

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

2011-2012

September 8, 2011

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 7:00 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 Mrs. Lambert that the Governing Board adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. 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 25, 2011 Special Meeting, Executive Session and Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

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F. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent

Mr. Adams shared that he enjoyed visiting Sunset Elementary School and talking to the staff.

Ms. Graziano thanked the following schools for providing the creative artwork displayed in the Governing Board Room:

- Abraham Lincoln Traditional School
- Cholla Middle School
- Desert Foothills Junior High School
- Mountain Sky Junior High School
- Palo Verde Middle School

Mr. Jahneke shared that he serves as Treasurer for the Washington Education Foundation and they have approved funding for the District's United Way campaign.

Mrs. Lambert shared that she attended the Arizona Business and Education Coalition (ABEC) Board meeting and heard interesting information regarding school funding.

Mrs. Lambert shared that she and Mr. Adams enjoyed attending the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Law Conference which started on September 8, 2011 and will end on September 10, 2011. Mrs. Lambert stated that Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's presentation was fascinating and that she encouraged attendees to visit her website which promotes iCivics and may be used as an educational tool in the classroom.

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Mr. Maza thanked District employees and students for dealing with the high heat index and especially thanked the Maintenance Department for ensuring that the air conditioners are working at all facilities.

Dr. Cook shared that Desert View Physical Education students would be demonstrating the use of heart-rate monitors and developing lifelong physical fitness skills. Dr. Cook introduced Maria Farmer, Principal at Desert View Elementary School, who introduced Physical Education teacher, Vicky Bonavito, and her students and their families. Students Christian Moreno, Marianna Ochoa, Annie Paz, and Michael Romero were each presented with a certificate and a jump rope.

G. Special Recognition

Dr. Cook advised the Board that three additional schools had received the ENERGY STAR designation for energy efficiency as designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Sue Pierce, Director of Facility Planning, who congratulated and presented plaques to the principals and facility managers of the following schools:

- John Jacobs Elementary School
- Palo Verde Middle School
- Richard E. Miller Elementary School

Ms. Pierce advised that the three new schools receiving the ENERGY STAR award brought the District's total to 20 sites who had earned the award. Ms. Pierce thanked all facility managers for their efforts and commitment to their schools.

H. Public Participation

There was public participation. Mr. Maza asked the District's translator to translate the Admonition Prior to Public Comments into Spanish as he read it.

Ms. Rosie Calderon requested a Spanish translator and was allowed six minutes to speak. She thanked the District for signing the agreement to have bilingual personnel, but stated she was unhappy with the Manzanita Elementary School principal because he had brought a lot of problems to the school. Mr. Maza reminded her of the admonition which states: "As a final and **IMPORTANT** reminder, Board policy requires that any grievances against Board members, District employees, or students may not be stated during any public meeting of the Governing Board. Rather, they must be submitted in writing to the Board President or Superintendent."

Ms. Rocio Castaneda requested a Spanish translator and was allowed six minutes to speak. Ms. Castaneda stated that as humans, we all deserve the right to be heard, to be understood, and to be treated as equals. She asked that the principal be removed. Mr. Maza advised Ms. Castaneda that this was an employee grievance and asked her to file it in writing to the Superintendent per the Admonition Prior to Public Comments.

Ms. Maria Delgadillo requested a Spanish translator and was allowed six minutes to speak. Ms. Delgadillo thanked the District for adding Spanish to the documents at the schools. She asked that the principal be removed and the translator reminded her of the Admonition statement. Ms. Delgadillo stated that she does not want discrimination at her school like it was caused by Sheriff Arpaio at another school. Mr. Maza asked that any grievances be submitted to the Superintendent in writing.

I. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. The motion carried.

