

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

2014-2015

May 28, 2015

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

Mrs. Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present: Mrs. Tee Lambert, Ms. Clorinda Graziano, Mr. Larry Herrera, and Mr. Aaron Jahneke. Mr. Bill Adams was not in attendance.

B. Moment of Silence and Meditation

Mrs. Lambert called for a moment of silence and meditation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Lambert 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.

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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 May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried. Mr. Herrera abstained from the vote.

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F. Current Events and Acknowledgments: Governing Board and Superintendent

Mrs. Lambert shared the following comments:

- Enjoyed attending the Arizona Business and Education Coalition (ABEC) Conference. Mrs. Lambert stated she was excited with the diverse discussion regarding the future in education and felt that the business community had a better understanding regarding education funding.
- Enjoyed attending the 8th grade promotions at Arroyo, Mountain Sky, Mountain View, and Sunnyslope Schools. Mrs. Lambert thanked the schools for allowing her to participate in the emotional, joyful promotion ceremonies.

Mr. Jahneke enjoyed speaking at the promotion ceremonies at Abraham Lincoln, Maryland, and Royal Palm Schools.

Ms. Graziano shared the following comments:

- Acknowledged and thanked the students and art teachers at Abraham Lincoln, Manzanita, Ocotillo, Orangewood, Sunburst, Sunset, and Washington Schools for the artwork displayed in the Governing Board Room.

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- Enjoyed going on the field trip to California with Sunnyslope's band, choir, and orchestra. Ms. Graziano thanked Mr. Jeffrey Stepien and Ms. Lauren Schregel for allowing her to join the well-organized trip. Ms. Graziano thanked Mountain Sky Principal, Perry Mason, for taking her and Sunnyslope Principal, Lori Ritz, to see Mountain Sky's choir, strings, band, and jazz band performances. After the performances, Mr. Mason took them to Disneyland to rejoin the Sunnyslope group.
- Enjoyed attending the Washington District Education Association (WDEA) Recognition Dinner
- Enjoyed attending the After-School Academy Awards at Moon Valley High School. The pre-school singers and the Mountain Sky violinist were very entertaining.
- Enjoyed speaking at the promotion ceremonies at Palo Verde, Desert Foothills, and Sweetwater Schools.
- Enjoyed attending the retirement open house for Dr. Susie Cook.
- Enjoyed attending the following school events:
 - Orangewood's Fine Arts Celebration for band, choir, and art
 - Mountain View Spring Concert
 - Lookout Mountain's Evening of the Arts (choir, piano, poetry, band, and strings)
 - Maryland's strings and band concert, including the Mariachi band
 - Desert Foothill's orchestra, choir, and band concert
 - Lookout Mountain's band concert
 - Abraham Lincoln's band concert
 - Arroyo's 8th grade "Lobos Gone Broadway" musical

Dr. Cook stated that she had acknowledged the teachers, staff, and administrators at the open house held prior to the Governing Board meeting, but was not emotionally able to acknowledge the Governing Board. Dr. Cook offered to the Governing Board members how much she appreciated their leadership for the District and their support, but most importantly, their priorities. She stated she was able to hear many of their heartfelt promotion speeches and knew that the students were their main priority.

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Betty Paterson, Principal at Sunset Elementary School, to speak about a wonderful surprise they recently experienced at the school. Ms. Paterson reported that Dollar General contacted her to advise they had a donation for the school. Ms. Paterson stated that they were so vague about the donation and she admitted that she had actually turned them down a few times. When she asked for more details regarding the donation, Dollar General advised that they wanted to go to the school to read to the children and then they had a surprise. Channel 10 News broadcasted Dollar General's visit and presentation to the school of a check for \$40,000.00. Ms. Paterson reported that it was a phenomenal surprise. She thanked the Sunset staff who were in attendance at the Board meeting.

G. Celebrations of Successful Programs

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Kathleen McKeever, Director of Academic Support Programs, who presented an update on the WESD after-school programs for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. McKeever provided information regarding the after-school enrichment programs, the After-School Academy, and KidSpace. Ms. McKeever reported that the after-school programs served a total of 10,727 students, had 85 Program Coordinators, and had 697 total staff members.

Mrs. Lambert asked how long the after-school programs lasted after regular school hours. Ms. McKeever responded that the different Academy programs last approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours and KidSpace is open until 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Lambert thanked Ms. McKeever for the presentation.

H. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

I. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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Ms. Graziano requested that Item *II.B. -- Personnel Items be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the remaining Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried.

