

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

October 9, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 4:00 PM, with a Study Session, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Mesquite Conference Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Denny Brown, Vice President; Pam Kirby; Dr. Eric Meyer; and Jennifer Petersen. 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. Discussion was had regarding the 2.0 GPA initiative. Dr. Jeff Thomas, Associate Superintendent, provided an overall summary. Graphs were presented and reviewed. Because of this initiative, data has been gathered identifying students who are not participating in extracurricular activities who need the interventions that have been established. Previously, these students would have been overlooked. Dr. Andi Furlis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, reported on the Move On When Reading K-3 Literacy Plan for 2012-2013. SUSD, having received an "A" Label from the state, received an automatic approval of its plan and was fortunate to have received \$90 million in additional funds that were used to reduce our K-3 class sizes. The smaller class size will allow our teachers to use reading programs with fidelity and use frequent assessment data to ensure our third graders will meet and exceed the reading standards. An update will be given to the Board in January or February. Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director for Elementary Education and Achievement, gave an update on Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) results. Arizona submitted a waiver to No Child Left Behind, which now gives the state until 2020 to meet the requirement of 100% proficiency for all schools. Dr. Peterson handed out information showing all of the charter and private schools within a 5 mile radius of the District. Mr. Daniel O'Brien, CFO, provided an update on the projected budget for 2014 as well as a synopsis of the current budget. He noted that the data on ADM shows approximately 700 students fewer than last year. The projections given, however, do not include online students. The Study Session adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Study Session

At 5:08 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.

Regular Board Meeting

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Denny Brown, Vice President; Pam Kirby; Dr. Eric Meyer; and Jennifer Petersen. Superintendent David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed called upon Mrs. Petersen to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 100 visitors.

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

Motion #9
Approval of Agenda as Presented

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

Students and Staff Recognition

Dr. Peterson recognized Mrs. Sneed on her appointment as the Maricopa County Co-Director for the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA).

Students and Staff Recognition

Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director for Secondary Education and Achievement, introduced the principal of each high school, who, in turn, recognized the students from their respective schools who were named as National Merit semi-finalists and commended students.

John Biera, principal Arcadia High School

Semifinalist: Trevor Day, Nicole Fisk, Matthew Heffron and Dalton Woodard

Commended: Tyler Cardinal, Lucy Hall Hartley, Jenna Moore, Jeffrey Silver and Brigitte Von Oppenfeld

Gayle Holland, principal Chaparral High School

Semifinalists: Steven Bassett, Isabel Carter-Kahn, Skylar Cohen, Maya Frohna, Mara Green, Benjamin Krakoff, Belle Lin, Hayley Mann, Michael Meng, Cole Novatt, Christopher Selby, Jeffrey Sheptin, Alexandra Stockdell, Aditya Vijay and Daniel Vukelich.

Commended: Katarina Chen, Brent Chester, Jessica Gettleman, Alexander Hicks, Alexander Huesing, Emily Kaplan, Leila Karimi-Hosseini, Cassidee Kido, Zachary Kirshner, Megan Kotzin, Coulter L'Heureux, Nicholas Lundgren, Jackson Parker, Caleb Streiff, Conner Svetly, Philip Terzic, Claire Tomlinson, Dustin Vesey and Elijah Weisbrod. Rachel Nahon, a former student, also qualified for this designation.

Alyssa Tarkington, principal Coronado:

Semifinalist: Charles Unfricht

Ayanna Siders was named Semifinalist in the 2013 National Achievement Scholarship Program, an academic competition for Black American high school students

Greg Milbrandt, principal Desert Mountain High School

Semifinalists: Thai Dao, Mingrui Ding, Henry Frentzel, Soham Gupta, Scott Heim, Eric Juarez, Srikanth Reddy, Victoria Simons, Nika Wakulich Korchok and Austen Yueh.

Commended: Matti Groll, Cameron Hart, Maegan Lu, Connor Miller, Hannah Murphy, Alyssa Niren, Natasha Raskin, Joseph Rissman, Ian Tang, Elena Vargas, Sandra Zarmer and Laura Abril. Mitra Maz, a former student, also qualified for this designation.

Nathan Slater, assistant principal Saguaro High School

Semifinalists: William Gilbreath and Cailin Greenburg

Commended: Aidan Levine, Patrick Almhjell and Rachel Barnitt

Aurora Brachman – National Achievement Scholarship Program Outstanding Participant

Principal Walt Chantler of Cherokee Elementary School recognized Michael Wacaser. The Arizona Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, selected Mr. Wacaser as the Elementary Physical education Teacher of the Year.

Principal Tanya Beckwith of Ingleside Middle School recognized Susan Leonard. The Arizona Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, selected Ms. Leonard as Middle School Physical education Teacher of the Year.

Dr. von Gnechten introduced Susan Thomas, principal of Cocopah Middle School, and Walt Chantler, principal of Cherokee Elementary School. Cocopah and Cherokee were each chosen as a Be Kind Starter School by the Be Kind People Project. Students and staff are involved in creating gestures of kindness to other schools that are assigned by the project, who will then create their own gestures of kindness to their assigned partner schools.. Cocopah's partner school is Cesar Chavez K-8 school in the Roosevelt School District, and Cherokee's partner school is Pueblo Del Sol elementary school in the Isaac Elementary School District.

Public Comment

Susan Wissink spoke in support for a Kiva K-8 school and asked the Governing Board for more time to collect the necessary commitment letters.

Public Comment

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson showed a copy of the District's Annual Report which was recently sent out. The annual report, which is required by the state, was paid for with alternative funds. No classroom dollars were used to print and publish the report.