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II. CONSENT AGENDA

- *A. Approval/Ratification of Vouchers** **UNANIMOUS**
Approved and ratified the vouchers as presented.
- *B. Personnel Items** **UNANIMOUS**
Approved the personnel items as presented.
- *C. Public Gifts and Donations** **UNANIMOUS**
Approved the public gifts and donations as presented.
1. Gardner's Book Service donated books with a value of \$1,660.12 to be used by Book Pals Performing Artist in Literacy in Schools of the Screen Actors Guild Foundation for the benefit of students in the Washington Elementary School District.
 2. Pureheart Christian Fellowship donated school supplies with an approximate value of \$3,000.00 for the benefit of students at Acacia Elementary School, Arroyo Elementary School, Cactus Wren Elementary School, Chaparral Elementary School, Cholla Middle School, Mountain View School, Palo Verde Middle School, Richard E. Miller Elementary School, Sahuaro Elementary School, and Sunburst Elementary School.
 3. Rodel Charitable Foundation donated a check in the amount of \$4,650.00 to be used for the MAC-Ro Math Program kick-off assemblies and student incentives for the benefit of participating students at Desert View, Mountain View, Shaw Butte, and Sunnyslope Schools.
- *D. Out-of-County/State Field Trip** **UNANIMOUS**
Approved the out-of-county/state field trip as presented.
1. Matthew Weaver, Royal Palm Middle School, has submitted an out-of-county/state field trip request to AstroCamp, Idyllwild, CA, November 16-18, 2011, for 7th grade students at a cost of \$15,623.50.
- *E. Agreement with Austin Centers for Exceptional Students (ACES) for Behavior Coaches** **UNANIMOUS**
- *F. Declaration of Curricular and Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards** **UNANIMOUS**

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Option and Easement Agreement with Cricket Communications, Inc.** **4-1 AYE**
Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Cathy Thompson and asked her to provide the Board with information regarding Cricket Communications. Ms. Thompson advised the Board that Cricket Communications had asked the District to enter into an Agreement for the purpose of constructing and maintaining telecommunications antennas on an existing monopole utilized by the WESD Management Information Services department. The initial term will be for five years with Cricket Communications paying the District a \$900.00 per month fee with an upfront payment of \$10,800.00 for the first year.

Mrs. Lambert asked if this Agenda item was to approve the easement and the building of a tower. Ms. Thompson responded that Cricket Communications would not be building a new tower, but would be adding antennas to the District's existing monopole, approximately 150 feet high.

A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board approve the Option and Easement Agreement with Cricket Communications, Inc. for a telecommunications facility at 8610 North 19th Avenue and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried 4-1 Aye. Mrs. Lambert voted Nay.

B. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Board Policy JICK – Student Violence/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying UNANIMOUS

Dr. Cook advised the Board that they were being presented with the Second Reading and adoption of the proposed Board Policy for student violence/harassment/intimidation/bullying. Dr. Cook stated that the revisions offered at the First Reading on August 25, 2011, had been incorporated into the proposed Policy.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board approve the Second Reading and adopt Proposed Board Policy JICK – Student Violence/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

IV. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEM

A. 2012 Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Political Agenda: Governing Board Priorities

Dr. Cook advised the Board that the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) asks the Board each year to select its top ten priorities for ASBA to pursue for the Legislative Session. Dr. Cook asked the Board to submit their top ten priorities to the Superintendent's office by September 12, 2011. She stated that the information would be compiled and provided for consideration on an agenda item at the September 22, 2011 Governing Board meeting.

Mr. Maza stated that ASBA was asking the Board's opinion on Legislative platforms which would then determine one's position on bills that are brought forward. Mr. Maza asked if there was recent legislation in regard to decisions made by ASBA in regard to taking positions on legislation. Dr. Cook stated that at the ASBA Law Conference she attended that day, ASBA advised that they had formed a 501c4 that allows them to comply with the law. ASBA advised that lobbying had been removed from the law, therefore, they would be allowed to pursue legislative lobbying.

Mr. Rex Shumway advised the Board that it would be provided a proposed Policy at the September 22, 2011 Governing Board meeting because of the recent changes in the legislative statute.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

VI. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. Cook asked that everyone remember the significance of September 11, in memory of all those who lost their lives ten years ago.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lambert to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried. UNANIMOUS

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary

Joyce Shiota
BOARD SECRETARY

9/22/11
DATE

Ramon Jabele
BOARD OFFICIAL

09-22-2011
DATE