

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 7, 2024

A. Meeting Opening – 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Mr. Montero called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Armando Montero (President), Sarah James (Vice President), Amanda Steele, and Berdetta Hodge.

Andres Barraza not present at the time of roll call; joined Executive Session at 6:13 PM.

Adoption of the Agenda

On motion of Mr. Montero, seconded by Mrs. James and passed 4-0 (Mr. Montero: aye; Mrs. James: aye; Mrs. Steele: aye; Ms. Hodge: aye), the Governing Board approved the meeting agenda.

B. Executive Session

On the motion of Mr. Montero, seconded by Mrs. Steele and passed 4-0 (Mr. Montero: aye; Mrs. James: aye; Mrs. Steele: aye; Ms. Hodge: aye), the Governing Board met in Executive Session from 6:05 PM to 6:32 PM, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(5) to discuss with representatives its position regarding the salaries and benefits of the Tempe Tri-District Legal Counsel.

C. Reconvene – 7:00 PM

Welcome—Mr. Montero welcomed everyone.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence—Mrs. James led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Land Acknowledgement—Mrs. James read a statement acknowledging Tempe Union’s presence on the ancestral lands of the Akimel O’odham and Pee Posh Indigenous peoples.

D. Report from Acting Superintendent

D-1—Mountain Pointe Choir

- Dr. Wilson said Mountain Pointe’s Choir was one of the top five schools in the nation to win the Nationwide Jingle Challenge High School Music Contest. The contest was created to give high school choirs, glee clubs, and other musical performance groups a chance to put their own creative mark on the Nationwide jingle. Each of the winning schools received a \$5,000 contribution from Nationwide. Dr. Wilson recognized sophomore choir student Jackson Ramirez and Assistant Principal of Activities Don Baker for their achievement.

D-2—Staff Recognition – Dance Tempe Teachers

- Dr. Wilson said last month on January 9th, the City of Tempe held their annual Dance Tempe event in conjunction with TUHSD dance teachers and students. Dance Tempe is an annual program created by Tempe Community Arts that brings together professional dance artists and student dancers. This season's resident dance artists who worked with our students were Carley “Weezy” Conder and Shayla Eshelman. Dr. Wilson acknowledged dance teachers Micah Kriston (MHS), Jordan Donovan (THS), Amber Towns (THS), Hannah Fischbeck (DVH), Kimberly Swimmer (MTP), Elizabeth Pease (CDS), Brianna “Bree” Jones (MDN).

E. Public Comment

- Tom Ohmart, community member, said he is a product of the Tempe Union and currently serves on the Buffalo Foundation. Mr. Ohmart said the Buffalo Foundation was going through a rebranding and wanted

to invite board members to a banquet on March 9th where the foundation would be handing out six scholarships.

- Isabella Parra Longoria, student, said the Corona del Sol government team who was previously recognized at a board meeting had a personalized relationship with their government teacher, comparing the relationships the students from Innovation Center have formed with their teachers. Ms. Parra Longoria said closing the program based on monetary reasons could create backlash from the system and teachers.

F. Consent Agenda

Mr. Montero moved approval of Consent Agenda Items F-1 through F-11. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hodge and passed 5-0.

F-1— Minutes – Governing Board Meeting – January 24, 2024

The Governing Board approved the submitted January 24, 2024, Governing Board meeting minutes.

