

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

May 8, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 4:30 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. Discussions included the District's bullying guidelines that will include new stronger language in the policy. Also, Mrs. Sherry Celaya, CFO, Gave an update on the Annual Expenditure Budget for fiscal year 2013. Another discussion was held regarding the Booster Club Guidelines, with an overview of the presentation scheduled for the Regular Meeting. The Study Session adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Study Session

At 5:15 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 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.

Mrs. Sneed noted that Consent Agenda Item IX. Q. Approve the Renewal of Contracts, was to be pulled to be heard separately in order to remove Contract #11129, Pearson Education, Inc.

Amendment to Agenda

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

Motion #87
Approval of Agenda as Amended

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

Students and Staff Recognition and Celebrations

Dr. Andi Furlis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, recognized a group of teachers at Navajo Elementary School and Hohokam Traditional School who became master teachers in the iTeachAZ program partnership with ASU. This program more than doubles the usual amount of time student teachers spend in the classroom. These teachers coach and support prospective teachers throughout the school year.

Students and Staff
Recognition and
Celebrations

Dr. Dave McNeil, Executive Director for Elementary Education and Achievement, announced the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust 2012 Back to School Grants awarded to Hohokam Traditional School and Navajo, Tavan, Tonalea and Yavapai Elementary Schools. Each school will receive \$1,200, with the exception of Yavapai, which will receive \$2,300. These funds will be used to purchase clothing that will be distributed to children in the school who have the greatest need.

Mr. Clif McKenzie, Executive Director of Secondary Education and K-12 Athletics, congratulated Arcadia and Chaparral High Schools for earning the A+ School of Excellence Award from the Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF) for the 2011-12 school year.

Ms. Janet Blum, PreK-12 Fine Arts Academic Coach, announced that this year, SUSD became a partner in the Kennedy Center Partners in Education program. Several third grade teachers from Laguna, Tavan, Yavapai, ANLC, Cochise and Hopi have been attending extensive workshops for curriculum integration. The teachers have received training techniques and strategies that maximize student engagement and learning.

Dr. McNeil recognized Christine Bonow, principal of Redfield Elementary and Dr. Katie Root, principal of Laguna Elementary, and Marilyn Engle, Assistant Principal at Desert Canyon Middle School, who all reported that through the support of School Resource Officer (SRO) Fred Pera, the schools completed the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education & Training) program. The program focuses on providing life skills to students to help them avoid using delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems, and offers a continuum of components for students and their

families.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comment cards submitted.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson proclaimed the week of May 7 – 11, 2012 as National Teacher Appreciation Week. The Proclamation was accepted by Mr. Jerry Smith, president of the Scottsdale Education Association, on behalf of all SUSD teachers.

Dr. Peterson proclaimed May 9, 2012 as National School Nurse Day. The Proclamation was accepted by Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director for Middle Schools and PreK-12 Student Services, on behalf of all SUSD nurses.

Dr. Peterson announced this past week the SUSD eCoach was unveiled. The eCoach is a school bus that has been converted into a rolling technology bus. Kudos were given to SUSD staff for all of the hard work that went into making this a reality. It is believed the eCoach is the first of its kind in the nation.

Also this past week, the District held its Scottsdale Honors Its Own (SHIO) banquet. Retirees and staff celebrating 15 – 45 years of service to SUSD were honored.

Dr. Peterson thanked the inaugural members of the Student Advisory Board (SAB) for a job well done. Bryan Dinner, outgoing president, has been a wonderful representative. Mr. Dinner addressed the Board, thanking them for allowing the SAB to be an important part of District decisions. He also introduced the new interim officers of SAB.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$51,342.29
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers – 04/04/2012-04/25/2012
- C. Payroll Vouchers – 04/10/2012-04/26/2012
- D. Personnel Actions – 03/27/2012-04/27/2012
- E. Approval and Issuance of Contract to All contracted Employee Groups and Notice of Reasonable Assurance Letter to All Classified Employees
- F. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- G. Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2012 Special Board Meeting
- H. Approval of Administrative Recommendation for Student Long-Term Suspension
- I. Approval of Rental Policy Revisions for Community Schools
- J. Annual transfer of Student Activities Inactive Club Balances
- K. Auxiliary Operations Statement for March 31, 2012
- L. Student Activities Statement for March 31, 2012
- M. Tax Credit Statement for March 31, 2012
- N. Approve the Designation of Sole Source for Edline LLC
- O. Approval of SUSD Secondary Math Adoption Materials
- P. Approval of Special Education Human Growth and Development Adoption
- Q. Approve the Renewal of Contracts – **Pulled to be heard separately**
- R. Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #13007, Nutrition Services Special & Opportunity Buys
- S. Approval of Revision #2 of the 2011-12 Annual Expenditure Budget
- T. Approval to Increase Prior Board Authorization for Invitation for Bid (IFB) #8006, Agenda Books
- U. Approval to Increase Prior Board Authorization for Invitation for Bid (IFB) #9073, Portion Packaged Ice Cream
- V. Approval to Increase Prior Board Authorization for Office and School Supplies through TCPN Contract
- W. Award of Invitation of Bid (IFB)#13045, Field Trips
- X. Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #13074, Special Education Communication Access Real-Time (CART) Services
- Y. Ratification of Procurement Item(s) Approved by the Superintendent or Designees with Prior Board Authorization

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Public Comment

Superintendent's Comments

Consent Agenda

Motion #88

Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

Dr. Peterson proudly presented the new principals as approved by the Board in Consent Agenda Item IX. D. Personnel Actions.

