

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

2011-2012

January 12, 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 7:02 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. Organization of the Board

Mr. Maza asked for nominations for the position of President of the Washington Elementary School District Governing Board. A motion was made by Mr. Adams to nominate Mr. Chris Maza as Governing Board President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. Mr. Maza accepted the nomination and stated his reasons for wanting the position. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was requested. Mr. Adams, Ms. Graziano, Mr. Jahneke, Mrs. Lambert, and Mr. Maza voted aye for Mr. Maza. Mr. Maza was elected Governing Board President by a 5-0 vote.

5-0 AYE

Mr. Maza asked for nominations for the position of Governing Board Vice President. A motion was made by Mr. Adams to nominate Mr. Aaron Jahneke as Governing Board Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. Mr. Jahneke accepted the nomination and stated his reasons for wanting the position. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was requested. Mr. Adams, Ms. Graziano, Mrs. Lambert, and Mr. Maza voted aye for Mr. Jahneke. Mr. Jahneke abstained. Mr. Jahneke was elected Governing Board Vice President by a 4-0 vote with one abstention.

4-0 AYE
1 ABSTENTION

C. Moment of Silence and Meditation

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

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Maza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. 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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F. Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Graziano clarified her intent. She meant to say:

- I.F. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent
 - Enjoyed Attending the Desert Foothills Junior High School's drama performance.
- IV.B. 2011 Accountability Update – Assessment Report: Part Three

Ms. Graziano thanked Ms. Sullivan for the report and made the observation that the correlation between higher 3rd grade oral reading fluency and AIMS was probably aided by the District's support of activities like dramas, Reader's Theatre, or the grant from Childsplay.

UNANIMOUS

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board approve the Minutes, as amended, of the December 8, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

G. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent

Mr. Adams shared that he enjoyed attending the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) Business Advisory Team meeting and thanked everyone involved with arranging the exceptional event. He acknowledged Mr. Maza's wonderful speech.

Mr. Jahneke shared that he enjoyed attending the following events:

- Lakeview Elementary School's 1st grade Holiday Music Program.
- Sahuaro Elementary School – National Board Certification (NBC) Teacher Recognition.
- Cholla Middle School's Art Show and Winter Concert.

Ms. Graziano shared that she enjoyed attending the following events:

- WESD Business Advisory Team meeting and acknowledged Mr. Maza's speech. She thanked Jill Hicks, Sandy Mendez Benson, and their team for the well planned, professional event. She stated it was very important to have business partnerships with symbiotic relationships.
- "Mitchell 20" movie – thanked Washington District Education Association (WDEA) and the District for screening the movie.
- Acacia Elementary School's 1st Grade Music Concert
- Mountain View School's Band, Strings, and Chorus Concert
- Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Legislative Workshop and Annual Conference
- Royal Palm Middle School's Holiday Chorus Concert
- Desert Foothills Junior High School's Winter Band Concert
- Cholla Middle School's Winter Concert
- Sahuaro Elementary School's Holiday Concert
- Alta Vista Elementary School's Holiday Music Programs – band, strings, and steel drums

Mrs. Lambert shared that she enjoyed attending the following events:

- Alta Vista Elementary School's 3rd and 4th grade Holiday Concert
- Royal Palm Middle School's Holiday Concert
- Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Legislative Workshop and Annual Conference
- Bill Gates (District 3) Coffee Chat – Mr. Gates talked about attending the WESD Business Advisory Team meeting and how important it was to build business relationships for the benefit of our schools. Newly elected Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton spoke about his approach to building a better education system in Phoenix.

Mr. Maza shared that he enjoyed attending the following events:

- Lookout Mountain Elementary School's National Board Certification (NBC) Teacher Recognition
- WESD Business Advisory Team meeting – acknowledged Dr. Cook for the "classy event on a shoe string budget". He thanked Jill Hicks and Sandy Mendez Benson for their efforts in planning the event.

Dr. Cook shared that physical education is an important part of our schools, particularly Cross Country. Dr. Cook introduced Rhonda Warren, Principal at Sunburst Elementary School, who introduced physical education teacher/Cross Country coach, Roseanne

Knight. Ms. Knight introduced Kara Zahariades, a Desert Foothills student, and Sydney Knight, a former Sunburst and Sweetwater student, who shared their K-6 Cross County experience and how it had impacted them. They gave a brief history of the program and presented two 2011 Cross Country videos. The students were presented with certificates and water bottles.

