

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

February 6, 2014

A Special Meeting/Study Session of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 12:04 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Denny Brown, Vice President; George Jackson; Pam Kirby; Barbara Perleberg. Superintendent David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present.

Study Session

Daniel O'Brien, CFO, began the discussion on possible November 2014 Ballot Initiatives. Mr. O'Brien reviewed the projected M&O Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, showing variances to the budget projections as indicated by the phase-out of the 10% M&O Override and the 5% K-3 Override. The state now allows school districts to put an initiative on the ballot that would allow for a 15% Override.

Another ballot initiative would be a Capital Override. Dr. Peterson reported that the District is entering into its last year of full funding of the seven year Capital Override. The Capital Override does not "phase-out" like an M&O Override; it expires June 30, 2015. By State Statute, funds from a Capital Override can only be used for:

- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment
- Fine Arts
- Curriculum
- Athletics
- Playground
- Technology
- Library

Discussion ensued regarding the English Language Arts adoption. Dr. Andi Fourlis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, stated the industry standard is a seven year cycle for an adoption. This adoption cycle may change in the future as we move from textbooks to digital learning. Governing Board members asked for a detailed breakdown of expenditures to all people involved could see where the funds are being allocated.

Tom Clark, CTO, reviewed the technology portion of the Capital Override. Maintaining equipment would be difficult without the Capital Override. Computers and equipment, should, ideally, maintain a cycle of replacement every four years. A detailed breakdown of yearly expenses was also requested from Technology.

Rick Freeman, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, discussed a possible Elementary Bond initiative. Mr. Freeman reviewed estimated improvement and/or re-building options for the District's elementary schools. The Board discussed having a master plan of what the vision of the District will look like within two years. The Board would like to see a break down on exactly what an Elementary Bond would entail.

Michelle Marshall reviewed the State Statutes for disposition of District property and changing locations for schools. Selling District property would necessitate calling for an election. Discussion followed regarding Statutory timelines for meetings and voting on any school closure and attendance boundary revisions.

Dr. Dave McNeil gave an overview of the State's Letter Grade System. Discussion was had regarding upcoming changes to AIMS testing and the introduction of Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. This year's AIMS testing letter grades for schools and districts will be in effect for two years.

At 2:01 PM, Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Perleberg seconded the motion.

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

Study Session

•November 2014 Ballot Initiatives

•Letter Grade Overview

Motion #58
Adjournment

Dated this 6th day of February 2014.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

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