

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

2010-2011

October 14, 2010

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

Mrs. Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present: Mrs. Tee Lambert, Mr. Bill Adams, Ms. Clorinda Graziano, Mr. Aaron Jahneke, and Mr. Chris Maza.

B. Moment of Silence and Meditation

Mrs. Lambert called for a moment of silence and meditation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Lambert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maza. 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 September 23, 2010 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

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F. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent

Dr. Cook shared that she attended the 2010 Spotlight on Afterschool Awards of Excellence Luncheon with several District employees on October 13, 2010. Dr. Cook advised that Kathleen McKeever was one of three finalists for the Jane Romatzke Leadership Award and was pleased to announce that Ms. McKeever won the award. Ms. McKeever shared that it was an honor to receive the award, however, she felt that the honor was for the entire District and its employees.

G. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

H. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approved and ratified the vouchers as presented.

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***B. Personnel Items**

Approved the personnel items as presented.

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***C. Public Gifts and Donations**

Approved the public gifts and donations as presented.

1. Gardner's Book Service donated books for Gardner's Story Box and a monthly publication in cooperation with Book Pals with an approximate value of \$1,635.64 for the Academic Services Department for the benefit of students in the District.
2. W. Scott Donaldson donated a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the Communication Services Department to be used for student recognition – SUPER Kids.
3. Schmitt Jewelers donated two watches with an approximate value of \$350.00 for the Communication Services Department to be used to support the District's United Way campaign..
4. Betty's Kids donated a video camera, video pack disk, camcorder pack disk and flash memory card with an approximate value of \$370.00 to support the use of brain gym and energizers during physical education for the benefit of students at Desert View School.
5. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona donated a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for participation in the Walk On! Good Health Club pilot program to be used for the benefit of students at Ironwood Elementary School.
6. Target donated a Take Charge of Education rebate check in the amount of \$352.65 for the benefit of students at John Jacobs Elementary School.
7. Nancy Markiewicz donated school supplies and instructional materials with an approximate value of \$2,053.00 for the benefit of staff and students at John Jacobs Elementary School.
8. Thornburg Investment Management donated an employee matching contribution check in the amount of \$1,600.00 to be used for student materials and instructional aids for the benefit of students at Lookout Mountain Elementary School.
9. Richard E. Miller Parent Teacher Organization donated a check in the amount of \$302.75 to assist with after-school program costs for the benefit of students at Richard E. Miller Elementary School.
10. Tamara Faulkner and Kim Garcia donated school and classroom supplies with an approximate value of \$1,200.00 for the benefit of students at Roadrunner Elementary School.
11. Hungry Howie's Pizza donated 300 reward certificates with an approximate value of \$1,500.00 for the benefit of students in the before-school and after-school programs at Sahuaro Elementary School.
12. Barbara Trubl donated an alto saxophone, trombone and clarinet with an approximate value of \$900.00 for the benefit of band students at Sahuaro Elementary School.
13. Target donated a Take Charge of Education rebate check in the amount of \$443.93 for the benefit of students at Shaw Butte Elementary School.

- *D. Out-of-County/State Field Trips UNANIMOUS
1. John Vasey, Elizabeth Gonzales, and Stacy Darling, Orangewood School, has submitted out-of-county/state field trip requests to the Marine Discovery Workshop, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ and Biosphere 2, Oracle, AZ, November 10, 17, and 30, 2010, for 6th grade students at a cost of \$3,810.00.
 2. Leah Esmont, Washington Elementary School, has submitted out-of-county/state field trip requests to the Marine Discovery Workshop, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ and Biosphere 2, Oracle, AZ, November 16 and 18, 2010, for 6th grade students at a cost of \$2,584.00.
- *E. Annual Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase Agreements with the Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures (SAVE) UNANIMOUS
- *F. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, Juvenile Probation Department UNANIMOUS
- *G. Memorandum of Understanding with Communities in Schools Arizona and Cardinals Charities on Behalf of Arizona Cardinals Preparatory Academy UNANIMOUS
- *H. Affiliation Agreement to Provide Meals to Gomper's Habilitation Center UNANIMOUS
- *I. Acceptance of E-rate Funds UNANIMOUS
- *J. Submission of the First Things First North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council Grant on Behalf of the District in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000.00 per Year up to Three Years UNANIMOUS
- *K. Salt River Project (SRP) Solar for Schools Application UNANIMOUS

III. RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR PUBLIC HEARING

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Call for Public Hearing: Bond and Capital Projects Update

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Cathy Thompson who advised that the District is required by statute to hold a public meeting between September 1 and October 31 to provide an update of the progress of capital improvements financed through a bond. Ms. Thompson stated that capital improvement projects were funded by a school improvement bond that was authorized by voters in 2001 for \$64 million with final proceeds received in 2007. Ms. Thompson advised that all of the originally planned projects have been completed and awaiting final payments. Ms. Thompson reviewed additional funding sources used for the projects, reconciliation reports, projects completed in 2009-2010, and the Capital Plan.

Mrs. Lambert asked if the Capital Plan was filed with the State or an internal plan. Ms. Thompson responded that the Capital Plan is the District's internal plan.

There were no questions from the public.

V. RECESSING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULAR MEETING

VI. RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING

VII. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Approval to Publish the 2009-2010 Annual Financial Report

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Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Cathy Thompson who provided information regarding the current Annual Financial Report (AFR). Ms. Thompson reviewed the AFR and pointed out that the expenditures for the Maintenance and Operations Fund were approximately \$10 million less for 2010 than 2009. She advised that the Utilities usage was approximately \$600,000 less than the prior year which was due to the District's commitment for energy cost savings. Ms. Thompson stated that the Unrestricted and Soft Capital spent was \$3.5 million less than the previous year due to the State reducing the District's budget by \$3.5 million.

