

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES:
REGULAR MEETING

2015-2016

April 28, 2016

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. Aaron Jahneke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Governing Board member's constituting a quorum were present: Mr. Aaron Jahneke, Ms. Clorinda Graziano, Mr. Bill Adams, Mr. Larry Herrera, and Mrs. Tee Lambert.

B. Moment of Silence and Meditation

Mr. Jahneke called for a moment of silence and meditation and asked that we keep the Sunnyslope student who was shot in our thoughts along with his family.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jahneke 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 April 28, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

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E. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 Regular Meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried.

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F. Current Events and Acknowledgments: Governing Board and Superintendent

The following announcements and comments were made by Governing Board members and Superintendent Stanton:

Mr. Adams

Attended:

- WESD's BAT meeting at MOD on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. It was an amazing event that keeps getting bigger and bigger.
- Moon Mountain's Title I Spring Showcase on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Principal Sue Brown and her team did an amazing job. The event was so packed, it was hard to find parking.
- Cactus Park's Support Prop 123 on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Walked along teachers, parents, and community members to educate neighbors on Prop 123. Thanked WEDA for hosting and coordinating the event. Mr. Adams also mentioned it was good to see Mr. Herrera at the event.
- Arizona School Public Relations Association's Superintendent's Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. WESD picked up a number of awards.
- A surprise celebration for Principal Perry Mason at Mountain Sky Junior

High. Principal Mason was named the STEM Principal of the Month by Grand Canyon University.

Ms. Graziano:

Attended:

- Girls Basketball Finals at Cholla Middle School on Saturday, April 16, 2016.
- Elementary All State Orchestra concert on Saturday, April 16, 2016 where some of Mrs. Barbara Vecera's students from Ironwood got accepted for all-state.
- WESD's Parent Leadership Team meeting on Monday, April 14, 2016.
- Cholla Area Concert Festival on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.
- WESD's Business Advisory Team (BAT) meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.
- OASIS Volunteer Thank You Luncheon to honor WESD volunteers on Thursday, April 14, 2016.
- Peter Piper Pizza Fundraiser for Tumbleweed Elementary on Thursday, April 14, 2016.
- Moon Mountain's Title 1 Spring Showcase on Thursday, April 21, 2016.
- Family Fun night at Sweetwater Elementary on Friday, April 22, 2016.
- Lion King Musical at Mountain Sky Junior High School on Saturday, April 23, 2016. It was an incredible program.
- Desert Foothills Area Choir Festival at Greenway High School on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Thanked Greenway High School for hosting the event.
- Desert View's First Grade Arts night on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

Acknowledged:

- The CAPE team for the awards they received at the ASPRA luncheon on Wednesday, April 17, 2016.

Mrs. Lambert

- Attended the Cholla Music Festival on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.
- Reminded everyone to continue to keep their eyes on what is going on downtown at the capitol regarding budgets and continue to hold our legislators responsible for what goes on in education.

Mr. Herrera:

Attended:

- Community Forum regarding Prop 123 with Dr. Stanton at North Hills Church.
- Walked and spoke with Cactus Park neighbors about Prop 123 along with WDEA, teachers, and parents.
- Orangewood Mentor Day. Glad to see universities collaborating with our schools. Mr. Herrera said he would like to see more partnerships with universities.
- OASIS Volunteer Thank You Luncheon to honor WESD volunteers on Thursday, April 14, 2016.
- Thanked and acknowledged all of the WESD Administrators for Administrators Day.
- Reminded everyone about the annual Kiwanis Fish Fry on Friday, April 29, 2016 and the District Track and Field meet on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Thunderbird High School.

Mr. Jahneke thanked Dr. Lyn Bailey for the work she and her staff do with the ASPIRE program. Mr. Jahneke said he enjoyed attending the ASPIRE meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, the ASPIRE students asked great questions.

