

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

2015-2016

June 23, 2016

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

I. SPECIAL MEETING

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Clorinda Graziano called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum present were: Mrs. Tee Lambert, Mr. Bill Adams, and Mr. Larry Herrera.

Mr. Aaron Jahneke was not present.

B. Adoption of the Special Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board adopt the Special Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. 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.1

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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.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 Mrs. Lambert to call for an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. 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 A.R.S. §38-431.03 unless pursuant to specific statutory exception.

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

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V. RECESSING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REGULAR MEETING

VI. REGULAR MEETING – GENERAL FUNCTION

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

Ms. Graziano called the Regular meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum present were: Mrs. Tee Lambert, Mr. Bill Adams, and Mr. Larry Herrera.

Mr. Jahneke was not present.

B. **Moment of Silence and Meditation**

Ms. Graziano called for a moment of silence and meditation and asked that everyone keep the family of Mary Flanders, long time staff member who recently passed away, in their thoughts.

C. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Graziano 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 Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

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E. **Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Herrera that the Governing Board approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2016 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried. Mr. Adams abstained from the vote.

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F. **Current Events and Acknowledgments: Governing Board and Superintendent**

Mr. Herrera:

- Attended the Arizona School Boards Association Summer Leadership Conference in Tucson on June 9 – 11, 2016 along with fellow board members. Mr. Herrera said that there were lots of presentations on leadership in education. Mr. Herrera said that he participated in a panel discussion of county directors
- Visited the summer school program at Cholla Middle School.

Mrs. Lambert:

- Attended the Arizona School Boards Association Summer Leadership Conference in Tucson, June 9-11, 2016 along with fellow board members. Mrs. Lambert noted the best benefit of attending the ASBA conference, aside from the wonderful keynote speakers like Dr. Kathy Wiebke, was the ability to network with other board members from around the state. Mrs. Lambert mentioned that Superintendent Diane Douglas spoke at the

conference about her upcoming listening tour.

- Announced that the Arizona Department of Education's annual Leading Change conference is changing its format. For the first time there will be one day dedicated to legislators and one day for school board members. Dr. Ruby Pane is scheduled to be the keynote speaker.

Clorinda Graziano:

- Acknowledged the new artwork in the board room by students at Sweetwater, Shaw Butte, Sahuaro, and Ocotillo Elementary schools.
- Thanked fellow board members for the opportunity to attend the ASBA Summer Leadership conference.
- Announced that she was preparing to leave the board meeting around 7:30 p.m. to attend the Glendale Community Summer Band's 50th Anniversary concert where they will rename the amphitheater. Lots of dignitaries are scheduled to attend, including the Mayor.

Superintendent Stanton:

- Attended the Classroom First Council meeting along with Mrs. Janet Sullivan on Tuesday, June 21, 2016.
- Visited the summer school programs at Acacia, John Jacobs, and Sweetwater. Was impressed with the focus on STEM.
- Thanked Ms. Kathleen McKeever and her staff for the wonderful work they have done organizing the summer school programs at WESD.
- Attended the North Mountain Business Alliance (NMBA) Community meeting with Mrs. Jill Hicks and Ms. Pam Horton. Wonderful opportunity to connect with local business partners on Thursday, June 23, 2016.

G. Celebrations of Successful Programs

Superintendent Stanton introduced Mrs. Janet Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services who provided the Board with an overview of the Title I program and funding within Washington Elementary School District.

Mrs. Lambert mentioned that when the state reduces money to schools, the federal government reduces the amount of Title 1 funds to those states because the federal government does not want states to rely on federal dollars to operate schools, and thus schools take a double hit. Mrs. Lambert also noted that the federal funds for schools are based on census data, which is drawn by traditional district boundaries, so as the number of charter schools increase within counties the federal funding to district schools is reduced in order to provide charters with Title 1 funding. Mrs. Lambert also said the district's child census poverty level has grown by 14% but income has not. Mrs. Lambert said she is amazed and proud of the District for continuing to meet the academic needs of struggling students, with the level of funding that is received.

