

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES:
REGULAR MEETING

2016-2017

January 26, 2017

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. Adams called the Special meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum present were: Mr. Larry Herrera, Mr. Aaron Jahneke, and Mrs. Tee Lambert.

B. Adoption of the Special Meeting Agenda

A. Boarddocs Pro Training Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Lambert to adopt the Special Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion passed. 4-0

Ms. Martha Crook, Boarddocs Implementation Specialist, provided the Board with a hands on overview of the Boarddocs Pro software.

II. REGULAR MEETING – GENERAL FUNCTION

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Adams called the Regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum present were: Mr. Larry Herrera, Mr. Aaron Jahneke, and Mrs. Tee Lambert.

B. Moment of Silence and Meditation

Mr. Adams called for a moment of silence and meditation. Mr. Adams asked everyone to keep Ms. Graziano's family in their thoughts as we prepare for her Celebration of Life this weekend.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried. 4-0

E. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Lambert that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried. 4-0

F. Current Events and Acknowledgments: Governing Board and Superintendent

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

Mr. Jahneke:

- Attended the BEGIN Peter Piper Pizza Fundraiser on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Mr. Jahneke said it was a well-attended event. Mr. Jahneke thanked Dr. Maggie Westhoff, Mrs. Jenny Champ and their staff for putting together a wonderful event.

Mr. Herrera:

- Visited Arroyo Elementary and Abraham Lincoln Traditional School on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
- Visited Sweetwater Elementary on Thursday, January 19, 2017.
- Thanked all of the staff around the District for the wonderful work they do every week.

Mr. Adams:

- Attended the BEGIN Program Event at Peter Piper Pizza on Wednesday, January 19, 2017.
- Attended an Arizona Business Education Coalition (ABEC) Legislative Connection luncheon down at the Capitol, along with Dr. Stanton, on Thursday, January 19, 2017.
- Meet with Arizona House Speaker, J.D. Mesnard and Representative Paul Boyer along with Dr. Stanton, Mrs. Cathy Thompson and Mr. Justin Wing on Friday, January 20, 2017 to discuss issues affecting WESD.
- Attended the Parent Leadership Team Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017.
- Visited Manzanita Elementary and met with Principal Darcy Estrada and Assistant Principal Ashanti Givens on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.
- Attended the District annual Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 26, 2017. Mr. Adams thanked Dr. Lyn Vineyard for organizing the event.
- Mr. Adams welcomed and acknowledged Boy Scout George Gavagan from Troop 513, who attends John Jacobs Elementary. Mr. Gavagan was attending the board meeting to earn his Communication badge.

Superintendent Stanton

- Hosted the January 2017 Employee of the Month breakfast on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.
- Attended a District data meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.
- Attended the BEGIN fundraiser on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.
- Attended the School Connect Summit on Thursday, January 19, 2017.
- Hosted the January 2017 Superkids luncheon on Friday, January 20, 2017.
- Held a recognition celebration for the Purchasing and Materials Management Department on Monday, January 23, 2017. Dr. Stanton thanked Mr. Filiberto Fernandez for providing the wonderful salsa for the department recognitions.
- Parent Leadership Team meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017.
- Announced that WESD would be hosting a Teacher Fair on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the District Office.
- Reminded everyone that Ms. Clorinda Graziano's Celebration of Life would be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Franciscan Renewal Center at 10:00 p.m.

G. Special Recognition

- I. Superintendent Stanton introduced Dr. Maggie Westhoff, Director of Professional Development who recognized and acknowledged Katie Piehl, Special Education Teacher at Mountain Sky Junior High for earning National Board Certification and Lori Fox, 1st Grade teacher at Moon Mountain Elementary for renewing her National Board Certification. Dr. Westhoff explained that the National Board Certification is the most prestigious credential a teacher can earn.

Dr. Westhoff shared the following data regarding National Board Certification:

- WESD became involved with the National Board Certification program in 1996.
- WESD produced its first nationally certified teacher in 1998.
- Since 1998, WESD has had 75 teachers receive national certification.
- Out of those 75 national certified teachers, 41 are still with WESD and 11 are administrators and/or coaches.
- Out of the 75 WESD nationally certified teachers that have renewed their certification, 15 are on their second ten year renewal.

- WESD currently has 12 candidates currently going through the National Board Certification process.
- In 2016, 533 teachers were nationally certified and 11 of them were from Arizona.
- In 2016, 3,384 teachers received National Board recertification and Arizona had 27 teachers get recertified.
- A total of 112,814 teachers were either certified or recertified as National Board Certified Teachers.
- WESD is listed as number five regarding the Arizona school districts with the most number of National Board Certified Teachers.

