

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

2014-2015

June 11, 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 7:01 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 Ms. Graziano. 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 28, 2015 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

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F. Current Events and Acknowledgments: Governing Board and Superintendent

Ms. Graziano acknowledged the following:

- Received a thank you note from Ms. Banda's 7th and 8th grade music classes at Arroyo Elementary for attending their Lobo's Gone Broadway production.
- Received a thank you note from Ms. Candice Nelson's string students from Chaparral Elementary.
- Was pleased to announce 25 students from WESD schools (Alta Vista, Desert Foothills, Ironwood, John Jacobs, Lookout Mountain, Mountain View, Royal Palm and Sunburst) will be attending a music camp that she is involved with. Ms. Graziano extended an invitation to attend the concert in July.

Dr. Cook read portions of a letter she received from the Grandmother of a student at Richard E. Miller Elementary School. The Grandmother, who was also speaking on behalf of the Grandfather, acknowledged that Richard E. Miller was the "best school". She acknowledged everyone at the school from the crossing guard to the bus driver, and especially the teachers.

G. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

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H. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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Mrs. Lambert 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 Ms. Graziano. 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 Mrs. Lambert that the Governing Board approve Consent Agenda item *II.B. – Personnel Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herrera. The motion carried.

Dr. Cook introduced the following new staff and presented them with flowers:

- Mr. Bert Herzog, new Director of Transportation (Mr. Herzog was approved at a previous Governing Board meeting)
- Ms. Pamela Wright, new interim Principal at John Jacobs Elementary School
- Mr. Julio Navarrete-Valenzuela, new interim Assistant Principal at Ocotillo Elementary School
- Mr. William Ambos, new Assistant Principal at Cholla Middle School
- Ms. Jennifer Dial, new Assistant Principal at Acacia Elementary School
- Mr. John Mospan, new Assistant Principal at Mountain Sky Junior High School
- Ms. Adrienne Razo, new Director of Assessment for Academic Services
- Mrs. Amy Fernandez, new Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Ms. Marguerite DiMiceli, returning from smartschools, inc. and will continue in the position of Program Coach in the Professional Development Department
- Ms. Janet Sullivan, returning from smartschools, inc. and will continue in the position of Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services.

Each new employee thanked the Governing Board and Dr. Cook for the opportunity and acknowledged their excitement to work in the district.

***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. Mary Ann Arteaga donated books and 4th grade Science materials with an approximate value of \$1,500.00 for the benefit of students at Chaparral Elementary School.
2. Katherine and Martin Froncek donated a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to purchase library books and library supplies at Washington Elementary School.
3. North Phoenix Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. donated a check in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for the purchase of bus passes for McKinney-Vento students and families.

4. Peter Piper Pizza donated a check in the amount of \$495.71 for the benefit of students at Ironwood Elementary School.
 5. Roadrunner Parent/Teacher Organization donated a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to purchase laptop batteries for the laptop lab at Roadrunner Elementary School.
 6. Verizon donated a check in the amount of \$750.00 (for volunteer efforts of Stacy Alyse Wieser) to purchase items for the Orangewood School sports programs, e.g., uniforms, awards, and referees.
- *D. **Extension and Renewal of Annual Contracts for Specified Goods and Services** UNANIMOUS
 - *E. **Annual Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase Agreement with the Mohave Educational Services Cooperative (MESC), State Procurement Office (SPO) and Arizona Department of Education (ADE)** UNANIMOUS
 - *F. **Award of Contract – RFP No. 15.006, Drug and Alcohol Testing-Transportation to MDT Services & Mobile Drug Testing LLC** UNANIMOUS
 - *G. **Award of Contract – Bid No. 15.008, Trash Removal and Recycle Material Services** UNANIMOUS
 - *H. **Award of Contract – Bid No. 15.009, Paint and Related Products/Services** UNANIMOUS
 - *I. **Sole Source Vendors** UNANIMOUS
 - *J. **Acceptance of the Laura Bush Library Grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 and the Preschool Development Grant in the amount of \$615,400.00** UNANIMOUS
 - *K. **Argosy University College of Education Affiliation Agreement** UNANIMOUS
 - *L. **Agreement with the Assistance League of Phoenix** UNANIMOUS
 - *M. **Proposed Governing Board Meeting Dates for the 2015-2016 School Year** UNANIMOUS
 - *N. **Approval of First Reading of Proposed Amended Board Policies AC – Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity, GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity, GCF/GDF – Staff Hiring, JB – Equal Educational Opportunities, JICK – Student Violence/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying, JII – Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances, JK – Student Discipline, and KHC – Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials** UNANIMOUS

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEM

- A. **Community Use of School Facilities Fee Structure for Fiscal Year 2015-2016** UNANIMOUS
 Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Kathleen McKeever, Director of Academic Support Programs to make a recommendation to the Governing Board to approve the 2015 - 2016 Community Use of Schools Facilities Fee Structure as presented, which was to maintain the 2014-2015 fee structure from last year.

Ms. Graziano asked if the 2015-2016 fee structure was exactly the same as last year and Ms. McKeever acknowledged it was exactly the same.

Mr. Herrera asked if we would ever consider increasing the fee structure. Mrs. Lambert indicated that is something we could consider in the future.

