

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING, EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND
REGULAR MEETING

2010-2011

January 13, 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

Mrs. Lambert called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Adoption of the Special Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to adopt the Special Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maza. 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.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 Ms. Graziano. 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.5

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V. RECESSING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2011

VI. REGULAR MEETING – GENERAL FUNCTION

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mrs. Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Organization of the Board

Mrs. Lambert reviewed the duties of the President and Vice President. Mrs. Lambert asked for nominations for the position of President of the Washington Elementary School District Governing Board. Mr. Adams nominated Mr. Chris Maza as Governing Board President. Mr. Maza accepted the nomination and stated his reasons for wanting the position. 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.

Mr. Maza asked for nominations for the position of Governing Board Vice President. A motion was made by Ms. Graziano to nominate Mr. Aaron Jahneke for Vice President of the Washington Elementary School District Governing Board. Mr. Adams, Ms. Graziano, Mr. Jahneke, Mrs. Lambert, and Mr. Maza voted aye for Mr. Jahneke. Mr. Jahneke was elected Governing Board Vice President by a 5-0 vote.

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 Mrs. Lambert to adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

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F. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2010 Regular Meeting and Executive Session (Confidential). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

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G. Current Events: Governing Board and Superintendent

Mr. Adams shared that he enjoyed visiting the principal and staff at Sunburst Elementary School. Mr. Adams stated that they have a wonderful campus and morale is high.

Mr. Adams shared that he enjoyed attending the ABEC Annual Legislative Connection Luncheon on January 12, 2011, with Dr. Susan J. Cook, Superintendent, Dr. Lyn Bailey, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, and Ms. Janet Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services. Mr. Adams advised there were a large number of legislators and superintendents in attendance.

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

- Alta Vista Elementary School – Music Program
- Sunset Elementary School – Holiday Band/Strings Concert
- John Jacobs Elementary School – Band/Strings Winter Concert
- PLC Meeting for instrumental music teachers
- Washington Elementary School District Annual Spelling Bee

Ms. Graziano shared that she enjoyed attending the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Annual Conference on December 15-17, 2010, which was very informative.

Ms. Graziano thanked the following schools for sending their artwork to be displayed in the Board Room: Arroyo, Ocotillo, Washington, Sahuaro and Desert View Elementary Schools.

Ms. Graziano shared that she enjoyed reading the BEGIN newsletter, as well as all of the school newsletters.

Mrs. Lambert wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Maza also wished everyone a Happy New Year and acknowledged Mrs. Bev Kraft, former Washington Elementary School District Governing Board member and past president, who was in attendance.

Mr. Maza thanked the District for providing security for the Governing Board meetings, especially in light of the recent incident at a Florida Governing Board meeting.

Dr. Cook acknowledged Mrs. Lambert for her leadership of the Governing Board the past two years and presented her with a token of appreciation, a personalized gavel, from the Governing Board members and Administration.

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Janet Sullivan, who in turn introduced Ms. Joy Metcalf, 8th grade teacher at the Cardinals Academy. Ms. Metcalf introduced Ms. Jo Ann Brass, Program Coach, her students, Michael Perez and his father, Miguel Perez, and Monica Gonzales and her mother, Renee Gonzales. The students used algebra tiles, a math manipulative tool, to visually represent mathematical concepts. Michael and Monica were presented with a certificate, mathematics book, and a pencil holder with a ruler, calculator and pencils.

H. **Special Recognition**

Dr. Cook recognized Bindika Darjee, a refugee from Bhutan and a 6th grade student at Maryland School. Bindika was selected as one of the ELL Student Success Stories in Arizona and honored at the OELAS Conference on December 10, 2010. Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Sue Brown, Assistant Principal at Maryland School. Ms. Brown introduced Bindika, her mother and sisters, Principal Ann Roberts, and Bindika's teacher, Ms. Vermilion. Ms. Zlata Kovacevic, Refugee Coordinator, provided a brief family history. Bindika received a certificate and a book.

I. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

J. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Ms. Graziano requested that Item *VII.H. – Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Amended Board Policies GBB – Staff Involvement in Decision Making and GCU – Professional Staff Memberships in Professional Organizations (Dues-Paying Employee Organizations) be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

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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.