Dr. Westhoff thanked and acknowledged Barbara Post, Director of Gifted Services; Jill Mirza, Teacher at Sahuaro Elementary; Marcy Hyde, Program Coach at Tumbleweed Elementary; Linda Ambruster, Librarian at Mountain View; and Lee Deremo from the Gifted Center at Sahuaro for providing support and guidance to our teachers as they go through the National Board Certification process.

- II. Superintendent Stanton introduced Mrs. Cathy Thompson, Director of Business Services who recognized and acknowledged Mrs. Connie Parmenter for serving as a mentor for the Arizona Department of Education’s Team Up for School Nutrition Success event on November 9, 2016. Mrs. Thompson commented that Mrs. Parmenter is seen as a leader within the school nutrition community both within the state and nationally.

H. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

I. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Adams asked that Consent Items E and F be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Mr. Adams requested a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, and G. Mr. Jahneke made a motion that the Governing Board approve Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, and Gas presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried.

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

III. 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: Acceptance of checks and items to schools and District departments in the amount of \$10,595.05 (The Value of Donated Items is Determined by the Donor**

Donor	School/Department	Amount/ Value
Farmers Insurance	Abraham Lincoln Traditional	\$5,000.00
The Patterson Family Foundation	Cactus Wren Elementary	\$3,000.00
Keeping the Blues Alive Foundation	Mountain View School	\$1,569.05
Stacy Alyse Simon	Orangewood School	\$1,000.00

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***D. Out of State Travel**

The following individuals are requesting travel to St. Louis, Missouri on April 17 – 21, 2017 to attend the National Catholic Education Association Training.

Name of Traveler	Position	School/Department
Wendy Treon	Administrator	Saints Simon and Jude School
Nicole Escobar	Teacher	Saints Simon and Jude School

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***E. Award of Contract – 16.028 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Richard E. Miller Site Improvement Project to Concord General Contracting, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$43,940.00 for Pre-Construction Services**

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve Consent Item E as presented. Mrs. Lambert seconded the motion.

Superintendent Stanton introduced Mr. Howard Kropp, Director of Purchasing who provided the Board with clarification regarding the wording contained within Consent Item E. Mr. Kropp explained that the statement “Request for Quote” should read “Request for Qualifications”. Mr. Kropp apologized for the oversight and said that the error does not affect the motion.

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Mrs. Lambert thanked Mr. Kropp for the clarification that the request is based on qualifications not price.

Mr. Adams requested a vote on the motion as presented. The motion passed.

***F. Award of Contract – 16.029 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for HVAC Project at Cholla Middle School and Washington Elementary to Pueblo Mechanical. in an amount not-to-exceed \$23,320.00 for Pre-Construction Services**

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve Consent Item F as presented. Mr. Jahneke seconded the motion.

Mr. Howard Kropp, Director of Purchasing who provided the Board with clarification regarding the wording contained within Consent Item F. Mr. Kropp explained that the statement “Request for Quote” should read “Request for Qualifications”. Mr. Kropp apologized for the oversight and said that the error does not affect the motion.

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Mr. Adams requested a vote on the motion as presented. The motion passed.

***G. Policy Review - Approval of Second Reading of Proposed Amended Governing Board Policy GCK © - Professional Staff Assignments And Transfers**

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IV. INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update Regarding Special Services Reconfiguration Plan

Superintendent Stanton introduced Dr. Craig Carter, Director of Special Services and Mrs. Lori Mora, Administrator of Special Services to present to the Board an update on the special services reconfiguration plan.

Dr. Carter and Mrs. Mora informed the Board that the District currently reconfiguring its current special education practices due to WESD special education students’ not demonstrating growth toward grade level academic standards in comparison to their grade level peers.

Dr. Carter and Mrs. Mora stated that a large percentage of the District's special education students are not engaged standards-based curriculum because of the following factors:

- Progression towards grade level standards is limited.
- Progress on IEP goals does not correlate with state assessment results.
- Current materials utilized in resource program are supplanting curriculum vs. supplementing.
- Limited opportunities for collaboration between special and general education teachers exist.

