

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

February 21, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 4:10 PM, with a Study Session, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Mesquite Conference Room, 3811 North 44th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Study Session

Board Members in attendance were Bonnie Sneed, President; Denny Brown, Vice President; Pam Kirby; Dr. Eric Meyer; and Jennifer Petersen. Superintendent Dr. 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 ensued regarding programmatic strategies for the FLI, STEM, IB, AP, AVID and Gifted Programs. Another discussion was had regarding the projected budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year. The Board also discussed the middle level task force update. The Board requested that background information for the agenda items listed for the Study Session be sent to them at the same time as the background information for the Regular Meeting. The Study Session adjourned at 5:00 PM.

At 5:10 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 Dr. David J. Peterson was also present. A quorum was present. President Sneed called upon Dr. Meyer to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sneed welcomed approximately 25 visitors.

Mrs. Sneed noted that Consent Agenda Item IX. L. Action on Hearing Officer's Recommendation, was to be pulled to be heard separately because Case #111212 was deleted due to the family's request for a Student Appeal Hearing.

Amendment to Consent Agenda

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

Motion #59
Approval of Agenda as Amended

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

Students and Staff Recognition

Dr. Petersen presented wooden plaques that were made by the District's carpenters in recognition of the years of service of Mrs. Petersen and Dr. Meyer as president and vice president of the Governing Board.

Student and Staff Recognition

Mrs. Sneed recognized special guests attending the meeting. She introduced Mrs. Katy Cavanagh, former SUSD Assistant Superintendent, and former City of Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross who currently is the president of the SUSD Foundation. Also in attendance were members of Boy Scout Troop #649.

Dr. Sitton, Executive Director of Elementary Education, recognized Hohokam Traditional School principal Chad Caudle. Mr. Caudle was named one of the Rodel 2012 Exemplary Principals of the year.

Tom Clark, Executive Director of Information and Technology, announced that the Charros awarded Mohave Middle School and Arcadia High School grants for technology. Charros member Ryan Spiekerman presented Rob Aguilar, principal of Mohave Middle School, and Dr. Anne-Marie Woolsey, principal of Arcadia High School, with a large poster-size mock-up of a check for \$12,500 each.

Saguaro Principal Brian Corte recognized Saguaro teacher Michael Miller. Mr. Miller was named the 2012 Arizona Music Teacher of the Year. This is the highest honor the Arizona Music Educators Association bestows upon educators.

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director for Middle Schools and PreK-12 Student Services, recognized former City of Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross, president of the SUSD Foundation. The SUSD Foundation participated in Microsoft's Month of Thanks campaign for a software

donation worth up to \$10,000. The Foundation will donate the \$10,000 in software to the District.

Dr. Andi Fourlis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, recognized Dr. Anne Hanson, President of the Scottsdale Education Association, (SEA). Dr. Hanson was responsible for writing a grant proposal that led to a \$4000 grant from the Jerome S. and Grace H. Murray Foundation. The Murray Foundation is a private organization that awards grants for various purposes. The SEA has earmarked half of the grant for their scholarship program and will use the balance to provide equipment and resources for Coronado High School's Physical Education Opportunity Program.

Public Comment

Dr. Anne Hanson thanked Mrs. Jennifer Peterson and Dr. Eric Meyer for their dedication and commitment and wished Mrs. Bonnie Sneed the very best as she begins her tenure as Board President.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Peterson introduced representatives from Scottsdale Leadership. Cynthia Wendstrom, Class 25 chair, and Mike Seiden asked the Board for their support either to endorse or adopt the Civil Dialogue initiative that has been introduced by Scottsdale Leadership. Mrs. Sneed stated that the Board will discuss the initiative at its August Board Retreat.

Dr. Peterson reported on activities throughout the District celebrating Arizona's 100th Birthday. He also reported on the activities of each SUSD Learning Community in regard to hosting expos for the Arizona SciTech Festival.

Dr. Peterson reported that Arcadia HS Boys' Basketball and Saguaro Girls' Basketball teams were participating in winter sports championship games.

Dr. Peterson also reported that the new ANLC cafeteria opened today. Also, he said that Cocopah MS teachers will be moving into the new two-story wing at Cocopah over spring break.

Dr. Peterson thanked the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce for partnering with SUSD to make possible a video that will be shown on TV and on the District's Website. Mrs. Carla Partridge, Executive Director for Communications and Business Partnerships, reported that, in addition, a 30-second commercial will be produced that will be streamed on the Chamber's TV station.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$168,177.26
- B. Accounts Payable Vouchers 01/04/12-02/08/12
- C. Payroll Vouchers 01/03/12-02/02/12
- D. Personnel Actions – 12/17/11-02/09/12
- E. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- F. Auxiliary Operations Statement for December 31, 2011
- G. Auxiliary Operations Statement for January 31, 2012
- H. Student Activities Statement for December 31, 2011
- I. Student Activities Statement for January 31, 2012
- J. Tax Credit Balances as of December 31, 2011
- K. Tax Credit Balances as of January 31, 2012
- L. Action on Hearing Officer's Recommendations – **Pulled to be heard separately**
- M. Approval of Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion – Case #11207
- N. Approval of Administrative Recommendation for Student Long Term Suspension-Case #11217
- O. Approval of Name Change for SUSD eLearning Academy to Scottsdale Online Learning
- P. Approval of Salt River Project Power Easement at Mohave Middle School
- Q. Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) #12132, Consultant to Assess Internal Special Education Operations
- R. Approval to Increase Prior Board Authorization for Request for Proposal (RFP) #12004, Custodial Services, Contracted
- S. Approve the Purchase to Upgrade Current Marquee Signage Hardware and Software for District Schools through MOHAVE Contract
- T. Approve an Increase to Previous Board Award for the Yavapai Elementary School Renovation
- U. Approve the Issuance of Request for Proposal (RFP) for School Bus Parts and Repair Service