F-2—Student Travel

Group 1	RESUBMITTAL TO CHANGE ITINERARY ONLY-NO CHANGE IN COSTS- PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON 11/15/23 MDN Choir/Christian Ottinger (not to exceed 39 students; 0 school days missed)
Destination/Dates	San Diego, CA/March 14 – March 17, 2024
Purpose	The students have the opportunity to perform in some exceptional venues like Seaport Village and the USS Midway.
Financed by	Total trip cost not to exceed: \$28,699.24. Financed by: Tax Credit Funds, Gifts/Donations, Parents, Student Club Funds and Fundraising. Total trip amount includes cost for staff.
Lodging	Holiday Inn OC; 2725 S. Grand Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705; 714-481-6300
Transportation	Arrowstage Bus arranged by Music, Travel and Tours; 818-584-9968
Chaperones	Staff: Christian Ottinger Volunteers: John Robinson, Donald Winward, Sandra Campas, Kathlyn Davidson, Michelle Davis
Group 2	RESUBMITTAL TO INCREASE/CHANGE CHAPERONES-NO CHANGE IN COSTS-PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON 12/13/23 DVH Choir/Cyndi Flores (not to exceed 54 students; 2 school days missed)
Destination/Dates	Anaheim, CA/April 4-April 6, 2024
Purpose	To work with a university clinician and to perform in a national choral festival where they will get feedback from nationally recognized clinicians and observe other choirs performing.
Financed by	Total trip cost not to exceed: \$46,046.88. Financed by: Tax Credit Funds, Gifts/Donations, Parents, Student Club Funds and Fundraising. Total trip amount includes cost for staff.
Lodging	3 Diamond Hotel arranged by Forum Music Festival; 888-763-6786
Transportation	All Aboard America; 800-848-4728
Chaperones	Staff: Cyndi Flores, Barb Willey Volunteers: Monica Gellman, Lonna Henderson, Jennifer Jarvis (added), Ernest Whitehead (replaced Chris Klein)
Group 3	CDS Robotics/Melissa Wendell (not to exceed 24 students; 3 school days missed)
Destination/Dates	Lancaster, CA/April 3-April 7, 2024
Purpose	To compete with the top tier teams for FIRST Robotics Competition.
Financed by	Total trip cost not to exceed: \$15,452.45. Financed by: Tax Credit Funds, Gifts/Donations, Parents, Student Club Funds, Fundraising and CTE. Total trip amount includes cost for staff.
Lodging	Hampton Inn & Suites Lancaster; 2300 W. Double Play Way; Lancaster, CA 93536; 661-940-9194
Transportation	Jet Limousines; 480-423-5466
Chaperones	Staff: Melissa Wendell, Sable Padilla Volunteers: Igor Wojewoda, Brian Hawkins

F-3—Ratification of \$1,180,815.25 Expense Vouchers and \$9,104,122.35 Payroll Vouchers

The Governing Board approved ratification of the submitted expense vouchers:

EXPENSE VOUCHERS:

Fiscal Year	Voucher #	Voucher Date	Amount
2023-2024	1259	1/18/2024	\$258,463.64
2023-2024	1260	1/18/2024	\$185,868.09
2023-2024	1261	1/18/2024	\$3,914.67
2023-2024	1262	1/18/2024	\$600.25
2023-2024	1263	1/25/2024	\$479,168.98
2023-2024	1264	1/25/2024	\$248,579.52
2023-2024	1272	1/25/2024	\$4,063.85
2023-2024	1279	1/25/2024	\$156.25
Summary			\$1,180,815.25

PAYROLL VOUCHERS:

Fiscal Year	Voucher #	Voucher Date	Amount
2023-2024	11	11/28/2023	\$4,576,605.87
2023-2024	12	12/12/2023	\$4,527,516.48
Summary			\$9,104,122.35

F-4—Request Approval of Personnel Actions

The Governing Board approved the following submitted personnel actions:

Last Name	First Name	Position	Site	Effective Date	Comments	Board Action
Hernandez	David L	School Counselor	MHS	2/1/2024	Return to Work Program	Rehire
Bradstreet	Wesley	Musical Choreographer	CDS	7/2/2023		Rehire
Egboro	Jeremy N	Camps/Clinics Assistant Coach	CDS	1/24/2024		Rehire
Hernandez	Pedro	Safety and Security Officer	CDS	2/5/2024		New Hire
Whaley	Jonathan	Auxiliary Coach Track	CDS	2/5/2024		Rehire
Barfield	William	Paraprofessional HQ	DVH	1/29/2024		Rehire
Portie	Cody A	Safety and Security Officer	DVH	1/29/2024		New Hire
DuBose	Demetrius A	Assistant Coach Track	MDN	2/5/2024		New Hire

