr. Peterson noted the following:

- SUSD has 17 2016 National Merit Semifinalists.
- Desert Mountain and Arcadia High Schools were identified as two of the top high schools in the country.
- The District is working hard to make sure its public and parents understand the new AzMERIT testing. A presentation will be given during this evening's Board Meeting.
- The Ice Den Academy has been created. This is a partnership between Scottsdale Online Learning and the Ice Den Scottsdale. The partnership will connect academically rigorous high school level courses with college bound student athletes.
- The Arizona Mathematics Partnership was hosted at ASU-Barrett Honors College. 22

Motion #5
Approval of Agenda as Submitted

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students from SUSD attended. During the camp, students participated in daily math sessions and robotics sessions.

- On Saturday, August 29, more than 850 athletes competed in the 5th annual Middle School Fall Sports Festival held at Saguaro High School, Chaparral High School, and Cocopah Middle School.
- The SUSD Showcase will be held on Saturday, September 26, from 10 AM to 2 PM. The event will feature student performances, an art show, food trucks, and plenty of family fun. SUSD schools will be at the event sharing information about the programs that they offer.
- Board Member Kim Hartmann will receive her Certificate of Orientation from ASBA at the ASA/ASBA Annual Conference in December.
- On September 22, a delegation from Austria will visit Desert Mountain High School. They are touring the world’s largest solar cooling plant, located at Desert Mountain HS.

Consent Agenda

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- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$121,671.45
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 08/11/2015 through 08/26/2015 FY15
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers 08/12/2015 through 09/02/2015 FY16
- D. Payroll Vouchers Processed from 07/30/2015 through 08/27/2016 FY16
- E. Personnel Actions – 07/28/2015 through 08/21/2015
- F. Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2015 Special Governing Board Meeting/Board Retreat
- G. Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- H. Appointment of Student Activities Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers
- I. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Trips
- J. Approval of 2016 Capital Plan and New Construction Application to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board – **pulled to be heard separately**
- K. Approval of Arizona Mutual Aid Compact Agreement
- L. Approval of Arizona School Districts Mutual Aid Agreement
- M. Approval of Identifying Excludable Space to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board **pulled to be heard separately**
- N. Approval of Proposed 2016-2017 School Year Calendar
- O. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Approval

Correction and Amendment

Before asking for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Mrs. Sneed announced a correction to Item VIII. E. Personnel Actions. On page 14 of the Agenda, under NEW EMPLOYMENTS, Classified – Departmental: the Funding for Skyler Fellers should read ~~NS (540)~~ **M&O (001)**. Also, Mrs. Kirby asked to pull Items VIII. J. Approval of 2016 Capital Plan and New Construction Application to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board, and VIII. M. Approval of Identifying Excludable Space to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board, to be heard separately.

Motion #6
Approval of Consent Agenda as Corrected and Amended

Mrs. Hartmann moved to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected, and without Items VIII. J. Approval of 2016 Capital Plan and New Construction Application to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board, and VIII. M. Approval of Identifying Excludable Space to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

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

•2016 Capital Plan and New Construction Application to the State of AZ SFB, and Identifying Excludable Space to the State of AZ SFB

Mrs. Kirby pulled Items VIII. J. Approval of 2016 Capital Plan and New Construction Application to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board, and VIII. M. Approval of Identifying Excludable Space to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board to inquire about the projection for ADM in fiscal year 2019, showing a one-year spike, as presented in the supporting documentation provided to the Board. Terry Worcester stated that the spike represents the 2 – 3 year old preschool students currently in SUSD schools and the 8% increase in fiscal year 2019 is what is projected at this time.

Motion #7
Approval of 2016 Capital Plan and New Construction Application to the State of AZ SFB, and VIII. M. Approval of Identifying Excludable Space to the State of AZ SFB

Mrs. Kirby moved to approve Consent Agenda Items VIII. J. Approval of 2016 Capital Plan and New Construction Application to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board, and VIII. M. Approval of Identifying Excludable Space to the State of Arizona School Facilities Board. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion Items

•Disaster Recovery Plan

Tom Clark, Chief Technology Officer, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. A. Update on Disaster Recovery Plan. This plan was identified last spring during the Auditor General's report as work that needed to be completed. The ultimate goal is to minimize disruption of learning. This is an on-going process, constantly trying to improve the state of preparedness in SUSD. The IT Disaster Recovery Plan is actually part of a larger, District-wide Emergency Recovery Plan. One of the top options being researched is an alternative facility to back up financial systems. Under consideration is an off-site facility. Another possibility for disaster recovery would be to use one of SUSD high schools. Mr. Clark also reported that because of the recent cyber-attacks, IT is making changes to security. There are additional steps needed and they are actively pursuing and reviewing how some major companies are experiencing major security risks. Board Members expressed their thanks for the efforts in responding to the Auditor General's report.

•Budget Dashboard

Daniel O'Brien, Chief Financial Officer, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. B. Budget Dashboard. The intent of a financial dashboard is to tell SUSD's story to the Governing Board and the public. This presentation is to elicit input from the Governing Board towards what they would like the final Dashboard to look like. The information will be monitored and tracked and will roll-up to the Auditor General's Report. The Board Members would like to see reports that are categorical, quarterly reports with year-to-date information and a forecast. Also, analyses of upcoming budget considerations, showing dollars per student, for classrooms, for FTEs (full-time employees), and for programs, as well as Transportation dollars per mile and dollars per rider. They would also like it to show how we compare to state and other public schools outside of Arizona. Board Members expressed concern about the cost and would somehow like to see the information garnered connected to student achievement.