The ASPIRE program is a mentoring program for WESD staff who would like to become administrators, either in WESD or another district. Mr. Jahneke said WESD has very strong future leaders and he was happy to participate.

Dr. Stanton shared the following updates:

Attended:

- Business Advisory Team (BAT) meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.
- OASIS Spring Volunteer Luncheon along with Ms. Graziano on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Dr. Stanton thanked all of the work of the volunteers. Dr. Stanton said that WESD could not do the work of educating students without their help.
- Arizona School Public Relations Association's Superintendent's Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. WESD picked up a number of awards. Dr. Stanton mentioned that CAPE will be recognized at the next Board meeting.
- A surprise celebration for Principal Perry Mason at Mountain Sky Junior High. Principal Mason was named the STEM Principal of the Month by Grand Canyon University

Provided the Board and the audience with an update of the Personal Data Security Incident that occurred on April 12, 2016. Dr. Stanton said that one of the first things that was done immediately was to examine WESD's core values, which are in line with the Governing Board values. Dr. Stanton said those values are:

- Employees are our focus
- Be transparent
- Be timely
- Be accurate

Dr. Stanton said that leadership has talked to and is working closely with many community partners on this incident: the local police, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Internal Revenue Service, Social Security, Arizona State Retirement, the Trust Board, and Consumer Protection. Dr. Stanton stated that Mr. David Velazquez, Director of Finance, became the District's single point of contact for communication. The District set up a dedicated phone and email account for employees that Mr. Velazquez answered, even over the weekends. Dr. Stanton said that the District has used phone calls, email, and direct mail to communicate with current and former employees impacted by the issue. Dr. Stanton said that the Governing Board has been proactive and that WESD has insurance to assist with this type of issue. The District created Frequently Asked Questions, which are available on the WESD website along with all prior written and verbal communication regarding this issue for employees to view. The District also has notified employees about a one year of credit protection that is provided through the Trust.

Dr. Stanton said that the District's work on this issue is not done, there are several levels and multiple groups of employees that have been affected; those whom were directly impacted; those who have not been directly impacted yet are concerned; and those yet to be fully communicated with. Dr. Stanton said that the District will be working with a committee on reviewing the District's current guidelines practices on handling these types of issues to ensure we have the appropriate "checks" along the way.

Mr. Jahneke thanked Dr. Stanton for the update and all of the work he and the District's leadership has done. Mr. Jahneke also thanked the Board for their

efforts with this situation.

G. Public Participation

There was public participation:

Ms. Kathleen McKeever, Director of Academic Support Programs addressed the Board to recognize the After-School Academy Intern Program. Ms. McKeever informed the Board that three years ago funding opportunities were limited, the team in Academic Support Programs began searching for innovative ways to provide sustainable after-school academic enrichment programming. Ms. McKeever said that WESD reached out to local colleges and universities and began networking with their teacher education programs from Glendale Community College (GCC), Northern Arizona University (NAU), Arizona State University (ASU), and Grand Canyon University (GCU). Ms. McKeever said the Intern Program has provided WESD with more than 350 interns that taught after-school classes at WESD, which benefited more than 2,000 WESD students. Ms. McKeever asked the interns in the audience to stand to be recognized. Ms. McKeever said the Teacher Education Program at GCC became a primary partner for WESD. The program allows future teachers, GCC students, to connect education theory with its practical application while under the expert guidance of mentor teachers. Additionally, WESD students are introduced to “real live” college students who serve as role models for college and career readiness. Ms. McKeever introduced teacher education faculty members from GCC, Mrs. Heather Merrill and Mrs. Nancy Oreshack to present the Board with an award that GCC received for the partnership with WESD. Mrs. Merrill informed the Board that GCC’s Partner in the Teaching Profession program received the “Innovation of the Year” award for its work with WESD in meeting the urgent needs of schools and the challenges of the 21st century classrooms.

