

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

January 10, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 4:01 PM, with a Study Session, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Mesquite Conference Room, 3811 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Study Session

Board Members in attendance were Jennifer Petersen, President; Dr. Eric Meyer, Vice President; Denny Brown, Pam Kirby; and Bonnie Sneed. Superintendent David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present.

At the Study Session, the Board discussed the District's Budget projection for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Also discussed were the results of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) in middle schools and high schools. The Study Session adjourned at 4:53 PM.

At 5:06 PM, the Regular Meeting of the Governing Board was called to order in the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Regular Meeting

Board Members in attendance were Jennifer Petersen, President; Dr. Eric Meyer, Vice President; Denny Brown; Pam Kirby; and Bonnie Sneed. Superintendent David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present. President Petersen called upon Dr. Peterson to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Petersen welcomed approximately 70 visitors.

Mrs. Sneed approved the Agenda as presented. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

Motion #51  
Approval of Agenda

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

Reorganization of Governing Board

Before calling for nominations for new President and Vice President of the Governing Board, Mrs. Petersen thanked everyone for her time as President of the Governing Board.

Reorg. of Governing Board

Mrs. Petersen nominated Mrs. Sneed as President. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

Motion #52  
Election of Mrs. Sneed as President

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

Dr. Meyer thanked everyone for his tenure as Vice President of the Governing Board. He thanked Mrs. Petersen for her services and the outstanding job she did as President.

Dr. Meyer nominated Mr. Brown as Vice President of the Governing Board. Mrs. Sneed seconded the motion.

Motion #53  
Election of Mr. Brown as Vice President

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

The Board Members exchanged seats. Mrs. Sneed, as President, now chaired the meeting.

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Dr. Fourlis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, recognized the eight SUSD teachers who earned National Board Certification, with support from the SUSD Foundation:

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

- Nicholas Johnson – Cochise Elementary
- Michelle Piazza – Tonalea Elementary
- Curt Robinson – Desert Canyon Elementary
- Joy Funk – Sequoia Elementary
- Catherine Skinner – Redfield Elementary
- Steven Speisman – Desert Mountain High
- Cheryl Stegall – Cocopah Middle
- Christi Youngkin – Navajo Elementary
- Christine Hawes – Ingleside Middle (Renewal)

Dr. Fourlis recognized Dr. Don Chiapetti, community member, for his support of the District in helping SUSD acquire musical instruments for more than 20 years.

Dr. Pam Sitton, Executive Director for Elementary Education, introduced Mr. Paul Winslow, Board President of Arizona Business and Education Coalition (ABEC). Recently, ABEC recognized Pima Elementary School as an Arizona All Subject Higher Performing School. Mr. Winslow thanked Interim Pima Principal Mrs. Nancy Hudson and reported that a banner will shortly be presented to her school.

Dr. Kim Dodds, Director of Gifted and Related Services, recognized Tavan Elementary gifted teacher Marilyn Williams. SUSD was awarded a LEGO Smart Schools matching grant in the amount of \$40,000 from Education Blueprints Association (EBA). SUSD is one of 14 sites nationwide to receive this grant that Mrs. Williams wrote in October 2011. Additionally, Tavan was also awarded a \$15,670 grant by the Arizona Science Center to host a STEM Club/Camp during the 2012 school year.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment at this meeting.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson commented that in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the annual MLK Voices program will be held at Saguaro High School on Thursday, January 12. The annual MLK Community Dinner will be held also on January 12.

Dr. Peterson congratulated Carolyn Repp, Director of English Immersion Studies, on being named the City of Scottsdale 2012 Diversity Champion.

Also congratulated was Chanel Thomas, Desert Canyon Middle School student. Ms. Thomas won first place and \$2,500 in the Arizona Republic's inspiring teacher's essay for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders for her essay on her former teacher, Mike Twilling.

Dr. Peterson noted that holiday ornaments created by Cocopah students were displayed on the National Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C.

Also reported was that Tax Credits received by SUSD were up over \$200,000 with final tabulations still to be reported. Efforts to receive tax credits will continue throughout the year.

