

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

August 14, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 4:03 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.

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. Updates were given on summer school, Kiva K-8 configuration, and on athletics and Booster Clubs. The Study Session adjourned at 4:55 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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. President Sneed called upon Mrs. Petersen to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 30 visitors.

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

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

Students' and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Mrs. Sneed presented certificates signed by all the Board Members thanking our schools for helping the District achieve the State's Achievement Profile Grade of A.

Dr. Peterson recognized the Finance Department for receiving Association of School Business Officers' (ASBO) Financial Award for the 19<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

Dr. Peterson introduced and recognized two teachers new to the District:

- Sun Ling, from Beijing, China, who will be teaching all the Mandarin classes at Saguaro and Arcadia this year.
- Gudrun Smuja, from Geneva, Switzerland, a Fulbright teacher who has exchanged positions this year with Mary Walther, teaching German and French at Arcadia.

Public Comment

Robert Backie spoke in regard to mandatory ID's for all students, questioning the process in the passage of this mandate.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson stated that we are celebrating a super start to the new school year. It appears that the District enrollment may be up over 300 students. This stellar start to the school year happened because of our dedicated teachers.

Dr. Peterson gave kudos to teachers and the District's Curriculum Department – Dr. Karen Benson, Dr. Dave McNeil, Tony Hawari – who worked over the summer months to develop pre and post assessments for growth so that now 85% of District teachers are "A" teachers. The rest of the state is now asking to use the work that they have done.

Dr. Peterson stated that there are currently 770 students in eLearning and 100 students in blended learning classes.

Dr. Peterson stated that there are 12 new administrators at our schools. Three are brand new to the District and 9 were moved or promoted.

Study Session

Regular Meeting

Motion #2  
Approval of Agenda as Presented

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Public Comment

Superintendent's Comments

Another announcement was the District earned the State designated letter grade of “A.”

Dr. Peterson gave kudos to the Building Services department’s Team 7, which was successful in creating a transition program for the District’s special education students. He thanked Mr. John Muir and his staff for what they have done for Team 7 students.

Also, the District, in collaboration with Scottsdale Health Care, held an immunization clinic for students who were enrolling in the District.

Dr. Peterson announced that Board President Bonnie Sneed was being awarded the Masters of Boardmanship and Associate of Boardmanship from Arizona School Board Association (ASBA). She will receive her awards at the local ASBA county workshop.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$379,520.93
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 05/30/2012-08/01/2012 FY12
- C. Accounts Payable Vouchers 07/02/2012-08/02/2012 FY13
- D. Payroll Vouchers 05/24/2012-07/02/2102 FY12
- E. Payroll Vouchers 07/03/2012-07/31/2012 FY13
- F. Personnel Actions – 06/06/2012-07/26/2012
- G. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2012 Special Board Meeting/Public Hearing
- H. Auxiliary Operations Statement for April 30, 2012
- I. Auxiliary Operations Statement for May 31, 2012
- J. Student Activities Statement for April 30, 2012
- K. Student Activities Statement for May 31, 2012
- L. Tax Credit Fee Authorization
- M. Tax Credit Fee Waiver Authorization
- N. Tax Credit Statement for April 30, 2012
- O. Tax Credit Statement for May 31, 2012
- P. Assistant Treasurer Authorization
- Q. Authorization of Check Signers
- R. Fundraising Authorization
- S. Action on Hearing Officer’s Recommendations
- T. Maricopa County Education Service Agency Resolution for Garnishment
- U. Approve a Contract Change Order for Additions to the Scope of Work for the Cocopah Middle School Bond Improvements
- V. Authorization for Execution of Agreements and/or Contracts
- W. Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #13099, Educational Services Center Parking Lot Improvement
- X. Ratification of Procurement Items Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization
- Y. Renovations Change Order – Yavapai Elementary School
- Z. Approval of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA) Employment Agreement for FY12-13
- AA. Approval of the Scottsdale Support Personnel Association (SSPA) Employment Agreement for FY12-13
- BB. Approval of the Scottsdale Affiliated Administrators (SAA) Employment Agreement for FY12-13

Dr. Meyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Information/Discussion Items

Mr. Tom Clark, Chief Technology Officer, and Mr. Rick Freeman, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, presented Information/Discussion Item X. A. Overview of Construction and Technology Projects for the 2012-2013 School Year. Mr. Clark presented a PowerPoint that showed an overview of the District’s technology improvements and implementations. A discussion followed regarding some of the new programs.

Dr. Peterson recognized Mr. Freeman and his team, who did more than make a difference in the District. Contractors have thanked the District for giving them a job; some of those contractors were parents in the District. Mr. Freeman also presented a PowerPoint that showed the progress on the 2010 Bond for the Middle Schools reconstruction projects. The Board commented that the work that is being done is very impressive and they thanked the community for their support.

Consent Agenda

Motion #3  
Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented

Information/Discussion

•Overview of Construction and Technology Projects – 2012-13 SY

Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director of Elementary Education & Assessments, and Dr. Mitch von Gnechten, Executive Director of Secondary Education & Assessments, presented Information/Discussion Item X. B. 2011-2012 SUSD AIMS Results and Letter Grades. A PowerPoint was presented comparing the District’s results for 2011-12 with other results across the state. A discussion followed regarding the next steps for the District. Drs. McNeil and von Gnechten have met with principals and discussed plans using the data.

•2011-12 SUSD AIMS Results and Letter Grades

Dr. Pam Sitton, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, presented Information/Discussion Item X. C. Update on Staffing and Enrollment. A PowerPoint was presented showing current staffing and enrollment data. The Board discussed the data and asked that a standard report be given from time to time with updated information.

•Update on Staffing and Enrollment

Action Item

Board President Bonnie Sneed presented Action Item XI. A. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session. The Board discussed its priorities.

Action Item  
•ASBA Priorities

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve SUSD’s top four priorities to submit to ASBA:

Motion #4  
Approval of SUSD’s Top Four Priorities

1. No cuts to education
2. No unfunded mandates
3. Support local control
4. Fairly allocate ADM with respect to students enrolling in online summer school outside their home district.

Dr. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Future Action

Mrs. Kirby would like to see additional assessments for A and B teachers. She also would like an analysis of how much standardized testing is done in our classrooms and if there are any opportunities to eliminate any testing.

Future Action

Governing Board Report

Mr. Brown acknowledged Mrs. Carla Partridge and her Communications Department for its wonderful work.

Governing Board Reports

Mrs. Sneed thanked everyone for the great start to the new school year.

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

- Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – 4:00 PM Study Session
- Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – 5:00 PM Regular Governing Board Meeting
- Tuesday, October 9, 2012 – 4:00 PM Study Session
- Tuesday, October 9, 2012 – 5:00 PM Regular Governing Board Meeting
- Friday, November 16, 2012 – 2:00 PM – Governing Board Retreat

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

At 6:55 PM, Mrs. Sneed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

Motion #5  
Adjournment

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

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.

**The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48**

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Bonnie Sneed, President

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Denny Brown, Vice President

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Pam Kirby

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