Van Wicklin	James	Head Coach Varsity Boys Volleyball	MHS	2/5/2024		New Hire
Arriaga	Gabriella N	Coach Freshman Softball	MTP	2/5/2024		New Hire
Humphrey	Susan A	Assistant Coach Track	MTP	2/5/2024		New Hire
Hurtado Morena	Argenis	College and Career Advisor	THS	1/29/2024		New Hire
Aragon	Jason F	IT User Support Technician	IT	1/29/2024	From Library Media Technician	Change
Egboro	Jeremy N	Assistant Coach Track	CDS	2/5/2024	From Camps/Clinics Assistant Coach	Change
Noshiravan	Afsoon	Color Guard Spring	CDS	1/3/2024	From Flagline Fall	Change
Ramsdell	Kelly	Auxiliary Coach Track	CDS	2/5/2024	From Camps/Clinics Assistant Coach	Change
Marzano	Kyle A	Percussion Instructor Spring	MHS	1/3/2024	From Percussion Instructor Fall	Change
Lewis	Mary K	Temporary Food and Nutrition Manager	Food and Nutrition	1/3/2024	From Food and Nutrition Assistant Manager	Change
Aragon	Jason F	IT User Support Technician	IT	1/29/2024	From Library Media Technician	Change
Barro	Jacob	Teacher Physical Education	CDS	1/19/2024	Auditorium Manager/Site Supervisor	Extra Duty
DeValk	Andrew	Teacher Music Vocal	CDS	7/2/2023	Musical Music Director	Extra Duty
Garman	Alison L	Teacher Social Studies	CDS	7/17/2023	Class Sponsor	Extra Duty
Holste	Alexandra D	Teacher Music Instrumental	CDS	1/3/2024	Assistant Band Director Spring	Extra Duty
Kieser	Kylee	Teacher Social Studies	CDS	1/15/2024	Event Worker	Extra Duty
Krešević	Christina	Teacher Social Studies	CDS	7/17/2024	Class Sponsor	Extra Duty

Romney	Brandon J	Teacher Spanish	CDS	7/8/2024	Auxiliary Coach Baseball	Extra Duty
Romney	Brandon J	Teacher Spanish	CDS	2/5/2024	Auxiliary Coach Baseball	Extra Duty
Taylor	Nicholas	Teacher Drama	CDS	1/25/2024	Musical Director	Extra Duty
Thornton	Sean E	Teacher Social Studies	CDS	7/17/2023	Class Sponsor	Extra Duty
Wyatt	Leah E	Teacher English	CDS	7/17/2023	Class Sponsor	Extra Duty
Goe	Amanda	Teacher Physical Education	DVH	7/17/2023	Strength and Conditioning Specialist Fall	Extra Duty
Molander	Andrew M	Teacher Physical Education/Social Studies	DVH	1/14/2024	Strength and Conditioning Specialist Spring	Extra Duty
Molander	Andrew M	Teacher Physical Education/Social Studies	DVH	10/22/2023	Strength and Conditioning Specialist Winter	Extra Duty
Davis	Robert M	Teacher English	MDN	7/17/2023	Class Sponsor	Extra Duty
Duckwall	Jamie L	Teacher Special Education	MDN	1/2/2024	Tutor	Extra Duty
Henderson	Erin R	Teacher Behavior Interventionist	MDN	11/1/2023	Tutor	Extra Duty
Jones	Brianna	Teacher Physical Education	MDN	1/9/2024	Dance Production	Extra Duty
Morrissey	Meredith M	Teacher Science/AVID Student Support	MDN	7/17/2023	Class Sponsor	Extra Duty
Owen Jones	Robert L	Librarian	MDN	7/17/2023	Class Sponsor	Extra Duty
Sargent	William D	Teacher English	MDN	7/17/2023	Class Sponsor	Extra Duty
Zaidi	Nasreen B	Teacher Science	MDN	7/17/2023	National Honor Society	Extra Duty
Blodgett	Carly H	Teacher English	MHS	1/3/2024	Student Council Spring	Extra Duty
Cornwell	Timothy J	Teacher CTE Technical Theater/Drama	MHS	7/19/2023	CTSO Advisor	Extra Duty