II. 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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A motion was made by Ms. Graziano that the Governing Board approve Consent Agenda item *II.B. -- Personnel Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Tameri Bayus, the new Assistant Principal at Sunnyslope School. Dr. Cook acknowledged Sunnyslope staff members who were present to show their support of Ms. Bayus. Ms. Bayus acknowledged her family who attended the meeting and thanked them for their support. Ms. Bayus thanked the Governing Board for the opportunity to work at Sunnyslope. She stated she was pleased to be part of an organization that supported her during her elementary years, as she was a product of WESD, as well as during her professional career.

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Holly Weiner, the new Assistant Principal at Palo Verde Middle School. Dr. Cook acknowledged Palo Verde staff members who were present to show their support of Ms. Weiner. Ms. Weiner thanked the Governing Board and the District for the opportunity to work at Palo Verde. Ms. Weiner thanked Heidi Keefer for her support and encouragement the past year at Royal Palm Middle School.

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Shannon Tucker, the new Administrative Assistant in the Superintendent's office, who will be assuming the duties of Joyce Shiota, who will be retiring. Ms. Tucker thanked the Governing Board and Dr. Cook for the opportunity to work in the District. She stated she was excited and looked forward to joining the WESD family.

***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.

1. Arizona Rattlers donated 150 tickets with an approximate value of \$4,500.00 for the benefit of the WESD Safety and Security Department's truancy program 2014-2015 "Be Cool Come to School" good attendance campaign.

2. Dollar General donated a check in the amount of \$40,000.00 to benefit the library and literacy programs to improve students' educational experience at Sunset Elementary School.
 3. Gayle and Marc Floyd donated refreshments with an approximate value of \$450.00 for teacher appreciation week for the benefit of students and staff at Maryland School.
 4. General Mills Box Tops for Education donated a check in the amount of \$1,289.20 to purchase supplies for the benefit of students at Mountain View School.
 5. Intel donated a check in the amount of \$2,615.00 to purchase supplies for the benefit of the PencilPALS program at Mountain View School.
 6. Mountain Sky Student Council donated funds in the amount of \$8,446.61 to be used to purchase new score boards for the gymnasium at Mountain Sky Junior High School.
 7. The Telephone Pioneers donated 32 Cisco telephone sets with an approximate value of \$1,280.00 for the benefit of WESD schools.
 8. Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign donated a check in the amount of \$340.00 for the benefit of students at Lakeview Elementary School.
 9. Maggie and Tom Wilder donated a cello outfit which includes a cello, case, and bow with an approximate value of \$2,000.00 to benefit the new Orchestra program at Chaparral Elementary School.
- *D. Out-of-State Travel** **UNANIMOUS**
1. Debbie Ann Gasiorek, Nutrition Services Supervisor, to attend the School Nutrition Annual Conference – School Nutrition Association, July 10-16, 2015, in Salt Lake City, UT, at no cost to the District.
 2. Connie Parmenter, Director of Nutrition Services, to attend the Western Region Team Up for School Nutrition Success, June 15, 2015, in San Diego, CA, at no cost to the District.
- *E. Award of Contract – Bid No. 15.011, Commercially Purchased Bakery Products** **UNANIMOUS**
- *F. District Representative for Procurement Protests for Fiscal Year 2015-2016** **UNANIMOUS**
- *G. Petty Cash Accounts for 2015-2016** **UNANIMOUS**
- *H. Reauthorization of Revolving and Change Funds for 2015-2016** **UNANIMOUS**
- *I. Student Activity Treasurer for 2015-2016** **UNANIMOUS**
- *J. Reauthorization of Bank Accounts and Signers** **UNANIMOUS**
- *K. Resolution Appointing the Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools as the Chief Disbursing Officer for Wage Garnishments** **UNANIMOUS**
- *L. Signatories for Payroll and Expense Warrants for 2015-2016** **UNANIMOUS**

- *M. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Warrants Between Board Meetings UNANIMOUS
- *N. Extracurricular Fee Schedule for 2015-2016 UNANIMOUS
- *O. Acceptance of the 2015 Barbara Park Literacy Grant in the Amount of \$2,400.00 UNANIMOUS
- *P. Annual Agreement with Honor Health Desert Mission Food Bank UNANIMOUS
- *Q. Approval of the Head Start Facility Locations and Program Approach Changes for the 2015-2016 Program Year UNANIMOUS

III. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary

<i>Joyce Shiota</i>		<i>6/11/15</i>
BOARD SECRETARY		DATE
<i>Lee Lambert</i>		<i>6/11/15</i>
BOARD OFFICIAL		DATE