

OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2022

Special Meeting

Special Meeting – 4:30 P.M.

CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF A.R.S. §38-431.02, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTED. LOCATION OF THE MEETING IS:

**THE OSBORN DISTRICT OFFICE
1226 WEST OSBORN ROAD
PHOENIX, AZ 85013**

AGENDA

Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to each meeting in the District Office at 1226 West Osborn Road, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. One or more Board members may attend telephonically. Board members attending telephonically will be announced at the meeting. The board may vote to recess into an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the board's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including alternative format materials, sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or assistance with Calls to the Public are available upon 72 hours' advance notice through the Office of the Superintendent 602-707-2002. To the extent possible, additional reasonable accommodations will be made available within the time constraints of the request.

I. Call to Order

II. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Ongoing Board Professional Development (review of Board goals)
- B. Staffing Allocation and Initial Budget Conversations
- C. Montessori Long-Range Plan for Growth
- D. Governing Board Resolutions

III. Adjournment

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Agenda Item Number – II- A

Agenda Item

Ongoing Board Professional Development (review of Board goals)

For Board: Action Discussion Information

Background –

Dr. Robert and President Flamand will take the opportunity to review the Board goals determined in the December 2021 evaluation discussion to set priorities around Governing Board professional development for 2022. In the last regular session, conversation centered around focus on objectives in the Strategic Plan. The Board will have the opportunity to review the Strategic Plan areas of focus and make a determination about which areas should be the focus of PD for the year. The Board will also have the opportunity to consider the budget allocated for PD and make requests for any adjustments to the professional learning budget to meet the needs of a relatively new governing board.

Legal

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Governing Board Goals

- Community Connectedness and Increased Enrollment
- Maximize Student Learning & Achievement from PreK to High School
- Stewardship and Boardmanship
- Equity & Excellence for Opportunity and Outcomes

Recommendation

Discussion Only

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Agenda Item Number – II- B

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Staffing Allocation and Initial Budget Conversations

For Board: Action Discussion Information

Background –

Dr. Robert will present an outlook on general staffing (as presented to budget committee) highlighting the decrease in enrollment over the past few years. This look will also examine the lack of cuts of positions for the past two years, given the pandemic conditions and a need to keep classroom sizes low and staff available for supervision and coverage high.

As the district looks to the changing nature of the pandemic, the ways some mitigation strategies can be continued, and a need to address a changing demographic and the enrollment implications, there is a need to see shifts in staffing to match.

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Agenda Item Number – II- C

Agenda Item

Montessori Long-Range Plan for Growth

For Board: Action Discussion Information

Background –

The Governing Board has asked for a presentation on the Montessori program through its first year, the plan for the upcoming year, and the plans for continued growth of Montessori offerings at the Montecito campus. Dr. Robert will present the long-range thinking process from 2 years ago and its transformation over the rollout of the Montessori classroom and thoughts of its growth. The overall presentation presents a potential view of Montessori growth over 7 years to a program with a hopeful K-6 (potentially K-8) preschool/elementary path. The hopeful enrollment is covered in the presentation.

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Agenda Item Number – II- D

Agenda Item

Governing Board Resolutions

For Board: Action Discussion Information

Background –

A member is introducing for consideration a Model Governing Board Resolution on Secure Firearm Storage. This resolution is being introduced for potential adoption at the regular February meeting of the Board.

Besides the content of this particular resolution, the Board is being asked to discuss the role of a Governing Board in making resolutions, its effectiveness and purpose, and relationship with policy recommendations and changes.

According to district counsel, “the only time that a district is statutorily authorized to enter into a resolution is when it is calling for an election. The District does not have express statutory authority to adopt positions of support.” In this particular instance, the item is peripheral to the Board’s jurisdiction as the District does not allow weapons on campus.

Counsel does not object to any language in the resolution and only offers the notice about the purpose of resolutions for Governing Boards. This counsel is consistent with previous counsel with previous configurations of the Board. In the past the Board has moved forward with approval of resolutions, and has discussed the juxtaposition of resolution and policy recommendation, with the decision at the time to continue to write resolutions of positions of support or lack thereof.

The resolution in discussion is attached as background, yet conversations and discussion will extend beyond this particular resolution.

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AZ SCHOOL BOARD SECURE STORAGE NOTIFICATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe;

WHEREAS, an estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm;

WHEREAS, every year, nearly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. That is roughly one unintentional shooting per day, and 77 percent of these incidents take place inside a home;

WHEREAS, fourteen children die by gun suicide each year in Arizona. Research shows that the guns used in these tragedies usually belong to a family member;

WHEREAS, in incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 75 percent of active shooters are current students or recent graduates, and 78 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends;

WHEREAS, research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of self-inflicted and unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommends the importance of appropriate storage of weapons because many school attackers used firearms acquired from their homes;

WHEREAS, across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns, such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America's Be SMART program, which is endorsed by the National PTA and which encourages secure gun storage practices and highlights the public safety risks of unsecured guns;

WHEREAS, keeping students, teachers and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders at each of our school sites;

WHEREAS, in order to continue with preventative measures to increase student and school safety we must act now; now therefore, be it

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Phoenix Union High School District Governing Board directs the Superintendent and staff to update the Student Handbook to include information about

the secure storage of firearms;

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Phoenix Union High School District Governing Board directs the Superintendent to create an appropriate letter, in English and Spanish, to parents and guardians that explains the importance of secure gun storage to protect minors from accessing irresponsibly stored guns, and may be included in annual registration materials at each school site; and, be it finally;

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Phoenix Union High School District Governing and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies and non-profits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform District parents about secure storage of firearms in their homes.

Adopted this 6th day of February 2020, the Governing Board voted at a duly called meeting at which a quorum

was present with in favor, _____against, _____abstained from the above Resolution.

Stephanie Parra, Governing Board President

Lela Alston, Governing Board Clerk