Kigin	Molly	Teacher English	MHS	7/17/2023	Literary Magazine Advisor	Extra Duty
Leonard Ozan	Corey R	Teacher Credit Recovery Sci	MHS	7/17/2023	Sustainability	Extra Duty
Leonhardt	Amanda L	Teacher Music Instrumental/Drama	MHS	1/3/2024	Band Director Spring	Extra Duty
McLaughlin	Melissa	Teacher Academic Interv	MHS	7/17/2023	Link Crew Sponsor	Extra Duty
Blackmon	Marisol	Teacher Academic Interv	MTP	7/17/2023	Link Crew Sponsor	Extra Duty
Cronin	Amber	Teacher Science	MTP	7/17/2023	Sustainability	Extra Duty
Nicolson	Brian K	Teacher Online Science	TUO	1/3/2024	Increased enrollment 2nd semester	Extra Duty
Walden	Allison M	Teacher Online Health	TUO	1/3/2024	Increased enrollment 2nd semester	Extra Duty
Meier	Gary	Custodian	CDS	1/15/2024	Civic Center Custodian	Extra Duty
Pacheco	Alma	Bookstore Specialist Roving	CDS	1/15/2024	Event Worker	Extra Duty
Rodriguez	Cristobal O	Safety and Security Officer Lead	CDS	2/5/2024	Auxiliary Coach Baseball	Extra Duty
Jenkins	Chance E	Paraprofessional	DVH	1/23/2024	Event Worker	Extra Duty
Laikona	Jacob	Safety and Security Officer Lead	DVH	1/23/2024	Event Worker	Extra Duty
Garza	Rebecca S	Paraprofessional HQ	MDN	12/7/2023	Paraprofessional Extracurricular	Extra Duty
Luquen	Karina	Paraprofessional HQ	MDN	12/7/2023	Paraprofessional Extracurricular	Extra Duty
Jenkins	Chance E	Paraprofessional	MHS	1/17/2024	Paraprofessional Extracurricular	
Ramos	Cristina	Food and Nutrition Manager	MHS	1/16/2024	Event Worker	Extra Duty

Sanchez	Mary H	Food and Nutrition Cook	MHS	1/19/2024	Event Worker	Extra Duty
Zuniga	Dani L	Safety and Security Officer	MHS	2/5/2024	Auxiliary Coach Softball	Extra Duty
Hernandez	Tim	District Safety and Security Officer Lead	District Safety	2/5/2024	Assistant Coach Baseball at MTP	Extra Duty
Kelley	Katie	Information Systems Technology Trainer	IT	2/12/2024	Additional Hours	Extra Duty
Remer	Tahlia	Instructional Technology Trainer	Teaching and Learning	2/12/2024	Additional Hours	Extra Duty
Gordon	Richard	Bus Driver	Transportation	1/9/2024	Policy GCCC - FMLA Leave	Leave of Absence
Boyle	Sarah	Director of Student Services	Special Education	6/30/2024		Resignation
Wegener	Meagan	Teacher Social Studies	MDN	5/24/2024		Resignation
Bortmas	Stephanie	Teacher Special Education	THS	5/24/2024		Resignation
Thoreby	Michael	Director Maintenance and Plant Operations	Maintenance and Plant Operations	6/30/2024		Resignation
Ramirez	Jose	Groundskeeper	DVH Plant Ops	2/9/2024		Medical Separation
Barraza	Laura	Certified Nursing Assistant	MHS	2/9/2024		Resignation
Daigle	Christina	Behavior Intervention Specialist	MTP	5/24/2024		Resignation
Kelly	Brandy	Paraprofessional	MTP	1/30/2024		Resignation