VII. **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** **UNANIMOUS**
 Approved the public gifts and donations as presented.
1. The Green Schoolhouse Series donated a gift card to Toys R Us with a value of \$810.00 for the benefit of students and their families at Orangewood School.
 2. The Green Schoolhouse Series donated a gift card to Toys R Us with a value of \$810.00 for the benefit of students and their families at Roadrunner School.
 3. Rodel Charitable Foundation donated a check in the amount of \$6,040.00 to be used for the MAC-Ro Math Program assemblies and student incentives for the benefit of participating students at Desert View, Mountain View, Shaw Butte, and Sunnyslope Schools.
 4. John C. Lincoln Health Network and the Lincoln GIVES Committee donated a check in the amount of \$2,925.00 to fund the Student of the Month recognition program at Sunnyslope School.
 5. The medical staff at John C. Lincoln Hospital donated a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used for the benefit of students at Sunnyslope School.
 6. Washington Education Foundation donated a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used for the benefit of students and teachers at Royal Palm Middle School as a result of Royal Palm contributing the most donations per capita to United Way.
 7. The Phoenix Suns donated tickets with a value of \$688.75 for eighth grade students at Palo Verde Middle School.
 8. Stacy Wieser donated a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used for the benefit of students at Orangewood School and Palo Verde Middle School.
- *D. Out-of-County/State Field Trips** **UNANIMOUS**
 Approved the out-of-county/state field trips as presented.
1. Barbara Newman, Mountain Sky Junior High School, submitted an out-of-county/state field trip request to Marana High School, Tucson, AZ, January 28-29, 2011, for 7th and 8th grade students at a cost of \$225.00.
- *E. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Warrants Between Board Meetings** **UNANIMOUS**
- *F. Submission of the Arts in Education – Professional Development for Arts Educators Grant on Behalf of the District in an Amount Not to Exceed \$350,000.00** **UNANIMOUS**
- *G. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Amended Board Policies BDA – Board Organizational Meeting and BDB – Board Officers** **UNANIMOUS**
- *H. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Amended Board Policies GBB – Staff Involvement in Decision Making and GCU – Professional Staff Memberships in Professional Organizations (Dues-Paying Employee Organizations)** **3-2 AYE**
- Ms. Graziano asked for clarification for the following items:
- GBB – Sole Representation – if “membership of an employee organization should drop below the 50% plus one threshold, the Governing Board would reconsider sole representation status” – when would this occur? Mr. Maza responded that this would occur at the time of the annual assessment.

- GCU – “Employees shall not use regular duty time for the purpose of conducting employee organization business.” Does this include time attending IBN meetings? Mr. Maza advised that this did not apply for IBN business meetings.

A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Amended Board Policies GBB – Staff Involvement in Decision Making and GCU – Professional Staff Memberships in Professional Organizations (Dues-Paying Employee Organizations). The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried 3-2. Mr. Adams and Mrs. Lambert voted Nay.

VIII. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ratification of Structured English Immersion Budget Submission

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Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Janet Sullivan who provided an overview of the Structured English Immersion (SEI) Budget Application that was submitted to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) on December 17, 2010. Ms. Sullivan advised that the District would not receive any funding as a result of the SEI Budget Application submission.

Mr. Jahneke asked what Impact Aid funds were. Ms. Thompson responded that Impact Aid funds are allowed for Districts who have an air force base, Indian reservation, or Federal activity within their boundaries. Ms. Thompson advised that the Washington Elementary School District was not eligible for Impact Aid funds.

Ms. Graziano asked what expectations ADE had after the SEI Budget Application was submitted. Ms. Sullivan replied that ADE sets up the budget and the District is expected to fully implement the SEI models as adopted by the task force and as mandated by the Legislature.

Mrs. Lambert asked if the District was required to submit a year-end report. Mrs. Sullivan advised that because the District does not receive any State funding, a year-end report is not required. Dr. Cook advised that the District uses Desegregation funds and the Desegregation report to the Governing Board would be the best accounting of the funds utilized.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lambert that the Governing Board ratify the Structured English Immersion Budget budget application submission that was submitted on December 17, 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Adams requested a study session for the Board’s vision for the coming year. Mrs. Lambert requested a discussion of budget priorities and suggested this may be conducted at the study session requested by Mr. Adams.

X. GOVERNING BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. Adams thanked Mrs. Lambert for a job well done as Governing Board President the past two years.

Mr. Adams congratulated Mr. Maza for being elected Governing Board President.

Mr. Jahneke thanked Mrs. Lambert for her contributions as Governing Board President and thanked the Board members for electing him as Governing Board Vice President.

Mr. Maza thanked Board members for their support and electing him Governing Board President.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion **UNANIMOUS** was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary

Joyce Shiota
BOARD SECRETARY

1/27/11
DATE

Alan Jahneke
BOARD OFFICIAL

01-27-2011
DATE