



LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 25
Governing Board Minutes

TIME: June 19, 2017 – 6:30 PM

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

I. OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, Mrs. Kathy McNamara and Mrs. Regina Simmons. Absent was Mr. Mike Newman.
2. Information/Discussion Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Annual Expenditure Budget
Ms. Baysinger shared areas impacted, major M&O budgetary highlights, M&O expenditures by object, M&O salaries, benefits, capital highlights and tax rate. Ms. Baysinger stated it was important to note that the Proposed Expenditure Budget being presented is the culmination of input and actions over the past six months that have been previously presented to and/or approved by the Governing Board. M&O Increased capacity primarily due to increased student growth, Teacher Experience Index factor, and inflationary factor adjustment per passage of proposition 123. Funds for the District Additional Assistance continue to be reduced greater than 85%. All budget information has been presented to the governing board in previous meetings, through revenue projections, contracts and benefits approval. The district is required to publish the proposed budget for community review 10 days prior to budget hearing and board meeting for adoption on July 10, 2017, pending Governing Board approval of the 2017-18 Governing Board Meeting Schedule. Members of the audience were given the opportunity to ask questions
3. Information/Discussion Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Allocation of Monies Related to the Intended 1.06% Teacher Salary Increase
Ms. Baysinger shared in accordance with Laws 2017, 305, §33, ADE will allocate funds to school districts with the intention of increasing, by 1.06%, the salary of each teacher who taught at an Arizona school district or charter school during fiscal year 2016-2017 and who will be teaching at a school district or charter school in fiscal year 2017-2018. For fiscal year 2017-2018, districts are required to provide notice of the vote related to the allocation of amounts received for the intended 1.06% teacher salary increase. After the fiscal year 2016-2017 Annual Financial Report is completed and no later than November 1, 2017, Districts may revise the calculations to reflect changes in teacher counts and salaries reported including final fiscal year 2016-2017 teacher salaries. The salary increase must supplement and not supplant any salary increase that the district would have provided to the teacher for the fiscal year 2017-2018, prior to the allocation.

II. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

On a motion entered by Mr. McCloud/Mrs. Simmons and by unanimous vote the Public Hearing ended at 6:59 p.m.

III. OPENING MEETING

1. Mr. Paul Jensen, Governing Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present; Mr. Thad McCloud, Mrs. Kathy McNamara and Mrs. Regina Simmons. Absent was Mr. Mike Newman.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. McNamara.
3. A motion by Mr. McCloud/Mrs. Simmons was entered to approve the Regular Agenda form and temporarily suspend Governing Board Policy with which this agenda may be inconsistent. At this time Mr. Jensen stated he would like to remove Agenda Item VI.5 from the agenda. An amended motion by Mr. Jensen/Mrs. McNamara was entered to approve the Regular Agenda excluding General Business Agenda Item VI.5. Mr. Jensen called for a vote. Mr. McCloud and Mrs. Simmons casted the dissenting votes. **MOTION FAILED (2-YES, 2-NO)**
Mr. Jensen asked for the initial motion by Mr. McCloud/Mrs. Simmons that was entered to approve the Regular Agenda form and temporarily suspend Governing Board Policy with which this agenda may be inconsistent. Mr. Jensen and Mrs. McNamara casted the dissenting votes. **MOTION FAILED (2-YES, 2-NO)**
Mr. Jensen changed his vote to “Yes”. Mrs. McNamara cast the dissenting vote. **MOTION CARRIED (3-YES, 1-NO)**
Approved