- Susan Marshall-Armstrong – Cheyenne Traditional School
- Alyssa Tarkington – Coronado High School (Dr. Peterson noted that he challenged Ms. Tarkington to make Coronado an early-college high school)
- Amy Uchacz – Pima Elementary School
- Art Velarde – Pueblo Elementary School
- Mitch von Gnechten – Executive Director of Secondary Schools and Achievement

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve Consent Agenda Item IX. Q. Renewal of Contracts as amended with Contract #11129, Pearson Education, Inc. pulled. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion Items

Bryan Dinner, student president of the Student Advisory Board (SAB), presented Information/Discussion Item X. A. SAB Update to Governing Board. Mr. Dinner thanked the Board for being innovative and allowing input from students. He reported that the 4th quarter has been very successful for the SAB. The new interim officers of the SAB were introduced.

Dr. Peterson introduced Jordan Hall, Energy Management System Supervisor, who presented Information/Discussion Item X. B. Presentation on SUSD Energy Initiatives and Cost Savings. A PowerPoint was given providing detailed updates on performance contracting returns and solar power production. The Board thanked Mr. Hall for his excellent presentation. Dr. Peterson also recognized Rick Freeman, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, and his staff for the great collaboration between departments.

Dr. Karen Benson, Director of Curriculum, presented Information/Discussion Item X. C. SUSD Science Instructional Materials Adoption. Janey Kaufmann, PreK-12 Science Academic Coach, presented a PowerPoint reviewing the materials recommended for adoption. Discussion was had regarding the use of eBooks and buying textbooks. Also discussed was the BYOT initiative and how that fits with the use of individual computers. The item will be on the Consent Agenda of June 5, 2012.

Dr. Jeff Thomas, Associate Superintendent, presented Information/Discussion Item X. D. Consideration of Adoption of the Booster Club Handbook. Dr. Thomas asked for feedback on the draft of the handbook previously sent to the Board. Discussion followed regarding the ambiguity of current practices and lack of consistency that have necessitated the need to create a guidebook for utilization by booster clubs. It was requested a definition of “sponsor” as a District employee be included. The Board stated that it does not wish to diminish or discourage the efforts of booster clubs. The item will be brought back as an Action Item on June 5, 2012.

Dr. Jeff Thomas presented Information/Discussion Item X. E. Consideration of Modifications to Eligibility Requirements for Extracurricular Activities. A PowerPoint was given reviewing the results of the data gathered by Administration regarding the no pass/no play provision as delineated in Governing Board Policy JJJ, Extracurricular Activity, and the Athletic Handbooks for Middle School and High School. Discussion ensued regarding instituting the same sort of intervention program, starting in the 7th grade, that is currently used for high school students involved in extracurricular activities. The Board also discussed raising the standards for those students by requiring a C average. Administration will gather data showing what the program for the middle schools would look like and how it would be instituted. Also, Administration will provide the feedback received from middle school principals and a report showing GPAs, or a report showing D’s and F’s for middle school students. The item will be brought back for the Board’s approval on the June 5, 2012 Agenda where Administration will provide the data requested.

Action Items

Due to the late hour, Mrs. Sneed asked to table Action Item XI. B. Revision of Governing Board Policies: FF – Naming Facilities. The Board Members agreed.

Dr. Jeff Thomas presented Action Item XI. A. Approval of Closing Sierra Vista Academy. The approval is a formality based on the June 5, 2012 Board Meeting. The Sierra Vista Academy students will be housed at either their home school or may be at home doing eLearning.

Introduction of New Principals

Motion #89
Approval of Renewal of Contracts as Amended

Information/Discussion

•SAB Update

•Presentation on SUSD Energy Initiatives and Cost Savings

•SUSD Science Instructional Materials Adoption

•Consideration of Adoption of the Booster Club Guidelines

Action on June 5, 2012

•Consideration of Modifications to Eligibility Requirements for Extracurricular Activities

Action on June 5, 2012

Action Items

Table Revision of Governing Board Policy FF-Naming Facilities

•Closing Sierra Vista Academy

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve the closing of the Sierra Vista Academy, effective as of the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Future Action

Mrs. Kirby would like a discussion at the June 5, 2012 Board Meeting about the K-8 option at Kiva.

Mr. Brown would like to revisit phased retirement (SmartSchools).

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Brown reported that the unveiling of the District’s eCoach was a huge success. He gave kudos to Mrs. Partridge’s (Public Relations and Marketing) team and to Deanna Reed, Executive Administrative Assistant to the CFO, for all the hard work they did for this project.

Mrs. Kirby reported that she had the opportunity to participate in a public education forum at the request of Congressman Ben Quayle.

Mrs. Sneed reported that the STARS reception was a very nice event. Also, she visited Arcadia HS to see the exchange students from Switzerland. Finally, Mrs. Sneed attended the AVID event at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. She stated that they do wonderful things for our students.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, June 5, 2012 – 4:00 PM – Study Session
- Tuesday, June 5, 2012 – 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting
- Tuesday, June 19, 2012 – 2:00 PM – Special Meeting/Approval to Adopt 2012-2013 Expenditure Budget

At 9:10 PM, Mr. Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 8th day of May 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 #90
Approve the Closing of
Sierra Vista Academy

Future Action

Governing Board
Reports

Dates of Upcoming
Meetings

Motion #91
Adjournment