Superintendent's
Comments

He stated that there are 29 days until the November 6th election and that there are two initiatives on the ballot, the 15% M&O Override that would bring dollars directly to SUSD and Proposition 204, a statewide initiative that would bring dollars to education throughout the entire state.

The District had an early release day on October 3. Over 1600 teachers spent the afternoon participating in professional development on the new Common Core Standards.

Dr. Peterson stated that October is Pink Out Month, and pointed out the numerous student-made posters shown in the Boardroom as well as throughout the District.

Congratulations were sent to Early Childhood Centers principal Sarah Stammegna who recently gave birth to a baby boy.

Arcadia High School will be holding its annual Arcadia Connects on October 23rd, from 7:30 AM

to 2:30 PM. This event showcases the incredible technological work Arcadia students are participating in.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$53,965.95
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 09/05/2012 through 90/19/2012
- C. Payroll Vouchers 08/30/2012 through 09/27/2012
- D. Personnel Actions – 08/28/2012 through 09/26/2012
- E. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- F. Auxiliary Operations Statement for June 30, 2012
- G. Auxiliary Operations Statement for July 31, 2012
- H. Auxiliary Operations Statement for August 31, 2012
- I. Student Activities Statement for June 30, 2012
- J. Student Activities Statement for July 31, 2012
- K. Student Activities Statement for August 31, 2012
- L. Tax Credit Statement for June 30, 2012
- M. Tax Credit Statement for July 31, 2012
- N. Tax Credit Statement for August 31, 2012
- O. Action of Hearing Officer's Recommendation
- P. Overnight, Out-of-State, Foreign Field Trips
- Q. Approval of Arizona State Retirement Alternative Contribution Rate Account
- R. Adoption of Revised Governing Board Policies GCC - Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence (Absence Without Leave), and IMG – Animals in Schools
- S. Approval of Qwest Corporation D/B/A Century Link QC Telecommunications Easement at the District Education Center
- T. Approve a Contract Change Order for Modifications to the Elevated Solar Structure in the West Parking Lot at Redfield Elementary School
- U. Approve the Issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Meeting Facilitator
- V. Approve the Purchase of Utility Vehicles through State of Arizona (STATE) Contract
- W. Approve the Purchase of Walk-In Supplies through State of Arizona (STATE) Contract
- X. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization
- Y. Approval of Travel Expenses for Bonnie Sneed as Delegate to the Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference January 27-29, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

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.

Information/Discussion Items

John Biera, principal of Arcadia High School, and Alyssa Tarkington, principal of Coronado High School, presented Information/Discussion Item X. A. Update on 2011/12 Arcadia THRIVES Program and Coronado 's Transition, Study Hall and Advisory Programs. Nikki Alward, assistant principal of Arcadia, presented a PowerPoint that showed an overview of the results of the THRIVE program for 2011-12, as well as possible changes to the program for 2012-13. Ms. Tarkington and Michelle Weisneck, student advisor at Coronado, presented a PowerPoint that reviewed the results of the 2011-12 intervention program. The Board was very encouraged with the results of both programs.

Dr. Peterson presented Information/Discussion Item X. B. Update on Demographic Study. A PowerPoint was shown that gave an update and quick snapshot of where we are demographically as we continue to plan for the future of the District. The study showed that there are 9,000 students who live in the District but go to other schools. Discussion was had regarding those students and the plans to bring them to SUSD. Dr. Peterson stated that SUSD is an "A" rated district, while the private school, Veritas, is a "B" rated school. He will focus on that comparison and get the word out to the community. Also, there will be a strengthening of our middle schools.

Action Items

Daniel O'Brien, CFO, presented Action Item XI. A. Ratification of the 2011-2012 Annual Financial Report. A PowerPoint was shown reviewing the report which was to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Education prior to October 15. Information from the report is included in a statewide publication which compares school districts throughout Arizona.

Consent Agenda

Motion #10
Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented

Information/Discussion

•Updates – Arcadia THRIVES and Coronado's Intervention Programs

•Update on Demographic Study

Action Items

•Ratification of 2011-12 Annual Financial Report

Mrs. Kirby moved to ratify the Annual Financial Report and Summary of the Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2011-2012. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Sneed presented Action Item XI. B. Approval of Nominations of Board Members Dr. Eric Meyer and Jennifer Petersen for the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Honor Roll Award. Dr. Meyer and Mrs. Petersen will be retiring from the SUSD Governing Board as of December 31, 2012, after each serving eight years as outstanding Board Members. They have each met the criteria required by ASBA.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the nominations of Board Members Dr. Eric Meyer and Jennifer Petersen for the ASBA Honor Roll Award. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Future Action

There were not requests for Future Action.

Governing Board Reports

There were no Governing Board Reports given.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- Friday, November 16, 2012 – 2:00 PM Governing Board Retreat
- Tuesday, November 20, 2012 – 4:00 PM Study Session
- Tuesday, November 20, 2012 – 5:00 PM Regular Governing Board Meeting
- Tuesday, December 18, 2012 – 4:00 PM Study Session
- Tuesday, December 18, 2012 – 5:00 PM Regular Governing Board Meeting

At 7:25 PM, Mrs. Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 9th day of October 2012.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Denny Brown, Vice President

Pam Kirby

Eric Meyer

Jennifer Petersen

Motion #11
Ratification of Annual Financial Report 2011-2012

•Nominations of Board Members to ASBA Honor Roll

Motion #12
Approval of Nominations of Dr. Meyer and Mrs. Petersen – ASBA Honor Roll Award

Future Action

Governing Board Reports

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Motion #13
Adjournment