Mr. Adams asked how the determination is made that allocates WESD eight million dollars in Title 1 funding. Mrs. Sullivan explained that the allocation is made by the federal government through the state department of education to district, based upon the poverty census levels. Mr. Adams asked if the amount of Title 1 funds the District receives was based on a per pupil formula. Mrs. Sullivan said that the determination is based on how many students a school is serving. Mrs. Sullivan said that based on student count and poverty census data, WESD is in the top ten percent of districts in Arizona for the total amount of Title 1 dollars allocated from the state.

Mr. Adams asked if the students who are identified as being Title 1 eligible are segregated from other students when receiving services. Mrs. Sullivan said students are not segregated, in the school-wide Title 1 schools, all students receive Title 1 services. Schools that have a targeted assistance Title 1 program, rank students based on poverty and academic need, and they provide services to those students.

Mr. Adams asked if out of the 30 schools who have free or reduced lunch, if any student under the age of 18 can receive meals at the school. Mrs. Sullivan said that during the school year only students who attend the school can receive meals, but the summer meal program is open to anyone under the age of 18. Mrs. Sullivan said that the summer meal program is not funded with Title 1 funds, it is paid for by the National School Lunch Program.

Mr. Adams asked for clarification regarding the distribution of Title 1 funds serving all students, regardless of their poverty level. Mrs. Sullivan said that in a school-wide program, Title 1 funds go to the school and are used for those students who demonstrate academic or social service needs, regardless of their individual economic status. Mr. Adams asked why Title 1 dollars do not follow individual student. Superintendent Stanton explained that in the schools with high levels of poverty, services are offered to all students, but in the two schools within WESD that have targeted assistance programs, because their overall student poverty levels are not that high, only student who have been identified as Title 1 eligible receive the additional academic and social services. Mrs. Lambert added that the federal government needed a measurement in-order to provide schools with additional dollars and they choose to use poverty as the measurement, but the services delivered to students are based on the academic and social services need of the students. Mrs. Sullivan offered to meet with Board members to show them the rank order data and tools used to determine the needs and services provided through Title 1 funds. Mr. Adams thanked Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Lambert for their explanation but said he still does not fully understand why the dollars do not follow the child. Mrs. Sullivan said that the Title 1 dollars do not follow the child because they are linked to the percentage of the schools.

Mr. Jahneke joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ms. Graziano turned the gavel over to Mr. Jahneke.

Ms. Graziano thanked both Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Lambert for their explanations and said that she is very happy to see parent engagement and social services as part of the Title 1 programs.

Mr. Jahneke thanked Ms. Graziano for leading the meeting. Ms. Graziano excused herself from the meeting.

Mr. Herrera asked how often Title 1 funds are distributed to schools. Mrs. Sullivan said that the funding allocation is made annually. Mr. Herrera noted that the last page of Mrs. Sullivan's presentation showed that as the number of Title 1 eligible schools increase within our District, the amount of Title 1 funding received is reduced. Mr. Herrera thanked Mrs. Sullivan for her presentation and asked if the information can be shared with all staff. Mrs. Sullivan said that she can make her presentation available to staff. Superintendent Stanton added that Mrs. Thompson is planning on providing a budget 101 session for staff in the fall and Mrs. Sullivan's Title 1 presentation can be added.

H. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

I. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Approved and ratified the vouchers as presented.

***B. Personnel Items**

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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.