Mrs. Laurie Richards, Washington District Education Association (WDEA) President, addressed the Board regarding an award that the Communications and Public Engagement (CAPE) team received from the Arizona Education Association (AEA). The Public Relations Partner award, is a state-wide award that recognizes individuals or departments that change the perception of public education within their communities. Mrs. Richards said that WDEA nominated the CAPE team because they have been transformational in connecting with local business partners and bringing in faith based organizations. Mrs. Richards also announced that Pure Heart Church received the “Partners in Education” award from AEA. Mrs. Richards said that Pure Heart Church was nominated by Mrs. Jill Sarraino, Principal of Palo Verde Middle School, but she worked closely with Mrs. Carol Donaldson, Director of Communication, to highlight the work that Pure Heart does across WESD. Mrs. Richards also thanked both Governing Board members Bill Adams and Larry Herrera for participating in the WDEA walk for Prop 123 last Saturday.

H. Showcase and Celebration of Departments/Programs/Schools

Superintendent Stanton introduced Mrs. Lauren Schregel, General and Vocal Music Teacher at Sunnyslope School, to present to the Board the 7th and 8th grade Honors Choir who performed two song selections, Dona Nobis Pacem and Over the rainbow.

I. Special Recognition

Superintendent Stanton introduced Mrs. Natalie McWhorter, Director of Curriculum to introduce WESD's Spelling Bee winners.

Mrs. McWhorter introduced Lookout Mountain student Jaidyn Mallon, who won 1st place in the District's Spelling Bee.

Jaidyn spoke about her experience during the spelling bee and was presented a certificate from Governing Board member Mrs. Lambert.

Mrs. McWhorter also acknowledged Mountain Sky Junior High School student Jessica Zylstra, who was the District's runner-up but was unable to attend the Governing Board meeting.

J. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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Mrs. Lambert requested item *II.B. – Personnel Items be pulled from the Consent agenda for separate consideration.

Mr. Adams requested item *II.E. - Out of State Travel be pulled from the Consent agenda for separate consideration.

Mrs. Lambert made a motion that the Governing Board approve the remaining Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried. (5-0)

Mr. Jahneke thanked all of the individuals, organizations, and companies who donated to the students and staff at WESD.

Mr. Jahneke acknowledged Mr. Steven Chapman, Maricopa County Co-Chair of Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) and Mr. Adam Lopez Falk, Governing Board President from Alhambra Elementary School District who were in the audience.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Approved and ratified the vouchers as presented.

***B. Personnel Items**

UNANIMOUS

Mrs. Lambert made a motion that the Governing Board approve Consent Agenda Item B - Personnel Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried. (5-0)

Dr. Stanton introduced and recognized Mr. Steven Whynott, new Assistant Principal at Desert Foothills Junior High School and Ms. Amanda Wilber, new Principal at Richard E. Miller Elementary for the 2016-2017 school year.

- *C. Public Gifts and Donations: Acceptance of checks and items to schools and District departments in the amount of \$ 1,126.69 (The Value of Donated Items is Determined by the Donor) UNANIMOUS**

Name of Donor	School	Amount and/or Value
Krogers/Frys	Ironwood Elementary School	\$476.69
Wells Fargo	Lakeview Elementary School	\$350.00
Bookstrom – Friends of the Phoenix Public Library	Cactus Wren Elementary	\$300.00

- *D. Grant Acceptance: Acceptance of the Captain Planet Foundation Echo-Tech Grant in the amount of \$ 2500.00. UNANIMOUS**

- *E. Out of State Travel UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Adams made a motion that the Governing Board approve Consent Agenda Item E – Out-of-State Travel as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lambert. The motion carried. (5-0)

Mr. Adams stated he requested the Out-of-State Travel be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion so that the record could reflect that Mr. Adams inquired about the District paying for staff to travel out-of-state. Mr. Adams said he was told that in the past the District has paid for staff to travel out of state, if the staff was presenting and/or attendance at the conference was a mandatory part of their job duties. Mr. Adams noted he did not recall such discussions, but wanted it reflected in the minutes and hoped the topic could be discussed at a later date.

