

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

June 11, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 6:01 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale Arizona. Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice was hereby given to the members of the Scottsdale Governing Board and to the general public that the Governing Board would hold a public meeting open to the public on June 11, 2024. Members of the Governing Board and non-Board member participants participated in the meeting in-person.

Board Members in attendance were Dr. Libby Hart-Wells, President; Julie Cieniawski; Amy Carney; and Carine Werner. Zach Lindsay was absent. Superintendent Dr. Scott A. Menzel was also present. A quorum was present. Mrs. Cieniawski led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a request to pull the following Agenda Items:

- Mrs. Werner requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 6.M. Personnel Action Items, 05/14/2024 to 06/11/2024 for further discussion.
- Mrs. Carney request to pull and table Action Item 8.I Approval of Proposed Priorities for Submission to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for the 2025 Political Agenda.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Mrs. Werner seconded the motion. Mrs. Cieniawski voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 1.

**STUDENTS AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Acknowledgement of some outstanding celebrations:

- Dr. Karen Benson, Associate Superintendent, celebrated National Merit Scholarship winners and presented them with challenge coins.
  - Morgan Tefft, Chaparral
  - Alex Stephenson, Saguaro
  - David Ortloff, Desert Mountain (not present)
  - Alyssa Perrine, Saguaro (not present)
- Two SUSD schools were selected as Best of the Desert East Valley award winners. Congratulations Navajo Elementary School, chosen by voters as the Best Public School in the East Valley, and Saguaro High School was a finalist for that same award.
- Sophomore Lilly Goodwin was named the 2024 Arizona Gatorade Softball Player of the Year and senior Cam Caminiti was named the Baseball Player of the Year! Congratulations!
- Dr. Karen Benson, Associate Superintendent and Dr. David Priniski, Director of State and Federal Programs, celebrated SUSD Successful State Audits for 2023-2024 school year.
  - English Learner and Title (Cycle 4) – Dr. David Priniski, Director of State and Federal Programs and Team
  - Career & Technical Education – Amy Downs, Director of College and Career Readiness and Team
  - Foster Care Education Program – Shannon Cronn, Director of Support Services and Team
  - AZ Auditor General's Office Safety and Security Audit – Josh Friedman, Director of Safety and Security and Team

Thank you, directors and staff personnel, who were responsible for the work to support the audits and also oversaw our highly successful programs reviewed by the ADE. Staff and students each received a challenge coin.
- The learning continued this summer in SUSD. Between our online and in-person high school, summer Kids Club, K-5 Summer Boost program, middle school Summer Bridge program, Gifted camp, and 21st Century music camp, approximately 2,500 students were engaged in our summer programs.
- Our Teaching & Learning Professional Development Institute that took place during the two weeks after school let out drew rave reviews from the more than 500 teachers who participated in the nearly 60 sessions that were offered. Many thanks to the Teaching & Learning team that made these opportunities possible, the educators who dedicated the beginning of their summer to perfecting their classroom craft, and to our IT department for making sure all the tech worked. Congratulations, all, for your pursuit of world-class, future-focused learning for all SUSD students.

Motion  
Approval of  
Agenda as  
Amended

Students and  
Staff  
Recognitions and  
Celebrations

- Congratulations to Mary Alvarez-Jackson, third grade teacher at Yavapai Elementary School, and the inaugural winner of the ERDI Resilient Leader Scholarship. Mary received a challenge coin.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Menzel highlighted the following:

- SUSD hosted, at Arcadia High School, AVID training on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The previous week, on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, there was an AVID Elementary Implementation Workshop. Shout out to the team at Arcadia for hosting and shout out to our Facilities team as the campus looked great and everything was positive.
- There is progress being made on the state budget – close to an agreement. In that agreement the aggregate expenditure limit will be waived and the money that was requested for the actuarial study around health insurance will also be in the proposal. This still has to get across the finish line, but positive news.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda, Non-Agenda, Information/Discussion, and Consent Agenda Items

Six (6) Digital Public Comment forms were submitted:

- Krista Demetrulias – Introduced herself as the new SSPA President.
- Mike Bengert – Commented on the Superintendent.
- Dr. Bob Saeger – Commented on school board activity.
- Jeff Rattay – Personal comment.
- Kortney Hohle – Commented on the dress code and deceptive practice.
- Jill Dunican – Commented on the Code of Conduct and dress code.

#### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- Acceptance of Gifts \$432,407.19
- Accounts Payable Vouchers (630 Bond Fund) Processed from May 1, through May 22, 2024
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- Payroll Vouchers Processed from May 3 through May 21, 2024
- Resolution to Appoint the Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools as the Chief Disbursing Office for Garnishments
- Authorization of Expenditure – Convotherm Roll-in Combination Ovens for Oak Catering
- Authorization of Expenditure – Walk-in Freezer and Walk-in Cooler for Navajo Elementary School
- Project Award – Summer 2024 Interior Painting Projects, A&H Painting, Inc. and Fabiani Painting and Decorating, LLC
- Approve the ID Card Replacement Fee
- Approve the use of the 1GPA Contract for the Purchase of a Utility Data Management Solution
- Authorization of Expenditure – Open-Air Food Merchandising Units for Various Middle and High School Cafeterias
- Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Warrants Between Board Meetings
- Personnel Action Items, 05/14/2024 to 06/11/2024
- Approval of the Administrators Employment Agreement for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Approval of the Certified Employment Agreement for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Approval of the Classified Employment Agreement for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Recommend Approval of 2024-25 Supplemental Salary Schedules
- Revision of SUSD Work Calendars 2024-2025 – Classified
- Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2024 Regular Governing Board Meeting
- Revisions to Approved High School Planning Guide for 2024-2025
- Approve Memorandum of Understanding between MCCCDC for SCC and SUSD for the SCORE Transition Program

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mrs. Werner seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Mrs. Werner requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 6.M. Personnel Action Items, 05/14/2024 to 06/11/2024 for further discussion.

Mrs. Werner moved to approve the entire Personnel Action Items with the exception of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. There was no second to the motion.

Mrs. Werner moved to approve entire Consent Agenda Item 6.M. Personnel Action Items, 05/14/2024 to 06/11/2024 with the exception of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Assistant

#### Superintendent's Comments

#### Public Comments

#### Consent Agenda

#### Motion

Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

#### Motion

Failed - Approval of the entire Consent Agenda Item 6.M. Personnel Action Items, 05/14/2024 to 06/11/2024 with the exception of

Superintendent of Educational Services. Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. Mrs. Cieniawski and Dr. Hart-Wells voted No. The motion failed 2 -2.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 6.M. Personnel Action Items, 05/14/2024 to 06/11/2024 as proposed in the agenda. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Werner voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 1.

## 7. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 7 A. Discussion – Governing Board Policy BBAA re Board Member Authority and Responsibilities; BCA re Board Member Ethics

Board Member Werner requested a review and interpretation of Governing Board Policy BBAA and a section of Governing Board Policy BCA that coincides with BBAA, the section on public interest. Dr. Scott A. Menzel, Superintendent and Nicholas Buzan, General Counsel, were available to answer questions.

### 7. B. First Read – Governing Board Policy DIE re Audits / Financial Monitoring

This proposal makes three edits to Policy DIE for the reasons stated. First, DIE would be amended to refer to Policy BDE (Board Committees) instead of Policy BDF (brought forward by Board Member Carney). Second, any board approval of audits or compliance questionnaires must be done by roll call vote (brought forward by General Counsel because of ASBA policy advisory). Third, to preclude board members from serving on the audit committee (brought forward by Board President Dr. Hart-Wells). Nicholas Buzan, General Counsel, was available to answer questions.

### 7. C. First Read – Governing Board Policy IGA re Curriculum Development

There was a recommended revision to Policy IGA – Curriculum Development, to bring Governing Board curricula adoptions into statutory compliance to ensure legal compliance. Nicholas Buzan, General Counsel, was available to answer questions.

### 7. D. First Read – Governing Board Policy IKF re Graduation Requirements and Future Focused Learning Experiences

Dr. Karen Benson, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Kim Dodds Keran, Director of Teaching and Learning and Nick Buzan, General Counsel, shared proposed revisions to Policy IKF. They also provided an update on future focused learning experiences as explored by the High School Planning Guide Committee, counselors and site and department leaders. PowerPoint presentation: Future Focused Learning Experiences.

### 7. E. Strategic Plan: Highlights of StAT Team Progress and Results of 23-24 KPIs

StAT Team leaders provided brief highlights of progress specific to each StAT team and team members shared results/metrics that indicate progress on KPIs for the 23-24 SY. PowerPoint presentation: SUSD StAT Team Progress and KPI Performance Metrics.