Mrs. Lambert relayed her appreciation to Ms. McKeever and staff on behalf of the community for being able to keep the cost down while still being able to meet all of our needs and costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Jahneke that the Governing Board approve the 2015-2016 Community Use of School Facilities Fee Structure as presented, to take effect on July 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Graziano. The motion carried.

IV. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Update on the Preschool Development Grant

Dr. Cook introduced Ms. Natalie McWhorter, Director of Curriculum, who provided the Governing Board with an update and information on the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) and how it was being merged with the Head Start Quality First program. Ms. McWhorter stated the Preschool Development Grant was awarded to Arizona's Department of Education in December 2014. WESD was subsequently awarded as a sub-grantee in April 2015. The purpose of the PDG, offered through the US Department of Early Learning, is to assist states in developing and enhancing capacity to deliver high-quality preschool programming, as well as implement and sustain high-quality preschool for eligible children in selected high-need communities. WESD was chosen as a high-need community by ADE based on the following: 80% Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility, 25% or higher English Language Learner population and earning a grade of "C" or higher as a District (WESD is a "B" LEA).

Arizona received \$20 million annually for up to four years totaling \$80 million during the development phase of the PDG. WESD received \$615,400 as a sub-grantee for implementing PDG. The funding was not enough to fund a self-supporting program, therefore, conversations began about the possibility of blending programs.

The Head Start City of Phoenix Grantee received a directive from ADE that to improve quality in Head Start (HS) programs, the PDG could extend half-day Head Start to full day. The additional funding will allow WESD to have nine full day Head Start classrooms co-located with both PDG and Head Start children. The blending of the programs will allow for 190 additional slots (68 full-time slots and 112 part-time slots). The name of the co-located classrooms will be Preschool Leads to Student Success. The co-located full-day classrooms will be at Arroyo, Ocotillo, Richard E. Miller, Shaw Butte, Sunburst, and Tumbleweed schools.

Ms. McWhorter informed the Governing Board that ADE has expressed that they want WESD to apply for another 100 slots next year. She will be working with WESD staff all year to build capacity to serve more children.

Mr. Herrera made the following comments:

- Was Head Start a four hour program? Ms. Whorter replied that Head Start was normally for four hours (AM & PM), but this funding was allowing for 6.5 hours by putting the AM & PM together.
- Was this the same program as the one at Chaparral? Ms. Whorter acknowledge the program at Chaparral was different; it has different funding. It is funded by the after-school program for the purposes of enrichment.

Ms. Graziano made the following comments:

- How many children were on the waitlist this year? Ms. Whorter indicated that 200 children must be kept on the waitlist at all times. WESD had more than 40 students waitlisted in the Manzanita/Roadrunner/Alta Vista area.
- Will we need to reapply for this grant every year or is the funding level set? Ms. Whorter indicated the grant is for 4 ½ years and was not sure what will happen at the end of that time.
- Was Consent Item J from today's agenda the same preschool funding that we were discussing or is it additional money? Ms. Whorter informed her it was the same funding.
- Asked if there will be a difference between the HS students and the PDG students. Ms. Whorter said no, the programs will be the same. The only difference will be the funding sources.

Mrs. Lambert made the following comments:

- WESD has a quality Preschool program evidenced from the Head Start review and from the Arizona Department of Education so she was excited to hear about the grant.
- It was unfortunate the grant did not meet the financial need of what it costs to run a quality Preschool program. Mrs. Lambert was really excited about this great opportunity for our community.
- Was this a Federal grant? Ms. Whorter acknowledged it was a Federal grant.
- Did it come out of the same office as Head Start or did it come out of the Department of Education? Ms. Whorter replied that the grant came from the Department of Education.
- Mrs. Lambert indicated the Department of Education did not normally handle Preschool. Ms. Whorter acknowledged that Ms. Lambert was correct.
- Since this was new for the Department of Education and Head Start was based out of another agency at the Federal level, when they come to monitor will there be two sets of monitoring? Ms. McWhorter indicated they were not sure about the monitoring at this time and it was one of the District's questions in the beginning. Since we will run our classrooms like high-quality Head Start classrooms programs, she did not anticipate any monitoring issues. The Federal government acknowledged that blending the two programs was acceptable.
- If we can increase our slots by 100 the following year, would we be able to keep all of that funding to the end of the 4 ½ years. Ms. McWhorter indicated yes, we were allotted 585 slots, but didn't have the capacity to handle that many.
- This is a good thing for kids! Ms. McWhorter acknowledged she was also happy for our parents who want their young children in school.

Ms. McWhorter informed the Governing Board that there were a lot of businesses who went to the initial meeting and wanted to apply for the grant, but they quickly realized they would not be able to afford the administration of the program. Only school districts are capable of taking this on, as long as they have support from Head Start.

Dr. Cook commended everyone who worked on this grant. It was interesting that Washington Elementary School District was receiving more than 25% of the \$20 million. Dr. Cook believed they would have given us more if we could have accommodated it. Dr. Cook also stated it was a tribute to how we deliver preschool education to our children.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

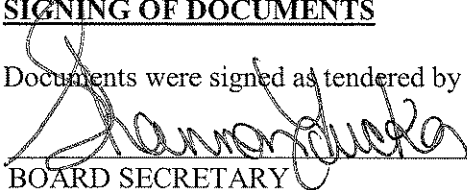
VI. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Mr. Herrera to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jahneke. The motion carried.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Documents were signed as tendered by the Governing Board Secretary


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