• AzMERIT and Move on When Reading (MOWR)

Dr. Karen Benson, Executive Director of Instructional Services, and Dr. Kyle Ross, Director of Instructional Technology and Assessment, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. C. AzMERIT and Move on When Reading (MOWR) Update. Dr. Ross showed a PowerPoint reviewing the timelines for AzMERIT and MOWR. Public school students across Arizona took **Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching (AzMERIT)**, the new statewide achievement test which replaced AIMS in reading, writing and mathematics. Things to keep in mind regarding the test scores are that test scores will be reported differently from the AIMS test, performance levels were set by veteran Arizona teachers, test scores will be lower for most students than what we've seen previously, but that these results tell us that scores are not falling, but that expectations are soaring. Also, students and teachers will both need time to adjust to the new assessments. This information was presented to Scottsdale Parent Council on August 19, and is posted on the District website. Talking points have been given to Principals, and the Arizona Department of Education is scheduled to release the data to school districts in October. SUSD will communicate results to parents as it compiles the information. Teachers will have the information for parent-teacher conferences slated for November. Dr. Ross' PowerPoint continued with information on MOWR. There was no retention, based on MOWR Laws, of 3rd graders minimally proficient on the AzMERIT assessment at the end of 2014-15 school year because the scores were not available. Scores will be available to SUSD in October. There were 26 students who did score low on the 2014 test and the Board would like staff to report back to them on where these students are now and what is being done to ensure they are receiving the same intervention and remedial strategies they would have received had they been retained. In going forward, there will be continued training and communication with staff and parents. SUSD will begin analyzing results of the testing beginning October 6th, with parent reports expected to be delivered to SUSD October 20th, and mailed to parents after October break. Professional development and training for teachers will be scheduled as needed and additional parent resources will be made available. The Assessment Committee will continue its work in determining RFP criteria with a presentation to the Governing Board on RFP recommendations at March and April Board Meetings. The Board posed questions about parent representation on the Assessment Committee.

•SUSD Analysis of Student Participation and Performance

Dr. Karen Benson, Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director for Secondary Education, and Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director of Elementary Education, presented Information/Discussion Item IX. D. SUSD Analysis of Student Participation and Performance. The two guiding questions posed to stakeholders as we revise our SUSD strategic plan are:

1. What is the important criteria to make decisions?
2. What is the next level of excellence?

Drs. McNeil, von Gnechten and Benson shared District data to seek a better understanding of

- Student participation in high school AP/IB classes, and

- Student performance – specific to PSAT, SAT, ACT, and AP exams, our Graduation rate – and given we do not have District AzMERIT scores just yet, previous AIMS scores

National statistics indicate that there are equity gaps in achievement and participation in underrepresented students. Aggregate results in SUSD show that we outperform national statistics specific to pass rates in AP courses – in that our overall average school-level AP exam pass rate in Scottsdale is 3 percentage points higher than the national pass rate and 4 percentage points higher than Arizona’s pass rate. Discussion ensued regarding where the focus is for elementary and middle schools. Also, the Board would like to look at data across sites in the same categories. They also discussed the declining graduation rate in SUSD and the possibility of striving for 100% graduation rate. Another topic of discussion was concerns about the push to increase participation in Advanced Placement (AP) classes and Honors classes and perhaps pushing students who are not actually ready to take those classes. Dr. Peterson recognized two AP teachers present at the meeting, Christine Marsh and Josh Pantier, and commended them on the good work they have been doing with their students. Staff will report back to the Board on some of the additional targeted programs the District can offer.

Future Items

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Mrs. Kirby would like:

1. A discussion on the sale of the Ed Center property on 44th Street and Indianola (scheduled for Oct. 8, 2015 Study Session)

Mrs. Hartman would like:

1. An update on assessment testing and technology readiness
2. A follow-up on the Disaster Recovery Plan
3. A follow-up on the Financial (Budget) Dashboard

Mrs. Perleberg would like:

1. A discussion on CTE programs (this was discussed at the recent East Valley School Board Consortium meeting) and where SUSD is and what challenges that program faces

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

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Thursday, September 17, 2015 – 4:00 PM – Study Session

Thursday, October 8, 2015 – 12:00 PM – Study Session

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Governing Board Reports

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Mr. Jackson reported he is attending the Coronado High School Community Breakfast on September 1, an incredibly wonderful event highlighting Coronado HS getting its community more involved.

Mrs. Hartmann reported she continued her work on community outreach and also attended the Coronado breakfast and agrees with Mr. Jackson’s comments. She attended the SUSD Foundation Gala, and attended the East Valley School Board Consortium meeting, outstanding community outreach events. She also continued working on community partnerships and spent time with Business United for Scottsdale Schools, with the SUSD Foundation, with the Cisco Organization, continuing to work with national and state leaders on what relationships could look like within our District and what kind of offerings they can bring forward. She also met with Dr. Andi Fournalis at CREATE and discussed what a partnership with them would look like. Lastly, Mrs. Hartmann attended the ASBA Law Conference and found the topics discussed very interesting.

Mrs. Sneed also attended the East Valley School Board Consortium meeting, the Coronado breakfast, the ASBA Law Conference and represented SUSD at the ASBA Delegate Assembly. She also attended the SUSD Foundation Quest for the Best Gala. She was selected as Vice Chair for next year on the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (PPAC).

Motion #8 Adjourment

At 8:50 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 15th day of September 2015.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

~~George Jackson, Vice President~~

Kim Hartmann

Pam Kirby

Barbara Perleberg