Public Comment

Superintendent's Comments

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda - Continued

- V. Approve the Issuance of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Special Education Communication Access Real-Time (CART) Services
- W. Approve the Lease/Purchase of District Copiers through MOHAVE Contract
- X. Approve the Purchase of Kitchen/Cafeteria Equipment for Ingleside MS New Kitchen Project Through MOHAVE Contract
- Y. Approve the Issuance of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Nutrition Services Special And Opportunity Buys

Dr. Meyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Meyer moved to approve Consent Agenda Item IX. L. Action on Hearing Officer's Recommendations with the exclusion of Case #111212 which will be heard on appeal on February 24, 2012. Mrs. Sneed seconded the motion.

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

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Karen Benson, Coordinator of Curriculum and Professional Development, presented Information/Discussion Item X. A. Middle Level Computer Curriculum Adoption. Dr. Benson shared a PowerPoint that reviewed the instructional materials recommended to support the District's computer courses at the middle level (grades 6-8). Discussion followed regarding technology and consistency. This item will be brought back March 20, 2012 on the Consent Agenda for approval.

Dr. Milissa Sackos, Executive Director for Middle Schools and PreK-12 Student Services, presented Information/Discussion Item X. B. Middle Level Visioning and Taskforce Update. Dr. Sackos showed a PowerPoint reviewing the District's vision for middle level education for students ages 10 to 15, as well as an update on the action plans that the Middle School Taskforce is recommending, as requested by the Board. Discussion followed regarding curriculum and the availability of eLearning for middle level students, which is being piloted this spring. Also discussed were the tactics being used for intervention and ratio of counselors to students. Dr. Sackos will bring the Board's input back to the Taskforce.

Action Items

Dr. Peterson presented Action Item XI. A. Approval of Agreement with DC Ranch Village Health Clubs and Spa's for DC Ranch School Site at Copper Ridge. Dr. Peterson presented a PowerPoint that showed the location of the proposed tennis center and the plans for the acreage. Discussion ensued regarding the details of the lease and the benefits to SUSD students.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the agreement with DC Ranch Village Health Clubs and Spa's for the DC Ranch School Site at Copper Ridge. Mrs. Kirby seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Peterson presented Action Item XI. B. District Reorganization. A PowerPoint was shown that reviewed Dr. Peterson's reorganization which he feels will maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of the District. The Board discussed the structure of the reorganization. Mrs. Sneed stated that she had asked Dr. Peterson to separate the names of people from the structure and that it was up to Dr. Peterson to decide whom to place where and up to the Board to approve the structure.

Mrs. Sneed moved to approve the reorganization of the District as presented by Dr. Peterson. Mr. Brown seconded the motion.

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

Future Action

The Board would like an agenda item on the advertising video so that they might be able to discuss it.

Consent Agenda - Continued

Motion #60
Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

Information/Discussion

•Middle Level Computer Curriculum Adoption

Consent 3/20/12

•Middle Level Visioning and Taskforce Update

Action Items

•Agreement with DC Ranch Village Health Clubs-Copper Ridge Site

Motion #61
Approval of Agreement with DC Ranch Village Health Clubs-Copper Ridge Site

•District Reorganization

Motion #62
Approval of District Reorganization

Future Action

Mrs. Petersen would like an update on eLearning.

Mrs. Kirby would like an agenda item regarding the work Administration is doing in K-8 grades.

Dr. Meyer would like an agenda item regarding athletic and extracurricular policies concerning grades to be in place for the next school year.

Governing Board Reports

Mr. Brown attended the Scottsdale Work Force Development Expo and stated that the kids are doing remarkable things. He would like to see the District put more positive focus on these types of programs (Robotics, LEGO, etc.).

Mrs. Sneed thanked Anasazi for its Liberty Wild Life presentation and School House Rock. She also commented on how much she enjoyed the MLK Dinner and MLK Voices presentation. Mrs. Sneed participated in the Parada del Sol, saw 4th graders do Are You Smarter Than a Fourth Grader (thanking the Scottsdale Realtors), and attended the Hohokam flag ceremony honoring Arizona’s 100th birthday, as well as the Kiva celebration. She also attended the Scottsdale Work Force Development Expo and is excited about the partnerships SUSD is forming. Mrs. Sneed also attended the Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C., and forwarded information gotten at the Conference to Mrs. Como to distribute to the other Board members.

Dr. Peterson displayed the new, “incredible” Scottsdale Online Learning (SOL) Website. Mr. Chris Thuman, the Assistant Director of Community Schools, was able to procure a \$250,000 grant from Google.

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

- Tuesday, March 20, 2012 – 4:00 PM - Study Session
- Tuesday, March 20, 2012 – 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting
- Tuesday, April 10, 2012 – 4:00 PM – Study Session
- Tuesday, April 10, 2012 – 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting

At 7:40 PM, Mrs. Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

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

Dated this 21st day of February 2012.

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

Bonnie Sneed, President

Denny Brown, Vice President

Pam Kirby

Eric Meyer

Jennifer Petersen

Governing Board Reports

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Motion #63 Adjournment