F-5—Gifts and Donations

The Governing Board approved the following submitted gift and donation items:

- \$5,800.00 to DVH from Desert Vista Band Boosters
- \$5,000.00 to MTP from Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
- \$2,000.00 to DVH from Desert Vista Wrestling Boosters
- \$1,594.32 to DVH from Desert Vista Softball Boosters
- \$1,025.00 to DVH from Desert Vista Band Boosters
- \$200.00 to DVH from Yanhua Chen
- \$69.18 to MDN from The Kroger Co.
- \$30.00 to CDS from Brett Nunn

- TD Synnex to DVH – 300 Samsung wired earbuds/headphones est. value \$4,000.00
- Desert Vista Boys Volleyball Boosters to DVH – New Attack Volleyball machine est. value \$3,429.02

F-6—Acceptance of Grant Award from Arizona Department of Education Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program

The Governing Board accepted the Arizona Department of Education Feminine Hygiene Products grant funds totaling \$47,080.

F-7—Approval of Contract Renewals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

The Governing Board approved the renewal of the submitted contracts for fiscal year 2023-2024:

Contract Number	Contract Title	Vendors	Price History	Est. Expenditure
21-007CH-26RFP	Bell Software Districtwide	AcroVista, LLC	Year 4; no price increase	N/A
23-019EE-28IFB	Trophies, Awards, and Plaques	-A2Z Trophy -M&J Trophies and Apparel -Monarch Trophy Studio -Nitsom Promotional -Trophy Den LLC	Year 2; no price increase	\$45,000.00
21-008DR-25RFP	Audit Services	CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP	Year 4; no price increase	\$52,000.00
20-014-25	Plagiarism Software	TurnItIn	Year 5; no price increase	\$55,000.00

F-8— Approval of Contract for Corona del Sol High School participation in a Varsity Football Game with Apple Valley Senior High School in Apple Valley, CA

The Governing Board approved the football contract for Corona del Sol High School's participation in a varsity football game with Apple Valley Senior High School in Apple Valley, CA on September 6, 2024.

F-9— Ratification of Terms and Conditions of Building Renewal Grant Fund Applications with the Arizona Division of School Facilities for the weatherization assessment of Tempe High School (BRG-004821) and Corona del Sol High School (BRG-004827)

The Governing Board approved ratification of the Building Renewal Grant Fund Application Terms and Conditions for acceptance of monies from the Arizona Division of School Facilities for the weatherization assessment of Tempe High School (BRG-004821) and Corona del Sol High School (BRG-004827).

F-10— Ratification of Terms and Conditions of Building Renewal Grant Fund Application with the Arizona Division of School Facilities for the replacement of two (2) Evaporative Coolers (BRG-004063) at McClintock High School

The Governing Board approved ratification of the Building Renewal Grant Fund Application Terms and Conditions for acceptance of monies from the Arizona Division of School Facilities for the replacement of two (2) Evaporative Coolers (BRG-004063) at McClintock High School.

F-11— Ratification of Terms and Conditions of Building Renewal Grant Fund Application with the Arizona Division of School Facilities for the replacement of Compressor 3 on Chiller #3 (BRG-005197) at Corona del Sol High School

The Governing Board approved ratification of the Building Renewal Grant Fund Application Terms and Conditions for acceptance of monies from the Arizona Division of School Facilities for the replacement of Compressor 3 on Chiller #3 (BRG-005197) at Corona del Sol High School.

G. Board Policies

G-1— CBI - Evaluation of Superintendent (First Reading)

Mr. Montero suggested one change, omitting “direct reports to the Superintendent” under #2. Policy CBI returns for a second reading at the February 21, 2024 board meeting.

H. Business Services

Mr. Montero moved approval of Business Services Agenda Items H-1 through H-4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barraza and passed 5-0.