- *F. Acceptance of the Building Renewal Grant in the amount of \$3,942.00 UNANIMOUS**

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION

- A. Community Use of School Facilities Fee Structure for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 UNANIMOUS**

Dr. Stanton introduced Ms. Kathleen McKeever, Director of Academic Support Services, who provided the Board with an overview of the Community Use of School Facilities Fee Structure for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 being proposed for approval.

Ms. Graziano asked when was the last time WESD changed their fees for facility rental.

Ms. McKeever replied that the fees have not been adjusted in approximately 10 years.

Ms. Graziano asked whether the current fees were nominal or if they covered all cost associated with the rental of facilities.

Ms. McKeever responded that the fee was nominal but the District works really hard to cover as many costs as possible. Ms. McKeever also said that her department has contacted other districts like Deer Valley, Madison, and Peoria to compare cost and WESD is on the low end.

Mr. Adams made a motion that the Governing Board approve the 2016-2017 community use of school facilities fee schedule as presented, to take effect on July 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried. (5-0)

B. Award of 2nd and Final GMP– RFQ #15.023 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Sunburst Site Improvement Project to Chasse Building Team in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,887,397.00

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Dr. Stanton introduced Mr. Mike Kramer, Director of Capital Projects & Maintenance who provided the Board with an overview and recommendation for approval of the 2nd and Final GMP-RFQ # 15.023 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Sunburst Site Improvement Project to Chasse Building Team in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,887,397.00.

Mr. Herrera asked whether or not the administration area included the library area.

Mr. Kramer replied that the library at Sunburst is not part of the administration area, it is further down the hallway.

Ms. Graziano made a motion to approve the RFQ #15.023 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Sunburst Site Improvement Project – 2nd and Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Chasse Building Team in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,887,397.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried. (5-0)

C. To Consider and, if Deemed Advisable, to Adopt a Resolution Ordering the Sale of School Improvement Bonds for the District

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Dr. Stanton introduced Mrs. Cathy Thompson, Director of Business Services who provided the Board with an overview of a resolution ordering the sale of School Improvement Bonds for the District. Ms. Thompson reminded the Board that on April 14, 2016 the Governing Board approved a resolution that approved a Notice Inviting Proposals for the Purchase of School Improvement Bonds and the distribution of such Notice by the District's Financial Advisor, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated. Ms. Thompson informed the Board that now the District was requesting to authorize the issuance and sale of School Improvement Bonds and delegate the Board President or any member of the Board the authority to execute an Award of Bonds and the closing documents and certificates to issue the Bonds.

Ms. Graziano asked what a Class B bond was.

Mr. Giel, Financial Advisor at Gus Rosentfelt, responded that once the School Facilities Board was formed bonds became classified as Class B bonds and that is also how they are defined in statute.

Mr. Adams made a motion that the Governing Board adopt a resolution ordering the issuance and sale of the School Improvement Bonds of the District and delegate the authority to determine the acceptable bidder to the Board President or any member of the Governing Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried. (5-0)

D. Head Start Update, Philosophy, Long-Range and Short-Range Goals, and Self-Assessment Plan

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Dr. Stanton introduced Mrs. Diana Howsden, Director of Head Start Services and Mrs. Michaele Pilsbury, Head Start Program Coordinator who provided the Board with a Head Start Update and a proposed Self-Assessment Plan for consideration and approval.

Mr. Herrera asked whether six hours is considered all-day Head Start.

Mrs. Howsden said that six hours is considered all-day. Mrs. Howsden said WESD has two different types of programs; six and a half hour days in nine classrooms and three and a half hour days in 14 classrooms.

Mrs. Lambert thanked Mrs. Howsden and Mrs. Pilsbury for their detailed presentation. Mrs. Lambert said she knows that a lot is required of the Head Start program and she is grateful that they have good news to report on how well things are going. Mrs. Lambert thanked the Preschool and Head Start teachers in the audience for staying so late and recognized that the success of the program is due to the leadership and dedication staff.

