

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

2012-2013

September 13, 2012

Administrative Center
Governing Board Room
4650 West Sweetwater Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85304-1505

I. REGULAR MEETING – GENERAL FUNCTION

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Maza called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present: Mr. Chris Maza, Mr. Bill Adams, Ms. Clorinda Graziano, Mr. Aaron Jahneke, and Mrs. Tee Lambert.

B. Moment of Silence and Meditation

Mr. Maza called for a moment of silence and meditation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Maza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

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E. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the August 23, 2012 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried. Mrs. Lambert abstained from the vote.

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F. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent

Mr. Adams shared that he enjoyed attending the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Law Conference and stated that Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Rex Shumway, District Legal Counsel, also attended. Mr. Adams said the conference was very worthwhile, provided good information and the opportunity to network with other board members, superintendents, and legal counsels from other districts. He advised Board members that the information presented at the conference was available on the ASBA website. Mr. Maza thanked Mr. Adams for his service with ASBA.

Mr. Adams asked everyone to remember the 9/11 events.

Ms. Graziano shared the following:

- Apologized for not being able to attend the ASBA Law Conference due to an illness.
- Congratulated teacher, Emily Bruso, for the newspaper article relating how she requested and received band instrument donations from the Ear Candy Charity.
- Thanked the Palo Verde strings class for inviting her to their classroom.
- Thanked her Washington District Education Association (WDEA) contact team for meeting to share ideas.

Mrs. Lambert shared that she had a good summer and took her son to Flagstaff where he attends Northern Arizona University.

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Mrs. Lambert thanked everyone for their thoughtfulness during her recovery from her recent surgery.

Dr. Cook introduced Monica Womack and Sherry Godfrey, teachers from Lookout Mountain Elementary School, who shared an Integrated Common Core Curriculum Map that was developed by the WESD Common Core committee. Mr. Jahneke stated that the critical thinking skills utilized in the Common Core curriculum will greatly benefit students. Mr. Adams asked if the Common Core curriculum was the same for all school districts. He was advised that the Common Core Standards are the same for all school districts state-wide. Mr. Maza thanked Ms. Womack and Ms. Godfrey for the presentation.

G. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

H. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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Ms. Graziano requested that the following item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration:

- Item *II.J. – Memoranda of Understanding with Communities in Schools Arizona on Behalf of Richard E. Miller Elementary School, Royal Palm Middle School and Arizona Cardinals Preparatory Academy

A motion was made by Mrs. Lambert that the Governing Board approve the remaining Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. The motion carried.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

***A. Approval/Ratification of Vouchers**

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Approved and ratified the vouchers as presented.

***B. Personnel Items**

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Approved the personnel items as presented.

***C. Public Gifts and Donations (The Value of Donated Items is Determined by the Donor)**

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Approved the public gifts and donations as presented.

1. Gardner's Book Service donated books and services with an approximate value of \$1,369.68 to the Academic Services Department for Gardner's Story Box.
2. Alta Vista Parent Teacher Organization donated a check in the amount of \$2,638.68 for the benefit of students at Alta Vista Elementary School.
3. Lisa Parker, kindergarten teacher at Alta Vista Elementary School, donated a check in the amount of \$500.00 to sponsor a field trip for the benefit of kindergarten students at Alta Vista Elementary School.
4. Target Corporation donated a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the benefit of the summer reading program for students at Moon Mountain Elementary School.
5. Maricopa County donated a check in the amount of \$350.00 to support the Teen Court Program at Mountain Sky Junior High School.
6. Orangewood Parent Teacher Association donated a check in the amount of \$600.00 for a field trip for the benefit of students at Orangewood School.

7. Parents and Teachers for Sahuaro (PATS) donated a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 to purchase books for the benefit of students at Sahuaro Elementary School.
8. Canyon State Bus Sales donated 1,000 lanyards with an approximate value of \$1,500.00 to the Transportation Department for the benefit of Palo Verde Middle School for student ID lanyards.
9. Cardinals Charities donated a check in the amount of \$398.74 for the benefit of students at Sunset Elementary School.

***D. Out-of-State Travel**

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Approved the Out-of-State Travel as presented.

1. Dorothy Watkins and Donna Denial to attend the 24th Annual National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference, October 27-30, 2012, in Albuquerque, NM, at a cost of \$2,010.00. Participation in this conference is mandated by the McKinney-Vento Sub-Grant.

***E. Acceptance of the Arizona Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants in the Amount of \$884,000.00, the Musical Instrument Museum/Target Field Trip Grant in the Amount of \$6,300.00 and the Target Grants in the Amount of \$4,000.00**

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***F. Annual Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase Agreements with the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative, Inc. (MESC)**

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***G. Annual Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase Agreements with the Greater Phoenix Purchasing Consortium for Schools (GPPCS) and Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures (SAVE)**

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***H. Intergovernmental Renewal Agreement with Mesa Unified School District for the Mesa Distance Learning Program**

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***I. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, Juvenile Probation Department**

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***J. Memoranda of Understanding with Communities in Schools Arizona on Behalf of Richard E. Miller Elementary School, Royal Palm Middle School and Arizona Cardinals Preparatory Academy**

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A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board approve the Memoranda of Understanding with Communities in Schools Arizona on behalf of Richard E. Miller Elementary School, Royal Palm Middle School, and Arizona Cardinals Preparatory Academy and authorize the WESD officials named in the respective MOUs to execute the memoranda on behalf of the District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maza. The motion carried.