Dr. Carter and Mrs. Mora said that the reconfiguration will:

- Initiate a multi-year process
- Focus on improving academic and behavioral outcomes for students with disabilities
- Align to general education continuous improvement initiatives
- Increase collaboration and alignment of instruction for all students
- Systematically offer increased support for all campuses in meeting the needs of students with disabilities

Dr. Carter and Mrs. Mora concluded that the reconfiguration is not designed to:

- Return all students with special needs to general education classrooms full time
- Eliminate self-contained settings throughout the District
- Reduce the level of services for all students with disabilities
- Place the majority of responsibility on general education teachers to implement students' IEPs

Dr. Carter and Mrs. Mora summarized that the reconfiguration is designed to:

- Ensure students are receiving appropriate level of services to support their specific learning skills
- Strengthen the resource service delivery model on all campuses
- Better align instruction in special education settings to general education curriculum and grade level content standards
- Provide students with disabilities more opportunities to remain on their home campus with their peers

Dr. Carter and Mrs. Mora left the Board with the Special Services Department key next steps:

- Establish resource service delivery models and provide specific examples of scheduling options for campuses
- Determine resource staffing for all campus configurations
- Assist with scheduling options to maximize resource support
- Identify curricula and instructional practices for resource delivery model
- Align professional development with general education PD

B. Interim II Assessment Update – Data Now What?

Superintendent Stanton introduced Dr. Adrienne Razo, Director of Assessment and Evaluation to present to the Board the Interim II Assessment results.

Dr. Razo provided the Board with the results of the Interim II Assessments and what the schools and District are doing with the data to improve student academic achievement.

Dr. Razo highlighted the eighth grade math scores that increased from 42% passing rate during interim I testing to a 62% percent passing rate during interim II.

Dr. Razo concluded her presentation with the following talking points:

- WESD has an efficient process for assessing students and providing data for instructional decisions
- District and school teams analyze data and make decisions based on data
- 90 Day plans are continuously revised as Interim results are analyzed

C. Discussion of the Characteristics of an Effective Governing Board Member

Mr. Adams led a discussion on what characteristics make for an effective Governing Board Member. Mr. Adams read from a document that the Board had been provided regarding the characteristics that distinguish an excellent Board Member from an average Board Member. The characteristics were:

- Truly want to do what is best for kids and the district as a whole, no axe to grind.
- Know and stay within their role, the difference between what boards do and what administration does
- Committed, dedicated, open minded, and reasonable
- Regular attendance, on time, and have read their materials
- Speak for a reason that leads to better decisions, not to glorify their decision
- Can disagree without any animosity left over
- Always seeking to better understand both the community and the school district
- Ethics and integrity in all they do

Mr. Adams stated he agreed with the characteristics that were shared he felt WESD current members all live and breathe those characteristics.

Mr. Adams opened the floor for comments.

Mrs. Lambert stated she agreed with the characteristics read by Mr. Adams and wanted to add that since the new board member will be appointed for a two year term, she would like to add to the first bullet as follows:

- Truly want to do what is best for kids and the district as a whole, no axe to grind or using the position as a personal goal for their next political step.

Mrs. Lambert said she would like the new board member to spend the two years focused on the District and its students, not as a personal stepping stone.

Mr. Herrera stated that he felt being a board member is a lot of work and takes a lot of effort. Mr. Herrera also stated that board members should know the attitudes and the feeling of how the public feels about the district. Mr. Herrera said an effective Board member should know the pulse of the District. Mr. Herrera said a person within the District who currently exemplifies that trait is Mrs. Jill Hicks.

Mr. Herrera also said an effective board member needs to understand education policy and terminology.

Mr. Jahneke stated that he agreed with the original characteristics and all of the additions from his colleagues. Mr. Jahneke said that he wanted to add that when he was thinking about who would be the next Board President, he wanted to ensure that the process for selecting a new board member was honored. Mr. Jahneke said he felt really confident that this Board and the selection committee that consists of Superintendent Stanton; Mrs. Mindy Whalen, WDEA President; and a parent, and facilitated by Board President Bill Adams will honor the process.

Mr. Adams thanked everyone for their comments. Mr. Adams added that as chair of the selection committee he will be committed to a transparent process.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Herrera requested the following future agenda items:

- Travel
- Update on Community Partnerships
- Update on Bond projects

Mr. Adams requested that a study session be held as soon as possible after the new board member is appointed.

VI. CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke to call for an Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried.

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VII. RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING

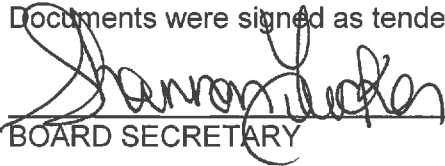
IX. ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried.

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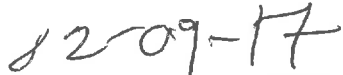
SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary


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