Mrs. Lambert said that she understands that the federal monitoring requirement for Head Start is huge, but she wanted to know if any of the requirements have changed.

Mrs. Howsden acknowledged the amount of requirements and monitoring associated with the program, but said that there had not been any recent new requirements.

Mr. Adams thanked Mrs. Howsden and Mrs. Pilsbury for an excellent presentation and acknowledged the teachers in the audience for their hard work and dedication.

Ms. Graziano thanked Mrs. Howsden, Mrs. Pilsbury, and staff for a great presentation and mentioned her appreciation for them taking care of the “whole child” with medical, dental, and family support services.

Ms. Graziano asked whether there has ever been a long-term longitudinal study of the academic preparedness of WESD students who attended Head Start versus those who did not.

Mrs. Natalie McWhorter replied that going forward, the new Data Warehouse system will allow the District the ability to monitor the academic success of Preschool and Head Start students as they progress through the system.

Mrs. Janet Sullivan added that although the new data warehouse system does now include preschool and head start students, WESD was able to identify students who attended preschool and head start from the last four years and the District is in the process of are uploading that data to begin tracking.

Ms. Graziano said that she understands that parental involvement is a big part of the Head Start program and wondered if the level of parental involvement continued as students progressed in grade levels.

Mrs. Pilsbury said that she has noticed a heightened level of parental involvement among the parents of Head Start students on both local and state parent advocacy groups. Mrs. Pilsbury mentioned that a Moon Mountain parent is currently the President of the City of Phoenix's Policy committee and a parent from Sahuaro is the Secretary. The City of Phoenix's Policy committee is a representation of Head Start programs across the valley.

Ms. Graziano asked what percentage of WESD incoming kindergarten students go through Preschool or Head Start programs.

Mrs. Pilsbury said that based on census data, 29% of WESD's incoming kindergarten students go through WESD's Preschool or Head Start programs.

Mr. Jahneke thanked Mrs. Pilsbury and Mrs. Howsden for their presentation.

Ms. Graziano made a motion that the Governing Board approve the Preschool/Head Start Philosophy, the Head Start Long-Range and Short-Range Goals and the Self-Assessment Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lambert. The motion carried. (5-0)

E. Proposed Governing Board Meeting Dates for the 2016-2017 School Year

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Mr. Aaron Jahneke, Governing Board President presented the Board with the 2016-2017 Governing Board meetings dates based on current board policy.

Ms. Graziano mentioned that it is her understanding that the WESD is in the process of creating a district-wide calendar of events that do not conflict with scheduled Governing Board meetings.

Superintendent Stanton acknowledged that a district-wide calendar is in the developmental stages and every effort will be made to not have school events conflict with board meetings.

Ms. Graziano suggested that since Thursday nights are typically big concert nights for schools that the Governing Board entertain the idea of possibly moving Governing Board meetings to Monday nights. Ms. Graziano said that by moving Governing Board meetings to Mondays, schools will not have to adjust their performance schedules and the Governing Board could meet opposite of the current Parent Leadership Team meetings that occur on Mondays.

Superintendent Stanton confirmed that currently the Parent Leadership meetings are occur on the fourth Monday of the month.

Mrs. Lambert said that the tradition of scheduling Governing Board meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays goes back about 25 years. Mrs. Lambert mentioned that years ago the Governing Board attempted to move meetings to Wednesday and it didn't work. Mrs. Lambert said that the District has always wanted schools to not schedule school events on Governing Board meetings nights so parents would be able to attend a if they wanted to. Mrs. Lambert said that the practice has slipped a little because things have been relatively smooth within the District the past decade and schools and departments didn't worry about it.

Mrs. Lambert also said that holding WESD Governing Board meetings opposite of Glendale Union Governing Board meetings was important to allow for parents with children in both systems could attend both board meetings if they choose.