Ms. Thompson advised the Board that the District did a good job in the previous year of educating students with \$15-\$18 million less revenue which was a credit to the District's employees.

Mr. Jahneke asked about the item regarding a prior year refund. Ms. Thompson replied that if the District receives a refund from a prior year expenditure, it is posted as a revenue code (cash available) to be used to offset taxes. The District could not get budget capacity back for the refund because the expenditure was reported the previous year.

Board members thanked Ms. Thompson for the information provided.

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board accept the 2009-2010 Annual Financial Report and direct the publication and filing of the report as required by law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maza. The motion carried.

B. Contract with A Blanket of Hope, Inc., d/b/a Brighten A Life, for Construction of Green Schoolhouse Projects at Roadrunner Elementary School and Orangewood School

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Dr. Cook advised the Board that she was pleased to bring the Green Schoolhouse contract to the Board. She stated that the contract had been under negotiation for several months.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board approve the contract with A Blanket of Hope, Inc., d/b/a Brighten A Life, for construction of Green Schoolhouse Projects at Roadrunner Elementary School and Orangewood School. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

C. Temporary Suspension of Policy BGB – Policy Adoption and Approval of Amended Policies BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest, DJE – Bidding/Purchasing Procedures and GBEAA – Staff Conflict of Interest

Dr. Cook advised the Board that recent changes by the Legislature, the State Board of Education and the Auditor General were now legally effective involving the threshold amounts for competitive bids/requests for proposals, written quotes, verbal quotes, vendor relationships and other procurement practices. ASBA Policies Services had recommended that the Governing Board take expedited action to revise applicable Policies and Regulations because of the significance of the laws and rules controlling these purchasing decisions.

A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board temporarily suspend Policy BGB and the requirement to have two readings of any Policy revisions before adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

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Ms. Graziano further moved that the Governing Board approve amended Policies BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest, DJE – Bidding/Purchasing Procedures and GBAAA – Staff Conflict of Interest at this first reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maza. The motion carried.

VIII. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2010 Accountability Update – Assessment Report: Part One

Dr. Cook advised the Board that Ms. Janet Sullivan would provide the 2009-2010 Accountability results which was Part One of a three-part assessment report that focused on the accountability results based upon the State assessment results. Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that Arizona has a dual accountability system with *No Child Left Behind* at the federal level which measures Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and AZ LEARNS Achievement Profiles. Both of the accountability measures are based on Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test data which was for grades 3-8 in our District. Ms. Sullivan reviewed the components of Arizona's dual accountability system and the status of the schools and District related to each. She advised the Board of the District's Corrective Action status as at the District level AYP was not met. Mrs. Sullivan explained the criteria and identified the areas in which the annual measurable objectives (AMO) were missed.

Mr. Jahneke made an observation that three of the five schools not meeting AYP status were at the middle school level. Ms. Sullivan replied that the special education subgroup was larger than 40 students at three of the middle schools, therefore, it counted for that school and the reason why that school did not meet AYP status.

Ms. Graziano congratulated Shaw Butte, Sunnyslope, and Maryland schools for meeting AYP this year. Ms. Graziano praised the District for having 14 Nos (less than 10%) out of 216 categories for meeting AMOs Yes/No.

Ms. Graziano asked if it was going to be difficult next year because the percent of meeting one year's growth had been increased this year. Ms. Sullivan replied that it will be difficult for many of the schools and subgroups. She advised that the Safe Harbor provision may be of help with the 10% improvement, especially in math.

Mrs. Lambert was pleased with the Assessment Report and the status of the schools and the District. She thanked the District for its focus and assistance to meet the needs of the schools and students to improve student achievement.

B. Trust Board Update

Mr. Maza and Mr. Shumway reported that Mr. John Coyle from The Segal Company conducted a study session where he presented information and assisted in identifying and discussing options, e.g., Health Savings Account. They reported that all the Trusts were healthy.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

X. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Ms. Graziano thanked the following schools for their beautiful artwork displayed in the Governing Board Room: Acacia, Manzanita, Richard E. Miller, Roadrunner, and Sunburst schools.

Mrs. Lambert acknowledged the staff for their efforts when looking for missing children. She thanked everyone involved for their dedication and hard work in looking for the missing children until they are found.

Dr. Cook acknowledged Lisa Parker, kindergarten teacher at Alta Vista, who was recognized by Office Max as a Day Made Better award recipient. Lisa was surprised by Office Max staff when they delivered many donations to her classroom. In addition to the Office Max staff, she had guests doing observations, and the hail storm occurred. Lisa did a fabulous job keeping the kindergarten children focused and calm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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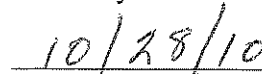
A motion was made by Mr. Adams to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maza. The motion carried.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

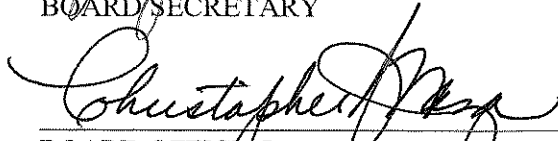
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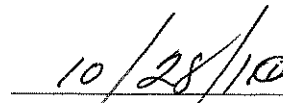
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