

# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

2010-2011

February 24, 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 Mr. Adams 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. Adams that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2011 Special Meeting –Study Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

**UNANIMOUS**

#### **F. Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session (Confidential). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

**UNANIMOUS**

#### **G. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent**

Mr. Adams shared that he visited Cactus Wren Elementary School and enjoyed visiting with the principal and staff. He enjoyed the Information Technology (IT) presentation given to the staff and thanked all IT personnel for their expertise and work that they do.

Mr. Adams shared that he recently saw Mr. Art Othon, former Washington Elementary School District Board member, who sent his regards to the staff. Mr. Adams thanked him for his dedication and service to the District.

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

- John Jacobs Elementary School – Anniversary Celebration and Parade
- Arroyo Elementary School – VIP Lunch
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade District Honor Band Rehearsals – thanked teachers for allowing her to attend
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Band and Honor Orchestra Rehearsals – thanked teachers for allowing her to attend

Mr. Maza reminded Board members to send thank you notes for the calendars received from the Lookout Mountain students in Mrs. Sauer's art class.

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Mr. Maza acknowledged his family members visiting from Orland Park, IL. One of the guests was a retiree from a school district in Illinois.

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Maria Farmer, principal of Desert View Elementary School, who, in turn, introduced 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, Xavier Gonzales, his family, and his teacher, Ms. Karen Tryon. Xavier demonstrated a mathematics concept by solving a word problem in two different ways, using the matrix system and partial products. Xavier was presented with a certificate, mathematics book, a pencil holder, a ruler, calculator and pencils.

**H. Special Recognition**

- Dr. Cook recognized the students' hard work and preparation for the District and Regional Spelling Bees. Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Natalie McWhorter, Director of Curriculum, who congratulated the District and Regional Spelling Bee winners. Ms. McWhorter thanked the parents and principals for their support. The students were presented with a certificate.

**I. Public Participation**

There was public participation. Ms. Pat MacArthur, principal of Arroyo Elementary School, thanked the District for its support during her 19 year career.

**J. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

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**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approved and ratified the vouchers as presented.

**UNANIMOUS**

**\*B. Personnel Items**

Approved the personnel items as presented.

**UNANIMOUS**

**\*C. Public Gifts and Donations**

Approved the public gifts and donations as presented.

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1. Orangewood PTA donated a shade structure with a value of \$6,285.55 for the benefit of students at Orangewood School.
2. The Tumbleweed Class of 2010-2011 donated a comb binding machine with a value of \$412.00 for the benefit of students and teachers at Tumbleweed Elementary School.
3. Brett and Shawwna Neseth donated a xylophone and bongo drums with a value of \$498.00 for the benefit of students at Chaparral Elementary School.
4. Great Skate donated 160 guest passes (five per school) with a value of \$960.00 to be used as incentives for the Read Across America Celebration.
5. Washington Education Foundation donated 96 Barnes & Noble gift cards (three per school) with a value of \$480.00 to be used as incentives for the Read Across America Celebration.

6. Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co. donated a commission check in the amount of \$591.00 to be used toward yearbook printing costs for the benefit of students at Lakeview Elementary School

**\*D. Annual Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase Agreements with the Greater Phoenix Purchasing Consortium of Schools (GPPCS) and Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures (SAVE)** UNANIMOUS

**\*E. Authorization to Issue RFQ No. 10.018, Sports Officials** UNANIMOUS

**\*F. Acceptance of E-rate Funds** UNANIMOUS

**\*G. Acceptance of the Arizona Community Foundation Grant in the Amount of \$673.00 and the First Things First Grant in the Amount of \$365,342.32** 4-0 AYE

Mr. Adams recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

**\*H. Collaborative Partner Agreement with Arizona Kith and Kin Project** UNANIMOUS

### **III. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Review of 2009-2010 Single Audit**

Dr. Cook advised the Board that they are provided findings from the Single Audit each year. Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Cathy Thompson who, in turn, introduced Mr. Dennis Osuch from the auditing firm of LarsonAllen. Mr. Osuch presented a summary of the audit that was conducted on activity during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Mr. Osuch thanked Ms. Thompson and LeeAnn Gallagher, Internal Auditor for the District, for their hard work and assistance during the audit.

#### **B. Report Regarding Federal Relations Network**

Governing Board Member, Tee Lambert, provided a report about the Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference held in Washington, D.C., on February 6-8, 2011. Mrs. Lambert reported that the National School Boards Association (NSBA) was focused on talking to congressional leaders regarding the following:

- ESEA Reauthorization
- Increased IDEA Funding
- Building Relationships
- Flexibility

Mrs. Lambert stated she requested email updates regarding legislation associated with education which she will forward to Dr. Cook to be forwarded to Board members.

Board members thanked Mrs. Lambert for representing the District at the FRN Conference.

### **IV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

### **V. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

There were no acknowledgments.

**VI. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

A.5 – Discussion 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 Board’s interests for the 2011 Interest-based Negotiation (IBN) process.

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

**VII. RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – GENERAL FUNCTION**

**A. Call to Order and Roll Call**

All Board members were in attendance.

**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.5**

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**IX. RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:17 p.m. The motion **UNANIMOUS** was seconded by Mr. Adams. The motion carried.

**SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS**

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary

Joyce Shiota  
BOARD SECRETARY

2/10/11  
DATE

Allen Jahneke  
BOARD OFFICIAL

03-10-2011  
DATE