

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING AND
EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

August 20, 2024

A Special Meeting and Public Hearing and Executive Session of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 6:00 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District, Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, 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 August 20, 2024. Members of the Governing Board and non-Board member participants participated in the meeting in-person and via video or internet conferencing.

Members of the public were also able to view the public portions of this meeting online, at the usual live streamed site through YouTube.

Board Members in attendance were Dr. Libby Hart- Wells, President (via video/internet conferencing); Zach Lindsay, Vice President; Julie Cieniawski; Amy Carney; and Carine Werner. Superintendent Dr. Scott A. Menzel was also present. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. D. Public Hearing on sex education course of study. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, §15-711(F)(3) and A.A.C. R7-2-303, notice was hereby given to the members of the Governing Board and to the general public that the Governing Board would conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM, at Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250, regarding the proposed sex education course of study. The public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public input on the sex education course of study prior to the Governing Board meeting where the course of study will be considered for approval. Public input may include written comments, oral comments and comments submitted electronically. PowerPoint presentation: SUSU Proposed Sex Ed/HGD Course of Study. Dr. Karen Benson, Administrator on Assignment and Nicholas Buzan, General Counsel, were available to answer questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT – On Presentation on Sex Ed/HGD Proposed Course of Study

- Mike Bengert – Thanked Dr. Benson for her work on the Sex Ed Curriculum Committee. Commented on a 60-day review period when the curriculum has not yet been proposed. Commented on being unable to view input or questions from the community during the 60-day public review period on proposed course of study.

At 6:16 PM, Mr. Lindsay moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

At 6:16 PM the Special Meeting reconvened.

Board Members in attendance were Dr. Libby Hart- Wells, President (via video/internet conferencing); Zach Lindsay, Vice President; Julie Cieniawski; Amy Carney; and Carine Werner. Superintendent Dr. Scott A. Menzel was also present. A quorum was present. Mr. Lindsay called upon Mr. Cieniawski to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Hart-Wells experienced technical difficulties and connection issues.

Mr. Lindsay moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Menzel highlighted the following:

- Challenge coin presented to Dr. Cynthia Bochna, Director of Assessment and Accountability, for continuously going above and beyond in service of our students and staff, for her hard work and dedication. Dr. Bochna receives the most Let's Talk dialogues than anyone else in the District and she sets the bar very high. Congratulations and thank you!

Public Hearing on
Presentation on Sex
Ed/HGD Proposed
Course of Study

Public Comment

Motion
Public Hearing Adjourned

Special Meeting
Reconvened

Motion
Approval of Agenda as
Presented

Superintendent's
Comments

6. ACTION ITEMS – BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

6. A. 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.

Mr. Lindsay moved to approve the Second Read and Approval – Governing Board Policy KJA re Relations with Booster Organizations. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

6. B. Cocopah Middle School – Arizona Public Service Company Utility Easement

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the Cocopah Middle School – Arizona Public Service Company Utility Easement. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Lindsay moved to approve the Cocopah Middle School – Arizona Public Service Company Utility Easement. Mr. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

6. C. Approve the Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) 25005, Event Security Services

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the award of RFP 25005, Event Security Services to the vendor: Pride Group, LLC. This award is valid through June 30, 2025 with the option to renew annually for four (4) additional years. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Lindsay moved to approve the Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) 25005, Event Security Services. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Dr. Hart-Wells experienced technical difficulties and connection issues.

6 D. Approve the use of the State of Arizona Cooperative Contract for the Purchase of Vehicles

It was recommended that the Governing Board approve the use of the State Contract CTR059322 to purchase two (2) Transit Cargo Vans (\$58,222.26/each) and one (1) F350 Super Duty (\$69,102.52) as replacement vehicles from Peoria Ford in the amount of \$185,547.04. Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Lindsay moved to approve the use of the State of Arizona Cooperative Contract for the Purchase of Vehicles. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 0.

Dr. Hart-Wells experienced technical difficulties and connection issues.

6. E. Approval of the H5 Statewide Coalition MOU

It was recommended that the Governing Board Approve the MOU for a collaboration between the Arizona Board of Regents and Scottsdale Unified School District. Dr. Scott A. Menzel, Superintendent, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Lindsay moved to approve the H5 Statewide Coalition MOU. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 -1.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

At 6:35 PM Mr. Lindsay moved to convene in Executive Session for:

7. A. The Governing Board may convene an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(2) to consider a complaint filed against an employee pursuant to Governing Board Policy KEB.

7. B. Discussion or consultation for legal advice regarding Item 7. A., above with the attorney or attorneys of the public body, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

Action Items

Motion

Approval of Second Read and Approval – Governing Board Policy KJA re Relations with Booster Organizations

Motion

Approval of the Cocopah Middle School – Arizona Public Service Company Utility Easement

Motion

Approval of the Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) 25005, Event Security Services

Motion

Approval of the use of the State of Arizona Cooperative Contract for the Purchase of Vehicles

Motion

Approval of the H5 Statewide Coalition MOU

Executive Session

Motion

Mrs. Carney seconded the motion. Dr. Hart-Wells voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - 1.

At 7:11 PM, Mr. Lindsay moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

The Special Meeting reconvened

10. ACTION ITEM – BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

10. A. Consideration of Complaint Against Employee under Governing Board Policy KEB

The Governing Board met in Executive Session and took action. Nicholas Buzan, General Counsel, was available to answer questions.

Mr. Lindsay moved to uphold the District's decision to deny the KEB complaint. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. Mrs. Carney voted No. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – 1.*

11. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. A. Evaluation of Superintendent Contract Renewal and Governing Board Policy

Board Member Carney requested a discussion related to the April 2024 contract renewal vote for the Superintendent. Specifically, the Board discussed Governing Board Policy BBAA (Board Member Authority and Responsibilities) and CBI (Evaluation of Superintendent) to determine whether the steps taken to approve the Superintendent's contract were permitted or violated policy. Outside District Counsel, Jennifer MacLennan, advised the Board that the process followed in April 2024 conformed with all timing requirements found in state law and district policy. Ms. MacLennan indicated that she took direction from the Board President as authorized by policy prior to an executive session to review changes to the contract. The process followed was consistent with that in other school districts.

11. B. Board Discussion of Agenda Language in Cooperative Contracts

On August 8, 2024, Board Member Carney requested via email an "agenda item at the 8/20/24 meeting for the Board to discuss the exclusion of "not to exceed" language from contract agenda items." Shannon Crosier, Chief Financial Officer and Nicholas Buzan, General Counsel, were available to answer questions.

11. C. Discussion of Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Legislative Committee Draft 2025 Political Agenda

The Governing Board discussed the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Legislative Committee Draft 2025 Political Agenda.

11. D. Proposed KPIs and Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) for the 2024-2025 School Year

Members of the District Leadership Team provided a Strategic Plan update on the June 11, 2024 Board meeting – noting progress on all KPIs established for the 23-24 SY. As part of the District's commitment to be transparent and hold themselves accountable to the goals identified in the Strategic Plan, the leadership team prepared a list of WIGs and KPIs reflecting areas prioritized for the 24-25 SY. Team members shared baseline information and target metrics.

At 8:13 PM Mr. Lindsay moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Mrs. Cieniawski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Dated this 20th day of August 2024

* Comment/Statement Made

Convene in Executive Session

Motion
Adjourn Executive Session

Reconvene Special Meeting


Action Item

Motion
Uphold the District's decision to deny the KEB complaint


Information/Discussion

Adjournment

The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48



Dr. Libby Hart-Wells, President



Zach Lindsay, Vice President



Julie Cieniawski



Amy Carney



Carine Werner