

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

August 13, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 4:05 PM, with a Study Session, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Ponderosa Conference Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

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

At the Study Session, the Board discussed topics on the Agenda for the regular portion of the Governing Board Meeting. Discussions ensued regarding AIMS data, District and individual schools' letter grades from the State, Department Chairs and finding efficiencies, class sizes, staffing and open enrollment. The Study Session adjourned at 5:00 PM.

At 5:09 PM, the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was called to order in the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Pam Kirby, President; Denny Brown, Vice President; George Jackson; Barbara Perleberg; and Bonnie Sneed. Superintendent David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present. President Kirby called upon Cindy Bitcon, president of the Scottsdale Parent Council, to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Kirby welcomed approximately 20 visitors.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

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

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Dr. Peterson announced that Schooldigger.com ranked 110 schools statewide and rated Cheyenne Traditional School 8th, Cherokee 23rd, and Desert Canyon Elementary School 30th in the state.

He also announced the District received the letter grade of "A" from the Arizona Department of Education.

Dr. Peterson thanked the Arizona Cardinals for the \$5000 grant they awarded to the District's preschool program.

Dr. Peterson announced that the Student Advisory Board will hold its retreat on August 17th at Saguaro HS.

Before introducing Mr. Price Nosky, this year's Chairman of the SUSD Foundation, Dr. Peterson thanked them for supporting our District in so many ways. They are hosting a fundraising event, "Quest for the Best Gala" on September 7th at the Firesky Resort in Scottsdale. At the Gala, they will be honor two alumni of SUSD, Lynda Carter, also known as "Wonder Woman," and Dr. Jeffrey Trent, Research Director for TGen. Scholarships will also be awarded to SUSD students. Mr. Nosky announced that the Foundation has achieved its goal and 300 people are expected at the Gala. Also, they have awarded \$50,000 in mini-grants to the District, up \$20,000 from last year. The Board thanked Mr. Nosky for all the good work the Foundation does for the District.

Public Comment

Jeff Jordan spoke in regard to seeing a trend in the District of teachers leaving for more money.

Chris Marsh spoke in support of the M&O Override, stating she would like to see everyone involved in the Override.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson announced that over 100 teachers attended professional development classes over the summer and on their own time. Also, there were 91 new teachers hired this year; 30% are alumni from SUSD.

Study Session

Regular Meeting

Motion #6
Approval of Agenda

Students and Staff
Recognition and
Celebrations

Public Comment

Superintendent's
Comments

Dr. Peterson stated that we had a very strong beginning of the school year and that as we close out the fiscal year, we will be addressing the issue of Department Chairs.

He announced that M&O Override informational meetings will be held in each Learning Community to give factual information on the importance of what the Override will mean moving forward.

Between brick and mortar classes and eLearning classes, summer programs were very successful. 630 Middle School students attended summer middle school programs.

Dr. Peterson announced with pride that Mr. Daniel O'Brien, CFO, and SUSD received the Certificate for Achievement in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International organization (AASBO) for the 20th consecutive year.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$175,587.94
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 06/05/2013 through 07/31/2013 FY13
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers 07/02/2013 through 07/30/2013 FY14
- D. Payroll Vouchers 05/23/2013 through 07/18/2013 FY13
- E. Payroll Vouchers 07/16/2013 through 08/01/2013 FY14
- F. Personnel Actions – 06/12/2013 through 07/24/2013
- G. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2013 Special Board Meeting
- H. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2013 Regular Governing Board Meeting
- I. Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2013 Special Board Meeting-Board Retreat
- J. Auxiliary Operations Statement for May 31, 2013
- K. Student Activities Statement for May 31, 2013
- L. Tax Credit Statement for May 31, 2013
- M. Tax Credit Fee Authorization
- N. Tax Credit Fee Waiver Authorization
- O. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Field Trips
- P. Assistant Treasurer Authorization
- Q. Authorization of Check Signers
- R. Fundraising Authorization
- S. Approval of the Scottsdale Affiliated Administrators (SAA) Employment Agreement for FY2013-14
- T. Approval of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA) Employment Agreement for FY2013-14
- U. Approval of the Scottsdale Support Personnel Association (SSPA) Employment Agreement for FY2013-14
- V. Approval of Reimbursable Meal Price Increase
- W. Approval of Renewal of Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program Agreement
- X. Approval of Renewal of the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Kyrene for Printing Services
- Y. Approval of Additional Revisions to the 2013-14 High School Planning Guide
- Z. Adoption of Revisions to Governing Board Policies: GCK-Professional Staff Transfers and Assignments, and GCO-Evaluation of Professional Staff Members
- AA. Delegation of Authority to Superintendent to Enter Into Annual Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) With Amendments between SUSD and East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT)
- BB. Approval of Tom Pickrell as Hearing Officer Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 15-541(A)
- CC. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of Scottsdale Substance Abuse Prevention and Violence Prevention
- DD. Approval of Renewal Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) and Page Unified School District (PUSD)
- EE. Approval of Renewal Intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) and Winslow Unified School District (WUSD)
- FF. Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #14035, Lobbying Services
- GG. Approve the Renewal of Contracts
- HH. Ratification of Procurement Item Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization – Memorandum of Agreement with Mesa Unified School District
- II. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization

Consent Agenda

Mr. Jackson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Sneed seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion

Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director for Elementary Education and Assessment, and Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education and Assessment, presented Information/Discussion Item X. A. 2012-2013 SUSD AIMS Results and Letter Grades. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing the AIMS results and letter grades for the District and individual schools. The District has received an “A” for the third consecutive year. It was also noted that AIMS testing is becoming more difficult as the state transitions to the PARCC.

Mr. Rick Freeman, Executive Director for Facilities and Operations, presented Information/Discussion Item X. B. Update on Construction Progress of the 2010 Bond. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing the progress that was made over the summer of 2013. Comparison photos of before and after this past summer of Mohave, Ingleside and Cocopah Middle Schools were shown. Also, Mr. Freeman stated that with the savings realized from the 2010 Bond, Tonalea Elementary School will be getting a multi-use building. Renderings of the building were also shown. The Board thanked Mr. Freeman for all of all of his work and commended him for getting so much done with minimal interruptions to education.

Dr. Chris Thuman, Executive Director of Community Education and Online Learning, presented Information/Discussion Item X. C. Update on eLearning and Summer School Programming. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing the offerings. Summer School had traditional “brick and mortar” classes at Coronado HS, as well as online courses. Both were fee-based. Middle School programs were started this summer and were very successful. The Board gave kudos to Dr. Thuman for going to a 6 week block and encouraging students to take only two subjects.

Action Item

Mrs. Kirby presented Action Item XI. A. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Proposed 2014 Political Agenda Recommended by the Legislative Committee. The Board reviewed the agenda.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the ASBA 2014 proposed Political Agenda as recommended by the Legislative Committee and that will be considered by the Delegate Assembly. Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

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

Future Action

The Board had no requests for Future Action items.

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Brown asked the entire community to drop off their old smart phones at one of our schools for reuse by our students.

Mrs. Sneed asked the Board Members to try to attend one or two days of the ASBA Law Conference.

Mrs. Kirby thanked AV Homes for its donation to Mohave Middle School that made it possible for Mohave Middle School Band & Strings to perform at a concert given by AV Homes.

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 4:00 PM – Study Session

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Regular Governing Board Meeting

Mrs. Kirby asked that everyone check the SUSD Website for a new schedule of Board Meetings for this school year.

At 6:38 PM, Mrs. Perleberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

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

Motion #7
Approval of Consent
Agenda

Information/Discussion

•2012-13 SUSD AIMS
Results and Letter
Grades

•Update on Construction
Progress of the 2010
Bond

•Update on eLearning
and Summer School
Programming

Action Item

•ASBA Proposed 2014
Political Agenda

Motion #8
Approval of ASBA 2014
Political Agenda

Future Action

Governing Board Reports

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Motion #9
Adjournment

Dated this 13th day of August 2013.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Pam Kirby, President

Denny Brown, Vice President

George Jackson

Barbara Perleberg

Bonnie Sneed