Ms. Graziano asked what day Glendale Union held their board meetings.

Mr. Jahneke responded that Glendale Union holds board meetings on Tuesdays.

Mr. Adams mentioned that Mondays and Fridays might be difficult for parents and Mondays would be difficult for him as well.

Ms. Graziano mentioned that she brought up the subject not only because of the conflicts parents would have between board meetings and schools events but she does not like to miss school events as well. Ms. Graziano also said that by moving the board meetings to Mondays, it would remove the current conflict with parent/teacher conferences.

Mr. Jahneke said that there are so many school events there will always be conflicts.

Superintendent Stanton reminded the Board that the electronic district calendar was created back in October by Mrs. Amy Fernandez and Ms. Shannon Tucker. Dr. Stanton said that his office, with Ms. Tucker taking the lead can follow-up with schools to ensure that on Governing Board meetings nights, whatever they may be, schools do everything possible not to schedule school events.

Mr. Herrera asked whether or not the meeting time can be adjusted to 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Graziano said she is concerned that if the Board continues to meet on Thursdays and directs the schools not to hold events on Thursdays then they will just overload Tuesdays. Ms. Graziano mentioned that she has looked at the District calendar and there are currently very few events that occur on Mondays.

Mrs. Lambert said that the purpose of having a set meeting day and time for Governing Board meetings is to meet the needs of parents and staff, not Governing Board members. Mrs. Lambert said that there will always be scheduling conflicts regardless of what day is chosen.

Mr. Adams said that Governing Board meetings are business meeting for the Governing Board members. Mr. Adams said that board does and should try to accommodate everyone but Mrs. Lambert is correct, there will be conflicts with whatever day is chosen.

Mr. Jahneke mentioned that he is not against changing the date, if it serves the District best, but cautioned the Board against changing the calendar for individual board members. Mr. Jahneke said he understands the frustration among board members when there is a scheduling conflict and they cannot be somewhere but we do not want to disrupt the system.

Ms. Tucker explained that the current motion before the Board is to approve the proposed 2016-2017 Governing Board scheduled that is based on the current board policy that states the board will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Ms. Tucker said that if the proposed scheduled is not approved and a request to meet on anything other than the 2nd and 4th Thursday would require a policy revision, it would need to go through a 1st and 2nd reading prior to a vote.

Mr. Adams asked when could an individual board member request moving a particular scheduled meeting.

Mr. Jahneke responded that a board member could request a future agenda item to possibly move a scheduled meeting to another day.

Dr. Stanton referred to the board policy that states "A regular meeting may be rescheduled or canceled: by a majority vote of the Board when noticed as a meeting agenda item...."

Mrs. Lambert made a motion that the Governing Board approve the proposed schedule of Governing Board meeting dates for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. The motion carried. (4-1)

F. 2017 Arizona School Boards Association's Legislative Agenda Proposals and Delegate Selection

Mr. Aaron Jahneke, Governing Board President, informed the Board that it is time for the Board to provide ASBA with its legislative priorities for consideration and to choose a delegate to represent WESD at the September 10, 2016 meeting. Mr. Jahneke said that the Board can discuss and possibly vote on each item separately.

Mrs. Lambert informed the Board that she is on the ASBA legislative committee this year, so therefore would not like to be considered as a delegate.

Mr. Adams informed the Board that he is on the ASBA Credentialing committee this year, so he also would like to remove his name from consideration.

Mr. Jahneke asked whether or not there was anyone who was interested in being a delegate.

Mr. Adams nominated Mr. Herrera to serve as delegate.

Mr. Herrera mentioned that he was a delegate last year and would like to nominate Ms. Graziano as the delegate.

Ms. Graziano asked for the date of the Delegate Assembly.

Mrs. Lambert said the ASBA Delegate Assembly is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Ms. Graziano accepted the nomination.