Ms. Graziano asked if there was one resource person who worked at all three schools. Ms. Janet Sullivan responded that there was a different resource person at each of the three schools.

Ms. Graziano asked how the salaries of the three individuals were funded. Ms. Sullivan replied that Communities in Schools Arizona (CISA) is a non-profit organization and receives grants and donations that assist with the funding of the salaries. In the past, CISA was able to provide the funding for all of the salaries, however, because of the decrease in donations, they are only able to assist districts with a portion of the salary. Ms. Sullivan stated that the remainder of the salaries is funded through Title I funds.

- *K. First Reading of Proposed Amended Board Policy DJG – Vendor/Contractor Relations UNANIMOUS**
- *L. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Amended Board Policy IHBHD – Online/Concurrent/Correspondence Courses UNANIMOUS**
- *M. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Amended Board Policy IJNDB – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction UNANIMOUS**
- *N. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Amended Board Policy JFAA – Admission of Resident Students UNANIMOUS**

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2013 Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Political Agenda: Governing Board Priorities UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Maza presented the Board with the top priorities indicated by Board members for the ASBA 2013 Political Agenda in preparation for the 2013 ASBA Legislative Session on December 13, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the submission of the ten legislative priorities listed on the agenda item on or before September 30, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

Mr. Adams stated that as an ASBA Board member, he would be attending an ASBA Board meeting on September 22, 2012 and had been asked for any interests or concerns from our District. Mr. Maza asked Mr. Adams to consult with Dr. Cook following the Board meeting.

IV. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Truancy Update**

Dr. Cook introduced Mr. John Shikany, Emergency Response Coordinator, to present the Board with an annual truancy update.

Mr. Shikany reviewed statistics for the 2011-2012 school year for the WESD Truancy Prevention Unit (TPU). He stated that the number of truant students in the TPU targeted areas (primarily middle schools) had shown an overall decrease of 25%.

Ms. Graziano made the following statements/questions:

- Stated that since there were 868 referrals and 1,013 home visits, that Mr. Shikany must have visited some homes more than once. Mr. Shikany responded that she was correct.
- Acknowledged that the home visits made a significant impact on lowering the truancy figures.
- Asked if a student would not be issued a citation if the truancy decreased. Mr. Shikany stated that was correct.

- Asked if there was a choice whether the citation was issued to the student or the parent. Mr. Shikany replied he reviews the circumstances and uses his best judgment to make the appropriate decision whether to cite the student or parent. He advised that in some instances, both the student and parent could be issued a citation.
- Is the TIPS meeting held after the parent has been cited and before prosecution? Mr. Shikany stated that the Truancy Intervention Prevention Solutions (TIPS) program was a joint effort with the TPU, the Phoenix Police Department and the City of Phoenix Prosecutors Office as a step that takes place between identification of a prosecutable case and arrest. He advised that TIPS is a pre-arrest meeting that is held with the TPU, police officer, prosecutor, WESD social services representative, school representative, parent(s) and student. During this meeting, the parent(s) and student have the opportunity to identify the reasons for the truancy problem. The parent(s) and student are informed of State laws regarding truancy and are informed of the steps that will be followed once the decision has been made to prosecute. The parent(s) and student are offered resources to assist the family overcome any barriers that are preventing good school attendance.

Mr. Maza thanked Mr. Shikany, on behalf of the Governing Board, for his passion of making sure that students attend school and for doing one of the more difficult jobs in the District.

B. Factual Information Regarding Proposition 204, the Quality Education and Jobs Act

Dr. Cook advised the Governing Board that the District was well aware of Arizona Revised Statute 15-511 which does not allow the District to position itself, on District property, regarding any of the ballot measures. Dr. Cook stated that the Board was being offered information from both perspectives regarding Proposition 204, the Quality Education and Jobs Act. She stated that the Board was being provided an impact statement and information regarding how the ballot initiative might affect the Washington Elementary School District (WESD). Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Jill Hicks, Community Outreach Specialist, who provided information regarding the possible impact to WESD.

Ms. Hicks advised the Board that if Proposition 204 was approved, the impact to WESD would be \$13 million. Ms. Hicks acknowledged Ms. Sue Snyder for preparing the information for the agenda item. Mr. Maza asked Dr. Cook to thank Ms. Snyder for her efforts.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

VI. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Ms. Graziano acknowledged and thanked Ms. Lisa Parker, kindergarten teacher at Alta Vista Elementary School, who donated \$500.00 for a field trip for kindergarten students which was approved by the Board on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Graziano also acknowledged and thanked all the teachers who use personal funds for classroom items.

Mr. Adams acknowledged his fellow Board members for the work that they do.

Mr. Adams acknowledged and thanked the staff for their efforts and everything they do.

Mr. Maza acknowledged and thanked the staff, and particularly Superintendent Susie Cook and Carol Donaldson, Director of Communication Services, for their efforts in handling District matters.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion **UNANIMOUS** was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary

Joyce Shiota
BOARD SECRETARY

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