Dr. Peterson reported that high school visits have begun for our middle school students. Chaparral HS held its visit this past week with middle school students receiving tee shirts emblazoned with "Class of 2016." It was a huge success.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$34,148.77
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 11/30/2011-12/16/2011
- C. Payroll Vouchers 11/23/2011-12/22/2011
- D. Personnel Actions – 11/24/2011-12/16/2011
- E. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2011 Special Board Meeting
- F. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- G. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2011 Special Board Meeting
- H. Auxiliary Operations Statement for November 30, 2011
- I. Student Activities Statement for November 30, 2011
- J. Tax Credit Balances as of November 30, 2011
- K. Action on Hearing Officer's Recommendations
- L. Approval to Correct Official Title of the Early Childhood Campus-Cholla with the ADE
- M. Approval of Address Change for Mohave Middle School/MDA
- N. Approval of Installation of Ground Elevated Solar Photovoltaic System at Saguaro HS
- O. Adjacent Ways Change Order – Ingleside MS
- P. Facility Policy Rental Manual Revision and Update
- Q. Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Entry to SUSD Facilities
- R. Ratification of Procurement Item Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Public Comment  
None

Superintendent's Comments

Consent Agenda

Motion #54  
Approval of Consent Agenda

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Jeff Thomas, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented Information/Discussion Item XI. A. Student Advisory Board (SAB) Update to Governing Board. Dr. Thomas stated that Administration and the SAB are now completing a full year since the creation of the SAB. It has been really impressive to see the commitment of the students and what they have accomplished. Dr. Thomas introduced Bryan Dinner, president of the SAB. Mr. Dinner reported that the SAB has begun work on several projects, particularly the Student/Teacher Evaluation instrument. A sample of the document was presented to the Board Members, who commented favorably. The feedback will be anonymous, with results to be tentatively presented to the Board by the end of the third quarter.

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director of Middle Schools and PreK-12 Student Services, presented Information/Discussion Item XI. B. Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct for the 2012-2013 School Year. Dr. Sackos presented a PowerPoint outlining the revisions to the Code of Conduct. The focus of the revisions was on bullying and alignment to District policy JICK. Discussion followed regarding adding language requiring minimum standards that currently are included in the Student Athletic Handbook.

Dr. Sackos' PowerPoint also reviewed evidence of success with Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS), currently being implemented in four SUSD Schools: Saguaro HS, Coronado HS, Mohave MS, and Supai MS. The Code of Conduct will be brought back for approval at the March 20, 2012 Board Meeting.

Michelle Marshall, District Counsel, presented Information/Discussion Item XI. C. Annual Open Meeting Law Training. District Counsel reviews the Open Meeting Laws with the Governing Board annually every January.

Future Action

There were no requests for Future Action items.

Governing Board Reports

Dr. Meyer reported that the State Legislature is back in session. There will be a bill presented on online schools and funding. A year ago, a bill was passed for funding for online courses; the State Department of Education is not following that law and public education is losing revenue. It is important to talk to as many people as you can. Mrs. Petersen added that Dr. Peterson and Becky Hill, District lobbyist, have been meeting with legislators. Dr. Peterson stated that there are several large school districts campaigning to get the law pushed through to stop the loss of ADM (Average Daily Membership) funding.

Mrs. Sneed reported that the U.S. House Education Committee's final two bills to rewrite the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) would dramatically reduce the federal footprint in holding schools accountable for performance and transform the nation's approach to improving teacher effectiveness.

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

- Tuesday, February 21, 2012 – 4:00 PM – Study Session
- Tuesday, February 21, 2012 – 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting – Work/Study
- Tuesday, March 20, 2012 – 4:00 PM – Study Session
- Tuesday, March 20, 2012 – 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting

At 6:15 PM, Dr. Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Mrs. Sneed thanked Mrs. Petersen and Dr. Meyer for their service as President and Vice President, stating they set the tone for the credibility of this Board.

Information/Discussion

•SAB Update to Governing Board

•Revisions to the Student Code of Conduct – 2012-13 SY

To be Brought Back for Approval – March 20, 2012

•Annual Open Meeting Law Training

Future Action

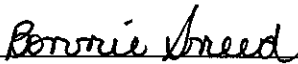
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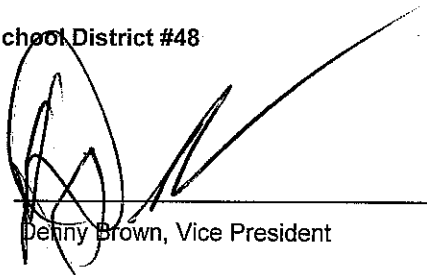
Motion #55  
Adjournment

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

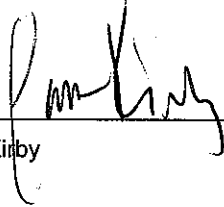
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Bonnie Sneed, President



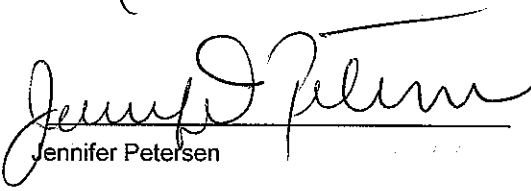
Denny Brown, Vice President



Pam Kirby



Eric Meyer



Jennifer Petersen