Mr. Herrera made a motion that the Governing Board appoint Ms. Graziano as the Delegate and Mr. Jahneke as the Alternate Delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly to be held on September 10, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried. (5-0)

Mr. Adams requested a point of order regarding the motion. Mr. Adams pointed out that the both items being considered are contained within one motion.

Mrs. Lambert replied that motion is only a recommendation and the Board had the authority to separate the items into two motions.

Mr. Adams thanked Mrs. Lambert for the clarification.

Mr. Jahneke asked for discussion on the top legislative priorities for ASBA.

Mrs. Lambert requested the Board consider the following legislative priorities:

- Recommend that ASBA work with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) on the state plan for the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which is the new No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)
- Recommend that ASBA work with the Governor, the Classroom First Initiative Council, and the Legislator on funding formulas for schools.
- Recommend that ASBA work with the State Board of Education on developing the new criteria for the Arizona Accountability System.

Mr. Adams asked whether or not Dr. Stanton had any recommendations for Board members to consider.

Dr. Stanton said that in previous Districts, he would normally recommend that Governing Board members look at the short-term goals listed by ASBA.

Mr. Adams asked that since the legislative session is about to end, whether or not the Board should look at proposing priorities for next legislative session.

Mr. Herrera responded that Mr. Adams was correct, the proposed priorities should be for next legislative session.

Mr. Chapman from ASBA addressed the Board to clarify ASBA's expectations from Governing Boards on the political agenda. Mr. Chapman explained that the long-term and short-term goals listed before the Board are from the current legislative session. Mr. Chapman said that some of them will carry over into the 2017 but what ASBA is looking for now, is guidance from school boards on the 2017 political agenda.

Mr. Herrera recommended that the Board consider the following priorities from the listed 2016 ASBA short-term goals:

- Provide greater equity in funding and access for special education students within the public school system.
- Maximize income opportunities for teachers' salaries and student support.
- Require comparative and consistent Auditor General Reports for public (district and charter) schools.

Mr. Adams recommended that the Board consider adopting the recommendations from Mrs. Lambert.

Mr. Jahneke asked whether or not Mrs. Lambert's recommendation were in-line with the current ASBA short-term goals.

Mrs. Lambert responded that her recommendations are immediate and topical.

Dr. Stanton suggested that the Board attempt to wrap Mrs. Lambert's recommendations in with those that Mr. Herrera recommended from ASBA.

Mr. Jahneke recommended that the Board consider the following priorities from the listed 2016 ASBA short-term goals:

- Reinstate and fund formulas to comply with at least state school building minimum standards.
- Provide greater equity in funding and access for special education students within the public school system.
- Establish financial transparency and academic accountability for Empowerment Scholarship Accounts.

- Maximize income opportunities for teachers' salaries and student support.
- Require comparative and consistent Auditor General Reports for public (district and charter) schools.

Mrs. Lambert said that she interpreted the request from ASBA to be for each school board to submit its own legislative priorities and the ASBA committee would choose from all of the submissions and put them into categories. Mrs. Lambert said she does not believe we have to choose from the 2016 ASBA goals.

Mr. Adams agreed with the interpretation of Mrs. Lambert and suggested that the Board consider her recommendations.

Mrs. Lambert asked Dr. Stanton if he had any additional suggestion based on the discussion.

Dr. Stanton said that he would recommend adding language like: retain and recruit staff; sustainable, adequate, and equitable school funding; and restoration of capital funding.

Mr. Herrera suggested that the Board considering adding funding of all-day kindergarten.

Mr. Adams requested that Dr. Stanton combine and format all mentioned recommendations for Board consideration.

Dr. Stanton agreed to have all of the recommendations combined and presented to the Board for consideration.

IV. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Review of ASSET Management Tool

Mrs. Cathy Thompson introduced Mr. Tim Detlaff, from Ameresco, who provided the Board with an overview AssetPlanner, a database in which the District can track the age and condition of district buildings and sites as well as have ready access to comprehensive facility condition reports with estimated replacement costs.