At 8:50 PM The Governing Board paused for a break

At 8:56 PM the Regular Meeting reconvened

### 7. F. Wellness Committee Report Update

Patti Bilbrey, Director of Nutrition Services and Shannon Cronn, Director of Support Services, presented an annual update on the work that has been done in completing the WellSAT 3.0, which defined progress made towards goals and identified areas for the committee to concentrate on for the upcoming year. PowerPoint presentation: Wellness Committee Update.

### 7. G. SUSD Transportation and Contracted Services Update including Special Education

Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding Transportation staffing and the use of contracted transportation services, including the number of students, the vendors, amounts per vendor, safety measures, and any known issues. Hop, Skip, Drive representatives also presented information regarding their safety measures and additional safety measures requested by the District. PowerPoint presentation: Transportation and Contracted Transportation Services Update.

the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

#### Motion

Approval of Consent Agenda Item 6.M. Personnel Action Items, 05/14/2024 to 06/11/2024 as proposed in the agenda.

#### Information/ Discussion

**8. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

**8. A. Approval of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Expenditure Budget and Call for Public Hearing**

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the proposed fiscal year 2024-2025 expenditure budget as presented and call for a public hearing and Board meeting on June 25th, at 6:00 p.m. at Mohave District Annex for the purpose of adopting the fiscal year 2024-2025 expenditure budget. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, was available to answer questions. PowerPoint presentation: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Expenditure Budget and Call for Public Hearing. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

**8. B. Approve the Purchase of Contracted Transportation Services using the Mohave Educational Services Arizona Cooperative Contract**

It was recommended the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board approve the purchase of contracted transportation services using Mohave Contracts, as presented for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, was available to answer questions.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Purchase of Contracted Transportation Services using the Mohave Educational Services Arizona Cooperative Contract. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Werner voted No. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2.

Mrs. Carney moved to approve the Purchase of Contracted Transportation Services using the Mohave Educational Services Arizona Cooperative Contract on a month-to-month basis for a total of 6 months with a total budget not to exceed \$325,000. There was no second to the motion.

Mrs. Cieniawski amended the motion to approve the Purchase of Contracted Transportation Services from HopSkipDrive using the Mohave Educational Services Arizona Cooperative Contract on a month-to-month basis for a total of 6 months total with a budget not to exceed \$325,000. There was no second to the motion.

Dr. Hart-Wells restated Mrs. Cieniawski's amended motion: Mrs. Cieniawski amended the motion to approve the Purchase of Contracted Transportation Services from HopSkipDrive using the Mohave Educational Services Arizona Cooperative Contract on a month-to-month basis for a cap of 6 months total with a total budget not to exceed \$325,000. Dr. Hart-Wells seconded the motion. Mrs. Werner voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 1.

**8. C. Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services using the Omnia Partners Cooperative Contracts**

It was recommended that the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board approve the purchase of multiple commodities using Omnia Partners contracts, as presented for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, was available to answer questions.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services using the Omnia Partners Cooperative Contracts. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Werner voted No. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2.

Mrs. Carney amended the motion and moved to approve Everdriven for contract transportation. Mrs. Werner seconded the motion. Mrs. Cieniawski and Dr. Hart-Wells voted No. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2.

**8. D. Approve the Renewal of SUSD Contract for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the continuation of SUSD contract for the 2024-2025 as presented. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, was available to answer questions.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Renewal of SUSD Contract for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 1.

**8. E. Approval of Renewal of Tenant Leases**

**Action Items**

**Motion**

Approval of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Expenditure Budget and Call for Public Hearing

**Motion**

Failed - Approve the Purchase of Contracted Transportation Services using the Mohave Educational Services Arizona Cooperative Contract

**Motion**

Approval of the Purchase of Contracted Transportation Services from HopSkipDrive using the Mohave Educational Services Arizona Cooperative Contract on a month-to-month basis for a cap of 6 months total with a total budget not to exceed \$325,000

**Motion**

Failed – Approve the Purchase of Multiple Commodities and Services using the Omnia Partners Cooperative Contracts

**Motion**

Failed – Approve Everdriven for contract transportation

**Motion**

Approval of the Renewal of SUSD Contract for Fiscal Year

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the renewal of long-term leases with the tenants presented. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, was available to answer questions.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Renewal of Tenant Leases. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

*8. F. Approval of Supplemental Materials and Secondary Novels for 2024-2025 School Year*

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the recommended Secondary (middle school and high school) novels and supplementary materials utilized district wide. Dr. Kim Dodds Keran, Director of Teaching and Learning and Mrs. Jonna Wallis, Secondary ELA Academic Coach, were available to answer questions.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Supplemental Materials and Secondary Novels for 2024-2025 School Year. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

*8. G. Second Read and Approval – Governing Board Policy CBI re Evaluation of Superintendent*

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the proposed amendment to Governing Board Policy CBI re Evaluation of Superintendent. Nicholas Buzan, General Counsel, was available to answer questions.