Dr. Cook acknowledged Roseanne Knight for her efforts and hard work for the students and the District.

H. Special Recognition

- Dr. Cook advised the Board that the District was fortunate to have one of its teachers named as a Rodel Exemplary Teacher (one of eight educators in Maricopa County and 13 statewide). Dr. Cook introduced Tim Fountain, Principal at Manzanita Elementary School who, in turn, honored his first grade teacher, Daniele Prusinski.
- Dr. Cook advised the Board that the District had a “Hero in the Classroom” selected by the Arizona Cardinals and University of Phoenix program. Dr. Cook introduced Ann Roberts, Principal at Maryland School who, in turn, honored her third grade teacher, Jerry Frost.
- Dr. Cook advised the Board that the District had an “MVP in the Classroom” selected by the Arizona Cardinals and University of Phoenix program. Dr. Cook introduced Perry Mason, Principal at Mountain Sky Junior High School who, in turn, honored his technology teacher, Jonette Steele.

Each honoree was presented with a certificate.

I. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

J. Approval of the Consent Agenda

UNANIMOUS

Mr. Jahneke requested that Item *II.C.1. – Public Gifts and Donations (North Phoenix Kiwanis donated a check in the amount of \$14,735.94 from the Walk-a-Thon fundraising project [75% of the project] for the benefit of all students in the Washington Elementary School District.) be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Ms. Graziano requested that Items *II.F. – Designate Hearing Officers to Hear All Student Expulsions During 2012 and to Utilize Hearing Officers Qualified to Hold Expulsion Hearings and *II.J. – Memorandum of Understanding for Play Therapy Services with EBTIDE be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

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

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. North Phoenix Kiwanis donated a check in the amount of \$14,735.94 from the Walk-a-Thon fundraising project (75% of the project) for the benefit of all students in the Washington Elementary School District.

Dr. Cook acknowledged the North Phoenix Kiwanis President, Brian Nichols; North Phoenix Kiwanis Vice President, Bob Bidell; and Dorothy Watkins, WESD Administrator of Social Services and member of the North Phoenix Kiwanis, for attending the Governing Board meeting. She thanked them for their efforts to organize the Walk-a-Thon of which the District was a beneficiary.

Ms. Graziano thanked the North Phoenix Kiwanis for the donation. She also thanked the staff and students who participated in the event and made it a success.

Mr. Jahneke moved that the Governing Board approve Consent Item *II.C.1. as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

UNANIMOUS

2. Atlasta Catering donated food with an approximate value of \$1,200.00 for the Academic Support Programs holiday dinner for staff appreciation.
3. Ear Candy Non-Profit Music Organization donated instruments with an approximate value of \$1,000.00 for the benefit of music students at Chaparral Elementary School.
4. Ear Candy Non-Profit Music Organization donated instruments with an approximate value of \$1,500.00 for the benefit of music students at Ironwood Elementary School.
5. Ear Candy Non-Profit Music Organization donated instruments with an approximate value of \$1,500.00 for the benefit of music students at Sunnyslope School.
6. Campos Creative School Portraits donated a commission check in the amount of \$527.00 for the benefit of students at Ironwood Elementary School.
7. Mr. Bill King donated a golf cart with an approximate value of \$2,200.00 for the benefit of staff at John Jacobs Elementary School.
8. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church donated boxed Thanksgiving dinners with an approximate value of \$1,850.00 for the benefit of families in need in the Lakeview Elementary School community.
9. Mr. Ron Rhode donated 1,200 books with an approximate value of \$4,200.00 for the benefit of students at Maryland School.
10. We Care Foundation of Arizona donated a check in the amount of \$600.00 to be used to allow two student scholarships for six months to attend the Sub-Zero Before School Student Enrichment Program at Mountain Sky Junior High School.
11. Richard E. Miller Parent/Teacher Organization donated a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the proceeds of the Scholastic Book Fair to purchase new library books for the benefit of the students.

