

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING, EXECUTIVE SESSION, REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

2010-2011

March 10, 2011

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

I. SPECIAL MEETING – GENERAL FUNCTION

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Maza called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present: Mr. Chris Maza, Mr. Bill Adams, Ms. Clorinda Graziano, and Mr. Aaron Jahneke. Mrs. Tee Lambert was not in attendance.

B. Adoption of the Special Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to adopt the Special Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

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II. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

UNANIMOUS

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

- A.3 – Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body regarding Policy issues.

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

III. RECESSING OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – GENERAL FUNCTION

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

- A.3 – Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body regarding Policy issues.

V. RECONVENING OF SPECIAL MEETING

VI. RECESSING OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2011

VII. 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, and Mr. Aaron Jahneke. Mrs. Tee Lambert was not in attendance.

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. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

UNANIMOUS

E. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent

Mr. Adams shared that he enjoyed visiting Sahuaro Elementary School during retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's presentation to 6th grade students. He thanked the staff for a phenomenal experience.

Mr. Adams shared that he enjoyed attending the WESD Employee Wellness Fair on March 9, 2011. He stated there were over 800 attendees and thanked the vendors for participating in the event.

Mr. Jahneke shared that he had fun reading to students at Sunburst and Washington schools for the Read Across America event on March 2, 2011. He thanked the teachers and schools for allowing him to read to students in several classrooms.

Ms. Graziano thanked everyone involved in organizing the successful Read Across America event and appreciated the District's participation every year to promote reading.

Ms. Graziano thanked everyone involved with the successful WESD Employee Wellness Fair on March 9, 2011. She mentioned that not only was everyone interested in their overall health, but there was competitive spirit among the teams as well.

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

- Abraham Lincoln Traditional School
- Maryland School
- Mountain View School
- Orangewood School
- Sunnyslope School
- Sweetwater School

Ms. Graziano shared that March is "Music in our Schools" month. She acknowledged the students, music teachers, and classroom teachers for their time and effort in making it possible to have the following events:

- Sunnyslope Area Strings Festival
- Royal Palm Area Strings Festival
- Maryland Area Band Festival
- Royal Palm Area Band Festival
- District Honor Orchestra

- Palo Verde Regional Choir
- Desert Foothills Regional Band
- Royal Palm Regional Choir
- 5th and 6th Grade District Choir
- Mountain Sky Regional Band
- Cholla Regional Band
- Palo Verde Regional Strings
- Royal Palm 7th and 8th Grade Honor Choir
- Mountain Sky Regional Strings
- 5th and 6th Grade District Honor Band
- Desert Foothills Regional Strings

Mr. Maza shared that he enjoyed reading to four classrooms at Tumbleweed Elementary School for the Read Across America event on March 2, 2011. He thanked the WDEA and District staff for the well organized event.

F. Public Participation

There was public participation. The following people spoke in opposition to Sheriff Joe Arpaio visiting WESD school campuses: Dr. S. Herrera, Ms. L. Olea, Mr. J. Martinez, Ms. M. Arenas, and Mr. Tupac Enriquez.

G. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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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.

VIII. 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. Linda Corderman donated 32 books with a value of \$610.50 to be used as incentives for the Read Across America Celebration.
2. Honeywell International Charity Matching donated a check in the amount of \$300.42 for the benefit of students at Ironwood Elementary School.

***D. Out-of-County/State Field Trips**

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Approved the out-of-county/state field trips as presented.

1. Dianna Bonney, Orangewood School, submitted an out-of-county/state field trip request to Camp Colley, Coconino National Forest, AZ, for 6th - 8th grade students at no cost to the District.

IX. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review of Employee Benefits Trust Recommendation and Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Employee Benefits Plan Funding Level for 2011-2012

3-0 AYE

Mr. Rex Shumway reviewed the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Trust Board (EBT) for the proposed Employee Benefits Plan for 2011-2012. He stated that the EBT took into consideration the Governing Board's direction, as well as the Administration's recommendation.

Ms. Graziano asked if there were plan changes to the EPO plan, as well as the PPO plan. Mr. Shumway responded that there would be no plan changes to the EPO plan. The only change to the EPO plan was the increased employee cost.

Ms. Graziano asked if the annual deductible paid by an employee was included in the annual out-of-pocket maximum amount. Mr. Shumway will get clarification and advise the Board of his findings.

Mr. Maza thanked the Health Insurance Committee and the EBT for their efforts and due diligence.

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the proposed Employee Benefits Plan for 2011-2012 as provided in the recommendation from the Employee Benefits Trust and as recommended by the Administration, including the contribution rates as described in the Monthly Contribution Rates for July 2011 through June 2012. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. Mr. Adams recused himself from the discussion and the vote due to a conflict of interest. The motion carried 3-0 Aye.

X. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Capital and Bond Implementation Plan Update

Dr. Cook stated that the Governing Board approved a contract with H2 Group to assist the District with an implementation plan and project management for the recently approved bond authorization. Dr. Cook advised that she, along with Ms. Cathy Thompson and Mr. Mike Kramer, has had several meetings with Mr. Jeff Cook and Mr. Paul Hartley from H2 Group to review project needs.

Mr. Jeff Cook from H2 Group provided an update of the bond implementation plan.

Mr. Jahneke thanked Mr. Cook for his presentation and asked for clarification regarding Pupil Transportation. Mr. Cook advised that \$3,000,000.00 of the bond authorization will be used to purchase buses. Ms. Thompson stated that 15 buses have been ordered.

Ms. Graziano asked if there would be an opportunity for school staff to provide input during the design phase of a project. Mr. Cook responded that during the first part of the programming phase, he will collect data and then meet with site administrators and staff. He stated that the public will also have an opportunity to provide input.

Mr. Maza thanked Mr. Cook for the information provided.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

XII. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. Cook acknowledged the efforts of everyone involved with the WESD Employee Wellness Fair held on March 9, 2011, that was well attended and a huge success. She acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of Connie Parmenter, committee chairperson, and her team made up of people from every department and many schools. Dr. Cook appreciated the efforts of Bill Meyers, physical education (P.E.) teacher at Shaw Butte Elementary School, who organized all of the physical activities. She also thanked all of the P.E. teachers who assisted with the physical activities during the event. Dr. Cook thanked the vendors who attended, as well as the committee members who solicited their participation. Dr. Cook thanked Governing Board members Ms. Graziano and Mr. Adams for attending the Wellness Fair.

Mr. Maza acknowledged and thanked Karen Duncan from the Arizona Education Association (AEA) for attending the Governing Board meeting.

XIII. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Call for Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 – A.5 and A.R.S. §38-431.03 – A.1 **UNANIMOUS**

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

- A.5 – Discussions or consultations with the designated representative of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedule, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body – specifically regarding the 2011 Interest-based Negotiation (IBN) process.
- A.1 – Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting – specifically regarding the quarterly evaluation of the Superintendent.

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

XIV. RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – GENERAL FUNCTION

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C. Discussion under A.R.S. §38-431.03 – A.5

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D. Discussion under A.R.S. §38-431.03 – A.1

- A.1 – Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting – specifically regarding the quarterly evaluation of the Superintendent.

XVI. RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:55 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

4/14/11
DATE

Alan Jahneke
BOARD OFFICIAL

04-14-11
DATE