Ironwood PTO	Brian Maurer
Lowes Toolbox for Education	Richard Contreras
Target	RTI Survey Incentive

***D. Annual Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase Agreement with the State Procurement Office (SPO), Arizona Department of Education (ADE), 1 Government Procurement Alliance (1GPA), and The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)**

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***E. Award of Contract - Bid #16.004 Warehouse/School & Office Supplies**

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***F. Award of Contract - Bid #16.007 Window Treatments**

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***G. Renewal of Lease Agreement with Faith United Methodist Church for 2016-2017**

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***H. Renewal of Lease Agreement with Royal Palms Baptist Church for 2016-2017**

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***I. Affiliation Agreement with Northern Arizona University**

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***J. Affiliation Agreement with Ottawa University**

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***K. Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) Child Care Provider Contract 2016-2021 for the Washington Elementary School District KidSpace Program**

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***L. Agreement with the Arizona School Boards Association for Policy Services Subscription**

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VIII. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM

A. To Consider and, if Deemed Advisable, Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes by the District

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Superintendent Stanton introduced Mr. Bill Davis from Piper Jaffray and

Company and Mrs. Cathy Thompson, Director of Business Services to present to the Board a resolution to authorize the sale of tax anticipation by the District not to exceed \$12,000,000.00, which is the same amount as last year.

Mr. Herrera asked if there was a change in the funding levels from last year. Mr. Davis said that the current resolution has the same funding threshold as last year, but preliminary data indicates the actual amount estimated may be more like \$9.5 - \$10 million.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board authorize the sale of tax anticipation notes by the District not to exceed \$12,000,000.00 and the execution of all documents related to the sale. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion passed.

B. Funding Levels for the Casualty Trust and Workers Compensation Trust for 2016-2017

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Superintendent Stanton introduced Mrs. Cathy Thompson, Director of Business Services who provided the Board with an overview of the Trust Board's recommendation of proposed funding levels for Casualty and Workers Compensation Trust for 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Herrera asked if the proposed funding levels will have an increased cost for employees. Mrs. Thompson replied that the proposal will not have an effect on employees.

Mr. Jahneke mentioned that he appreciated having this item brought before the Board separately for consideration and approval, even though it is not a statutory requirement.

Mr. Adams asked whether the Board had voted on the casualty trust and worker's compensation funding levels in the past. Mrs. Thompson replied that the casualty trust and workers compensation trust funding is part of the District's overall budget, so the Board votes on it every year but the District as decided be bring large parts of the overall budget to the Board separately for consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board approve the funding levels of \$970,000.00 for the Casualty Trust and \$1,030,000.00 for the Workers Compensation Trust. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion passed.

C. Proposed Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

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Superintendent Stanton introduced Mr. David Velazquez, Director of Finance who provided the Board with an overview of the 2016-2017 Proposed Expenditure Budget being presented for consideration and approval to the Governing Board.

Mrs. Lambert asked if the District enrolls more students within a school year than projected, can the District recoup those funds at the end of the year. Mr. Velazquez said no, if actual student enrollment is more than what was projected, the District will have to operate and serve the additional students without receiving additional funding. Mrs. Thompson clarified that the District is able to increase the student count but not the amount of tax revenue received. The District does not receive funding for students enrolled after the 100th day.

Mr. Adams recommended that the District increase the budget by 50%. Mrs. Lambert said that if the District overestimated the budget, they will have to pay back the money. Mr. Velazquez clarified that overestimating the budget could affect the tax rate. Mr. Adams rescinded that recommendation.

Mr. Velazquez noted that there is an increase to the District budget this year, due to the passing of Prop 123.

Mr. Herrera asked if there was an 8.2% increase to transportation. Mr. Velazquez said that transportation did receive an 8.2% increase, which equates to approximately \$800,000. Mr. Herrera asked if additional busses would be purchased. Mr. Velazquez said the District is looking into purchasing approximately 4 additional buses to replace the buses that are in dire need.

A motion was made by Mr. Adams that the Governing Board approve the Proposed Expenditure Budget for 2016-2017 and authorize publication of the summary and the notice of public hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion passed.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

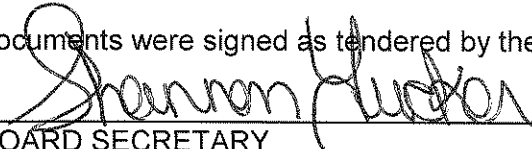
XV. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Mr. Adams to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lambert. The motion carried.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary



BOARD SECRETARY

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