

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

2010-2011

May 26, 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 7:01 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 Mrs. Lambert that the Governing Board adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

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E. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried. Mr. Adams abstained from the vote for the Executive Session minutes.

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F. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent

Mr. Adams shared that he enjoyed attending the Invest in Education! Golf Tournament. He thanked Ms. Sandy Mendez Benson and her team for their efforts in making the event fun and entertaining.

Mr. Jahneke shared that he enjoyed attending Moon Mountain's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Ms. Graziano shared that she enjoyed attending the WESD Retirement Reception. She thanked Carol Donaldson and her team for the wonderful event.

Mr. Graziano thanked the following art teachers for providing their personal artwork displayed in the Board Room:

- Suzanne Bednarz – Manzanita Elementary School
- Rose Swarts – Shaw Butte Elementary School
- Linda Duncan – Abraham Lincoln Traditional School
- Carolyn Naylor – Tumbleweed Elementary School
- Sharon Swarts – Lookout Mountain Elementary School

All of the Board members shared that they enjoyed participating in the 8th grade promotion ceremonies. They stated that the events were wonderful and very heartwarming. Mr. Maza shared that he enjoyed sharing the dais with former Governing Board President, Ms. Bev Kraft, at Orangewood School's promotion ceremony.

Dr. Cook thanked the Board members for participating in the promotion ceremonies. She stated that she was proud that there was a Board member at every promotion ceremony in the District.

G. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

H. Special Recognition

Dr. Cook recognized and congratulated the teachers who received the Outstanding Middle Level Educators of the Year Award from the Arizona Middle Level Association: Carron Myres, Sweetwater School, accompanied by Principal Luanne Herman; Carlos Martinez, Royal Palm Middle School, accompanied by Principal Lenny Hoover; and Kirsten Dukeshier, Mountain Sky Junior High School, accompanied by Principal Perry Mason. Dr. Cook also recognized Gwen Hogan from Sweetwater School who was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Cook stated that this was a special award because it was a state-wide recognition award and the teachers were nominated by their peers and superiors for their outstanding contributions.

I. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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Ms. Graziano requested that Item *II.D. – Submission of the School Safety Program Grant on Behalf of the District in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,724,373.00; Item *II.F. – Proposed Governing Board Meeting Dates for the 2011-2012 School Year; and Item *II.H. – First Reading of Proposed Amended Board Policy JFB – Open Enrollment be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board approve the remaining Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. 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**

UNANIMOUS

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. The Abraham Lincoln Traditional School Guild donated 90 Science workbooks with a value of \$387.00 to be used for the benefit of 3rd grade students.

2. The Abraham Lincoln Traditional School Guild donated keyboard headphones with a value of \$408.43 to be used for the benefit of music students.

3. Fry's Food Stores donated a check in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for the benefit of students at Desert Foothills Junior High School.

4. Carol Norris and Brian Vance donated computers with an approximate value of \$825.00 to be used for the benefit of students and staff in the Washington Elementary School District.
5. The Ocotillo Bulldog Parent/Teacher Organization donated a check in the amount of \$3,276.98 to be used to purchase projectors and SMART Boards for the benefit of students at Ocotillo Elementary School.
6. Kroger donated a check in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for the benefit of students at Mountain View School.

***D. Submission of the School Safety Program Grant on Behalf of the District in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,724,373.00 UNANIMOUS**

Ms. Graziano asked if this was a new grant or a continuation of a grant. Dr. Cook advised that the District had a School Resource Officers (SRO) grant several years ago, but did not receive funding the last time the District applied. Dr. Cook stated that a lot of time and effort had been put into this grant submission and was hopeful it would be successful.

A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board approve submission of the Arizona Department of Education School Safety Program grant on behalf of the District in an amount not to exceed \$1,724,373.00 and authorize the Superintendent to sign all necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. The motion carried.

***E. Signatories for General Statement of Assurance UNANIMOUS**

***F. Proposed Governing Board Meeting Dates for the 2011-2012 School Year 4-1 AYE**

Ms. Graziano asked if it would be necessary to schedule a meeting before the start of school on August 15, 2011 to approve the hiring of new employees. Dr. Cook advised that it had been prior practice to have a special telephonic Board meeting to approve the new hires.

