



TIME: March 6, 2017 – 6:30 PM

PLACE: Jerry Rovey District Facility, 19871 West Fremont Road, Buckeye, AZ 85326

**I. OPENING MEETING**

1. Mr. Paul Jensen, Governing Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present; Mr. Thad McCloud, Mr. Mike Newman, Ms. Kelly Olson-Stewart and Ms. Regina Simmons.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Simmons.
3. A motion by Mr. Newman/Ms. Simmons was entered to approve the Regular Agenda form and temporarily suspend Governing Board Policy with which this agenda may be inconsistent.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
4. School Reports / Presentation / Recognitions - Each administrator reported on happenings and notables on their campuses. Schools presenting are listed below:
  - Liberty Elementary School - Ms. Jennifer Gray introduced Mr. Keith Armstrong and Ms. Bethany Hice. The Liberty Elementary school band, orchestra, percussion ensemble and band performed led by Mr. Keith Armstrong, Liberty Music teacher. Art was presented by Ms. Bethany Hice, Liberty Art teacher. Students from several grade levels gave presentations on what they have been studying and learning in their classrooms.
  - Teacher Advisory Group - Ms. Nichole Paduano, teacher representative from Westar Elementary School, reported on topics that had been discussed at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Teacher Advisory Group meeting.

**II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- Ms. Jennifer Murray, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board in support of the Multi-age Gifted Program and Ms. Connie Crowley and regarding her concerns of the district's response to the Public Records Request and concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers.
- Ms. Leigh Gilchrist, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board in support of the Multi-age Gifted Program and Ms. Connie Crowley and regarding her concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers.
- Mr. Dustin Spadaro, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board in support of the Multi-age Gifted Program and Ms. Connie Crowley and regarding his concerns of the district's response to the Public Records Request and concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers.
- Ms. Julie Haut, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board in support of the Multi-age Gifted Program and Ms. Connie Crowley, her concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers and concerns with the future of the GATE program.
- Ms. Angela Perrone, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding her concerns in class size and concerns with the future of the GATE program.
- Ms. Megan Blackburn, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers, class size, concerns of the district's response to the Public Records Request.
- Ms. Jeni Adair, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers, class size, concerns of the district's response to the Public Records Request and concerns with the GATE program.
- Ms. Robin Johnson, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers.
- Ms. Amanda Kortright, future parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers.
- Mr. Michael Todd, Westar Elementary School parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding concerns with the leadership of Dr. Rogers and district's response to a Public Records Request.
- Ms. Sharon Marine, Estrella Mountain School principal, addressed the Governing in support of the district and the leadership in the district under the direction of Dr. Rogers.

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**III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. Dollars to the Classroom – Dr. Rogers presented the Arizona Attorney General’s Report regarding “Dollars to the Classroom”. Liberty Elementary School District (56.7%) came in first in its peer group.
2. School Facilities Board (SFB) Building Renewal Grants – Mr. Ceja shared School Facilities Board grants that have benefited the district most recently the weatherization project at Rainbow Valley. Mr. Ceja stated they are happy to continue the partnership with the SFB.
3. Governing Board Update
  - o Mr. Paul Jensen – NA
  - o Mr. Thad McCloud – NA
  - o Mr. Mike Newman – NA
  - o Dr. Kelly Olson-Stewart – NA
  - o Ms. Regina Simmons – NA

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion by Mr. Newman/Mr. McCloud was entered to approve the March 6, 2017 Consent Agenda as presented.

Approved **UNANIMOUS**

1. Approval of Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Board Meeting  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
2. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 125, 126, 1025 & 1026 in the amount of \$1,334,996.54  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
3. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1733, 1734, 1735, and 1736 in the amount of \$409,095.62  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
4. Approval of Student Activity Fund for the Month of January 2017  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
5. Approval of Gifts and Donations for February 1, 2017 thru February 28, 2017  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
6. Approval of Personnel Action Items  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
7. Approval of Stipends for Psychologists  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
8. Approval of Arizona School Medicaid Direct Service Agreement for Fiscal Year 2016-2017  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
9. Approval of the Agreement Between the Liberty Elementary School District and Valley of the Sun United Way School Breakfast Program  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
10. Approval of the Arizona School Facilities Building Renewal Grant - Request for Funds for the Domestic Water Piping Project on the Estrella Mountain Elementary School Campus  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
11. Approval of the Arizona School Facilities Building Renewal Grant - Request for Funds for Weatherization on the Estrella Mountain Elementary School Campus  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
12. Approval of Hearing Officer's Recommendation for Long Term Suspension  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**

**V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Discussion/Review of Parent/Student/Staff Survey Results  
Survey presentations were made by Estrella Mountain Elementary School, Las Brisas Academy and Rainbow Valley Elementary School.  
This was an information item; no action was taken.
2. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Appointment of Principal for Las Brisas Academy  
After discussion, a motion by Mr. McCloud/Mr. Newman was entered to approve the appointment of Mr. Timothy Dickey as principal of Las Brisas Academy for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**

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3. Discussion/Consideration to Approve the Adoption of an English Language Arts Curriculum  
After discussion, a motion by Mr. Newman/Mr. McCloud was entered to approve the adoption and purchase of the following English Language Arts curriculum: Preschool - McGraw Hill Wonders (2017), Kindergarten through grade 5 - World of Wonders (2017), Special Education - Wonderworks (2017) and for grade 6-8 - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections (2017) as presented.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
4. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Work Calendars for 12 Month Employees and Psychologists for Fiscal Year 2018  
After discussion, a motion by Mr. Newman/Mr. McCloud was entered to approve work calendars for 12 month employees and psychologists for FY2018 as presented.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
5. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Issuance of Administrator / Psychologist / Exempt Staff Contracts for FY 2018  
After discussion, a motion by Dr. Olson-Stewart/Mr. McCloud was entered to approve the issuance of administrator/psychologist/exempt staff contracts for FY2018 as presented.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
6. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Public Records Request Clerk Position  
After discussion, a motion by Mr. McCloud/Mr. Newman was entered to approve the public records clerk position as presented. Mr. Jensen abstained.  
Approved **MOTION CARRIED (4-YES, 1-ABSTAINED)**
7. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Possible Action to Acknowledge a Statement of Charges for the Dismissal of Teacher Joshua Schroder; to Dismiss Teacher Joshua Schroder from his Employment with the District and to Authorize the Superintendent to Notify Mr. Schroder of the Statement of Charges and his Dismissal from the District  
After discussion, a motion by Mr. Newman/Mr. McCloud was entered to approve to acknowledge the statement of charges for the dismissal of teacher, Joshua Schroder from his employment with the district effective February 11, 2017 subject to Mr. Schroder's right to a hearing; and to authorize the Superintendent to notify Mr. Schroder of the acknowledgement of the Statement of Charges and of his dismissal subject to his right to a hearing.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
8. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION  
A motion by Mr. McCloud/Dr. Olson-Stewart was entered to recess to executive session for A.1 – Personnel – Discussion of Superintendent's Regular Quarterly Evaluation  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**

**RECESSING OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION –9:09 – 10:20 p.m.**  
**RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING GENERAL**  
**BUSINESS CONTINUED**

**VI. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS OR RECOMMENDED AGENDA TOPICS ADDITION**

Dr. Olson-Stewart asked that a future agenda item be included regarding the Open Enrollment process and its impact on class size.

**VII. UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS:**  
**April 10, 2017 - Regular Board Meeting**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING**

On a motion entered by Mr. McCloud/Mr. Newman and by unanimous vote the Governing Board Meeting ended at 10:22 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

May 22, 2017