Mrs. Lambert thanked Mr. Detlaff for a wonderful presentation and said she would like to have Mr. Detlaff make a similar presentation at the capitol because this software shows what the needs are to maintain school buildings.

Mrs. Lambert asked Mr. Kramer whether or not the software looked at all of the District's buildings.

Mr. Kramer said that yes, all of WESD's structures are reflected in the data, even the temporary structures.

Mr. Adams asked whether or not the \$60 million dollar backlog figure was due to lack of funding.

Ms. Graziano asked what WESD's Capitol budget was prior to the legislative cuts.

Mrs. Thompson said that WESD did receive approximately \$9 - \$ 10 million in the past and this year WESD should receive \$10.1 million, but is only receiving \$1.5 million.

Ms. Graziano noted that if WESD received the appropriate capital funding it would take care of a lot of the facilities repair and purchases.

Mrs. Thompson said that the ASSET Management Tool allows the district to develop a replacement plan and be proactive in applying for school facility grants.

Ms. Graziano asked how much does WESD annually pay off of its bonds yearly.

Mrs. Thompson said that WESD pays about \$15 million on bonds.

Ms. Graziano asked whether or not the District would be able to ask for an override for \$15 million every year, forever to support capital projects.

Mrs. Thompson said that the maximum that could be requested is \$10 million.

Mr. Adams asked whether or not the District was planning to go out for a bond.

Dr. Stanton responded that the Bond Task Force will bring a recommendation before the Board at the second meeting in May 2016.

Mr. Herrera asked Mr. Detlaff for clarification of numbers displayed on slide 7 and 8.

Mr. Detlaff said that the intent was to show how much money the District needs in both the long and short term.

Mr. Herrera asked what category the water and waste water belong to.

Mr. Detlaff responded that those items fall under mechanical services.

Mr. Herrera asked whether the minor site improvements are reflected in the data shared.

Mr. Detlaff said that the data does reflect all improvements.

Dr. Stanton clarified that the \$60 million immediate figure is not on-going money, it is reflective of the current need. Dr. Stanton said that once the immediate need is met, the District would be able to sustain.

Mr. Jahneke said that he appreciated the detailed data because it takes the emotion out of the situation.

Mr. Herrera asked Mr. Detlaff what is used to evaluate the life of buildings and/or equipment.

Mr. Detlaff said that they have been looking at data for more than 25 years and they have very specific criteria and rules for the life cycle of buildings and equipment.

Mrs. Lambert said that she is frustrated because she finds it hard to communicate the importance of maintaining school buildings when the mentality of those who fund schools is to sell their buildings and rent them back. District do not have that capability. Mrs. Lambert said that presenting this to the School Facilities Board would be beneficial but she is not sure how to get it to legislators.

Dr Stanton said that he could send some of the slides from Mr. Detlaff's presentation to our legislators in our area to help educate them on where WESD is currently and what the needs are.

Mr. Detlaff offered to assist in providing information to legislators regarding the needs of the District and how it affects the quality of teaching and learning.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Adams requested a presentation on both in-state and out-of-state travel policies for staff and board members.

Mr. Adams requested information and a presentation on Board Docs and/or similar products.

Mr. Herrera requested information on teacher staffing and the plan for classroom sizes.

Mrs. Lambert requested a discussion about the possibility of moving the June 9, 2016 Governing Board meeting to another day.

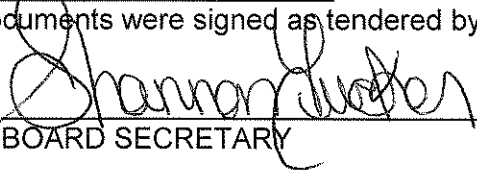
VI. ADJOURNMENT

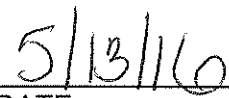
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A motion was made by Mr. Bill Adams to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried 5-0.


SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary


BOARD SECRETARY


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