Ms. Graziano asked to move the November 10, 2011 Board meeting to November 17, 2011 because of parent/teacher conferences.

Ms. Graziano asked that the verbiage regarding Board meetings be updated on the WESD website.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board adopt the proposed schedule of Governing Board meeting dates for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried 4-1 aye. Ms. Graziano voted nay.

***G. First Reading of Proposed Board Policy IHBHD – Online/Concurrent/ Correspondence Courses UNANIMOUS**

***H. First Reading of Proposed Amended Board Policy JFB – Open Enrollment**

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Ms. Graziano referred to the first paragraph under Admission Standards and asked if the District strictly enforces the following statement: “A pupil who has been expelled by any school district in this state or who is not in compliance with a condition of disciplinary action imposed by any other school or school district or with a condition imposed by the juvenile court shall not be admitted.” Dr. Cook advised that there had been instances when a WESD school did not know that the student had been expelled from another District or the other District did not provide the information when asked. It was suggested to change “shall” to “may” for the Second Reading.

Ms. Graziano referred to the first and fourth bullet points under Enrollment Criteria for Continuing Students and asked if an open enrollment student “engaged in misconduct” or had “a record of excessive absences, truancy and/or tardy arrival to school”, would he/she be allowed to remain for the entire school year. Dr. Cook, Dr. Bailey, and Mr. Shumway advised that the District complies with the State law that the student remains for the full school year. The only exception would be if the student was expelled.

Ms. Graziano stated that the second bullet under Capacity should read: “The estimate of existing capacity shall also take into consideration” and that the “s” should be removed from “considerations”.

A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board approve the First Reading of Proposed Amended Board Policy JFB – Open Enrollment with amendments made at the table (“shall” changed to “may” and the “s” deleted from “considerations”). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

***I. First Reading of Proposed Amended Board Policy JFAB – Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students**

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***J. First Reading of Proposed Amended Board Policy JHD – Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance (Chronic Health Conditions)**

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III. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

IV. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. Adams acknowledged that he had been selected for the ASBA 2011 Credentials Committee and will attend the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Delegate Assembly on June 25, 2011.

Mr. Adams acknowledged the retirees and the staff for their efforts during the school year.

Mr. Adams stated that he attended a Town Hall meeting and acknowledged Doreen Zannis of SOSAz for her participation on the panel. Mr. Adams acknowledged all of the panel members for a job well done.

Mr. Jahneke acknowledged the retirees and thanked them for their dedicated service.

Ms. Graziano acknowledged the faculty and staff and congratulated them for another successful year. She thanked them for keeping students as their top priority.

Mrs. Lambert thanked the employees for a good school year keeping in mind the best interests for the children.

Mr. Maza acknowledged that the Education Week had an article regarding National Education Association's (NEA) position on teacher evaluations. The article stated that teachers wrote the policy and Mr. Maza advised he served on the committee that wrote the policy.

Mr. Maza acknowledged the very informative webinar regarding changes to the teacher evaluation in the State of Arizona. He thanked the Arizona Department of Education for their work which provided framework for districts to utilize.

V. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Call for Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 – A.3 and A.4

It was recommended that the Governing Board establish an Executive Session to be held immediately during a recess in the Regular Meeting for:

- A.3 and A.4 – Discussion or consultations with the attorney or attorneys for the public body for legal advice and in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation – specifically regarding bond improvement contract issues.

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A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke to call for an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

VI. RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – GENERAL FUNCTION

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Governing Board members present: Mr. Chris Maza, Ms. Clorinda Graziano, Mr. Aaron Jahneke, and Mrs. Tee Lambert. Mr. Bill Adams recused himself from the Executive Session due to a conflict of interest.

B. Confidentiality Statement

All persons present are hereby reminded that it is unlawful to disclose or otherwise divulge to any person who is not now present, other than a current member of the Board, anything that has transpired or has been discussed during this executive session. To do so is a violation of ARS 38-431.03 unless pursuant to a specific statutory exception.

C. Discussion under A.R.S. §38-431.03 – A.3 and A.4

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VIII. RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lambert to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried 4-0. Mr. Adams was absent for the Adjournment.

4-0 AYE

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary

Joyce Shiota
BOARD SECRETARY

6/9/11
DATE

Steve Jabre
BOARD OFFICIAL

06-09-11
DATE