- *D. Out-of-State Travel** **UNANIMOUS**
 Approved the out-of-state travel as presented.
1. Sr. Raphael Quinn, Principal; Mrs. Diane Stein, Office Administrator; Mrs. Linda Fischetti, Teacher; and Mrs. Cynthia Amrhein, Teacher, Saint Simon and Jude School, to attend the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Conference, April 10-14, 2012, in Boston, MA, at a cost of \$8,425.00.
- *E. Annual Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase Agreements with the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative, Inc.** **UNANIMOUS**
- *F. Designate Hearing Officers to Hear All Student Expulsions During 2012 and to Utilize Hearing Officers Qualified to Hold Expulsion Hearings** **UNANIMOUS**
 Ms. Graziano asked if the Governing Board would receive notification of an expulsion hearing. Dr. Cook replied that expulsion hearings are very rare and the Board would be notified in the event there was an expulsion hearing scheduled.
- A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board designate a hearing officer to hear all student expulsion hearings during 2012 and approve the selection of Joe Negron, and where necessary, such other qualified hearing officers, as selected by the Superintendent, to hold expulsion hearings. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.
- *G. Resolution to Authorize Waiver of Service of Process** **UNANIMOUS**
- *H. Acceptance of the Lincoln GIVES, John C. Lincoln Health Network Employee Fund Grant in the Amount of \$3,150.00** **UNANIMOUS**
- *I. Memorandum of Understanding with Maricopa County Department of Public Health Office of Nutrition Services to Provide Nutrition Education** **UNANIMOUS**
- *J. Memorandum of Understanding for Play Therapy Services with EBTIDE** **UNANIMOUS**
 Ms. Graziano stated she was pleased that the District was able to receive this additional extension service for several of our schools. She felt it gave credibility and importance to the program since it is included in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Ms. Graziano stated that the Summary's Supporting Data referred to professional consultation services provided for the site and District staff, but is not noted on the Memorandum of Understanding procedures. Ms. Graziano asked if the staff would receive training. Ms. Dorothy Watkins advised that there would be ongoing consultation training on a weekly basis. Ms. Watkins stated that teachers receive an overview of the program at the beginning of the school year and EBTIDE is available on an as needed basis throughout the school year. Dr. Cook advised that the District has worked with the program for several years and has always received the necessary training, although it is not specified in the Memorandum of Understanding.
- A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with EBTIDE and authorize the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

III. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Graziano requested the following future Agenda items:

- Update for ASBA Annual Meeting attended by Mr. Adams, Ms. Graziano, and Mrs. Lambert
- Update for 3rd grade Move on When Reading Program
- Ms. Graziano mentioned the Washington Education Foundation (WEF) Bowl-a-Thon and the need for a team.

IV. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Ms. Graziano acknowledged that two WESD staff members were leaving for military service and thanked them for their service.

Mr. Jahneke thanked fellow Board members for allowing him to serve as Governing Board Vice President last year and reelecting him for 2012. He stated it had been a privilege and he had learned a lot about public education from fellow Board members.

Mr. Maza thanked fellow Board members for the nomination and election as Governing Board President for another year. Mr. Maza stated that the Board does important work and appreciated the confidence of the Board members for him to lead them.

Mrs. Lambert thanked Mr. Maza and Mr. Jahneke for accepting the leadership positions. She stated that they both did a great job last year and represented the Board well. She appreciated that they agreed to continue this year.

Dr. Cook thanked Mr. Maza and Mr. Jahneke for their work last year as Governing Board President and Vice President, respectively. She congratulated them on accepting the positions for this year and stated she looked forward to working with them.

Dr. Cook advised the Board that they were being given a framed picture of student artwork. Framed artwork was given to business community members at the WESD Business Advisory Team meeting and paid for by the Invest in Education! Political Action Committee (PAC). Dr. Cook stated that the majority of the expenses of the Business Advisory Team meeting was paid for through donations and by the Invest in Education! Political Action Committee (PAC).

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion **UNANIMOUS** was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary

Joyce Shiota
BOARD SECRETARY

1/26/12
DATE

Steve Jahneke
BOARD OFFICIAL

1-26-12
DATE