H-1— Acceptance of Grant Award from Salt River Project “Touchdown for Teachers” Program and the Arizona Cardinals

The Governing Board accepted the grant award to Desert Vista High School in the amount of \$500 from Salt River Project, “Touchdown for Teachers” program in partnership with the Arizona Cardinals.

H-2— Approval of Contract for Mountain Pointe High School participation in a Varsity Football Game with IMG Academy, Inc. in Bradenton, FL

The Governing Board approved the football contract for Mountain Pointe High School’s participation in a varsity football game with IMG Academy, Inc. in Bradenton, FL on September 12, 2024.

H-3— Approval of Non-Competitive Contract Agreement with Arizona Department of Education for the Dual Enrollment Development Incentive Bonus Program

The Governing Board approved the non-competitive contract agreement with the Arizona Department of Education for the Dual Enrollment Development Incentive Bonus Program through June 30, 2024.

H-4— Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Mindfulness First and Tempe Union High School District No. 213 for the Provision of Mindfulness Practices

The Governing Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Mindfulness First and Tempe Union High School District No. 213 for the provision of mindfulness practices through September 30, 2024.

I. New Business

I-1—Governing Board Members Committee Assignments

- Mr. Montero opened up the floor for comments from board members on the assignments for the two district committees.
- Mr. Barraza said he has enjoyed serving on the Employee Benefits Trust Committee, but felt it was important for other members to participate. Ms. Hodge said she wanted to join the EBT committee for 8-years. Mr. Barraza said he supported her taking his place; all board members agreed for Ms. Hodge to become the board representative for the Employee Benefits Trust Committee.
- Mr. Montero said historically the Governing Board President has served on the Audit Committee, but said he was open to a discussion if another board member was interested. Board members agreed that Mr. Montero should continue as the Audit Committee board representative.

Mr. Montero moved approval of Ms. Hodge to serve as board representative for the Employee Benefits Trust Committee, and Mr. Montero to remain as board representative for the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barraza and passed 5-0.

J. Information Items

J-1—Requests for Future Agenda Items

None.

J-2—Governing Board Committee/Conference Update

- Mr. Montero said he had attended the National School Boards Association Equity and Advocacy Conferences in Washington, D.C., where he got to hear from other districts that are struggling with the same challenges as TUHSD.
- Ms. Hodge said she had attended the Helios Conference where students from the district’s CTE program shined. Ms. Hodge said Helios is using TUHSD as a benchmark for research which was a testament to the district’s strength.

K. Communications

K-1—From Governing Board Members

- Ms. Hodge said the City of Tempe recently published a proclamation on teen violence and provided the district with a copy of the proclamation.
- Mr. Barraza thanked Dr. Wilson and Mr. McDonald for meeting with him on programs, curriculum, and security.
- Mrs. Steele said she recently attended the East Valley Consortium meeting where they discussed bills that aren't great for the state of education. Mrs. Steele said each district spoke about declines in enrollment and other common issues each district is facing. Mrs. Steele also said she recently visited the Tempe YMCA and was impressed with their operations and after school programs.
- Mrs. James said she attended Kyrene Honors Fest at Mountain Pointe and was impressed with Mr. Kazin Cole and Mr. Woody. Mrs. James read the gifts and donations.
- Ms. Hodge wished everyone a Happy Black History Month.

K-2—From Acting Superintendent and Executive Team

- Dr. Wilson wished all a Happy Black History Month and recognized Dr. LaVern Tarkington, the first female and black administrator for TUHSD.
- Dr. Wilson recognized this week as National School Counselor's Week.
- Dr. Wilson read a statement on Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, and said the district's social emotional wellness team members, CARE7, and the City of Tempe have worked together to bring awareness to this important issue through education and prevention.

L. Meeting Closing

Next Regular Meeting – February 21, 2024.

Adjournment – On motion of Mr. Montero, seconded by Mrs. James and passed 5-0 (Mr. Montero: aye; Mrs. James: aye; Mrs. Steele: aye; Mr. Barraza: aye; Ms. Hodge: aye), the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Armando Montero, President

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Sarah James, Vice President