Mrs. Carney moved to change the language of Governing Board Policy CBI re Evaluation of Superintendent to add language stating "the annual evaluation will be completed no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year" and add language stating "if a taxpayer funded tool is used to evaluate the superintendent, each Board member shall receive the feedback results no later than the Board meeting prior to the scheduled evaluation. Mrs. Werner seconded the motion. Mrs. Cieniawski and Dr. Hart-Wells voted No. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to table the Second Read and Approval – Governing Board Policy CBI re Evaluation of Superintendent so that the full Board can consider an amended, in writing, redline. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 1.

*8. H. Second Read and Approval – Governing Board Policy KJA re Relations with Booster Organizations*

It was recommended that the Governing Board adopt Policy KJA and direct the Superintendent to create regulations consistent with Policy KJA, Governing Board Policy, and District goals. Nicholas Buzan, General Counsel, was available to answer questions.

Dr. Hart-Wells moved to approve the Second Read - Governing Board Policy KJA re Relations with Booster Organizations. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Werner voted No. The motion failed with a vote of 2 - 2.

*8. I. Approval of Proposed Priorities for Submission to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for the 2025 Political Agenda*

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the priorities for submission to the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for consideration to the 2025 Agenda.

Mrs. Carney requested to pull and table Action Item 8.I Approval of Proposed Priorities for Submission to Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) for the 2025 Political Agenda.

GOVERNING BOARD REPORTS

No Governing Board Reports

FUTURE ITEMS

Mrs. Carney

- Requested an investigation of the hiring process of District Athletic Director position
- Requested audit of the Procurement department – comprehensive review of all contracts in 2023 and 2024, ensuring policy law & procurement rules have been met – starting with Special Education contracts – bring forward consideration by the Board to refer this topic to the Audit Committee

Dr. Hart-Wells

2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Motion

Approval of Renewal of Tenant Leases

Motion

Approval of Supplemental Materials and Secondary Novels for 2024-2025 School Year

Motion

Failed – Change the language of Governing Board Policy CBI re Evaluation of Superintendent to add language stating "the annual evaluation will be completed no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year" and add language stating "if a taxpayer funded tool is used to evaluate the superintendent, each Board member shall receive the feedback results no later than the Board meeting prior to the scheduled evaluation

Motion

Tabled - Second Read and Approval – Governing Board Policy CBI re Evaluation of Superintendent so that the full Board can consider an amended, in writing, redline

Motion

Failed - Approval of Second Read - Governing Board Policy KJA re Relations with Booster Organizations

Motion

Tabled - Approval of

- Requested a presentation on the Mohave Middle School extension of the math/science academy
- Requested, 4 months from now, an updated transportation proposal (as a consequence of the amended approval of Action Item 8.B.)

DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

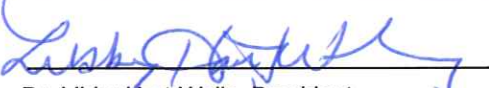
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 - 6:00 PM - Special Governing Board Meeting - MDA; Tuesday, August 6, 2024 - 6:00 PM - Regular Governing Board Meeting - Coronado High School; Tuesday, August 20, 2024 - 6:00 PM - Special Governing Board Meeting - MDA

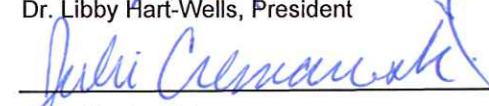
At 11:27 PM, Dr. Hart-Wells moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

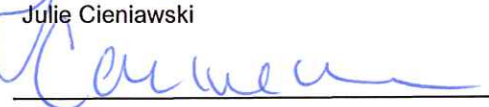
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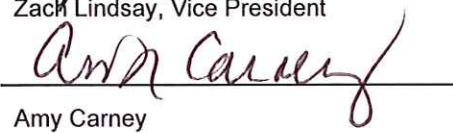
The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48

  
Dr. Libby Hart-Wells, President

  
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Carine Werner

  
Zach Lindsay, Vice President

  
Amy Carney

Proposed  
Priorities for  
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Motion  
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