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IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Michael Todd, Westar Parent, congratulated Mrs. McNamara for her appointment to the Governing Board and addressed the Governing Board regarding his concerns with violation of open meeting laws, board meeting minutes and the leadership of Dr. Rogers.
- Mr. Garrett Maier, local high school teacher, addressed the Governing Board regarding his support of Mrs. McNamara.
- Gracie McNamara, Westar Student, addressed the Governing Board regarding her support of Mrs. McNamara.
- Ms. Megan Blackburn, Westar Parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding her concern of the district, the leadership of Dr. Rogers and class size.
- Livia Blackburn, Westar Student, addressed the Governing Board regarding her concern of the district's gifted program.
- Sadie Snyder, Westar Student, addressed the Governing Board regarding her concern with Dr. Rogers and her mother not being able to help in her classroom.
- Ms. Emily Snyder, Westar Parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding her concern with the leadership of Dr. Rogers.
- Ms. Robin Johnson, Westar Parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding her concern with the leadership of Dr. Rogers and his interactions with her daughter.
- Ms. Julie Haut, Westar Parent, congratulated Mrs. McNamara for her appointment to the Governing Board and addressed the Governing Board regarding her concern with the leadership of Dr. Rogers.
- Mr. Dustin Spadaro, Westar Parent, addressed the Governing Board regarding his concern of policy violations by the district and leadership of Dr. Rogers.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. McNamara asked Agenda Items #1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11 and 15 be pulled from the Consent Agenda. A motion by Mr. McCloud/Mrs. McNamara was entered to approve the June 19, 2017 Consent Agenda Item #5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14.

Approved

UNANIMOUS

A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. McCloud was entered to move Agenda Items #1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11 and 15 from the Consent Agenda to General Business.

Approved

UNANIMOUS

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 6, 2017, March 9, 2017, April 10, 2017 and April 24, 2017 Board Meetings
Pulled from the Consent Agenda
2. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 & 1037 in the amount of \$4,880,036.49
Pulled from the Consent Agenda
3. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, and 1747 in the amount of \$404,665.90
Pulled from the Consent Agenda
4. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, and 1752 in the amount of \$1,311,058.85
Pulled from the Consent Agenda
5. Approval of Student Activity Fund for the Month of March 2017 and April 2017
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
6. Approval of Gifts and Donations for April 1, 2017 thru May 31, 2017
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
7. Approval of Personnel Action Items
Pulled from the Consent Agenda
8. Approval of Annual Contract Renewals for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
9. Approval of Cooperative Purchase Agreements and Procurement Authorizations for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
10. Approval to Designate Sole Source Providers for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018
Pulled from the Consent Agenda
11. Approval of Emergency Procurement – Liberty Septic Tank
Pulled from the Consent Agenda

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12. Approve Arizona School Facilities Building Renewal Grant - Request for Funds for Liberty Elementary School Building D Roofing Project
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
13. Approve Arizona School Facilities Building Renewal Grant - Request for Funds for Liberty Elementary School Replace Water Storage Tank Project
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
14. Approval of Request to Remove from Adopted Curriculum List and Dispose of Outdated Curriculum Materials
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
15. Approval of the Adoption of the Unique Learning System for Special Education Self-Contained Classrooms
Pulled from the Consent Agenda

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Annual Expenditure Budget
Mr. Jensen asked for a motion to discuss/consider approval of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Annual Expenditure Budget. Mrs. McNamara motioned to open discussion on this agenda item. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion.
A motion by Mr. McCloud/Mrs. Simmons was entered to Approve Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Annual Expenditure Budget.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
2. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Allocation of Monies Related to the Intended 1.06% Teacher Salary Increase
Mr. Jensen asked for a motion to discuss/consider approval of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Allocation of Monies Related to the Intended 1.06% Teacher Salary Increase. Mr. McCloud inquired about Mr. Jensen's request. Mr. Jensen stated he was following Roberts Rules of Order. Mr. McCloud motioned to open discussion on this agenda item. Mrs. McNamara seconded the motion. No further questions/discussion was held.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
3. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Award in Response to Invitation for Bid #17-06-17 for Exterior Weatherization Project - Estrella Mountain Elementary School
Mrs. Simmons/Mr. McCloud motioned to open discussion on this agenda item.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
4. Discussion/Review of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Financial Audit Report
This was an information item; no action was taken
5. Discussion/Review of Complaints, Concerns and Responses Process
This was an information item; no action was taken
6. Discussion/Consideration of Complaint Appeal Filed by Emily Snyder
Mr. Jensen tabled agenda item. No motion was made. No vote was taken.
7. Discussion/Review of Class Size and Staffing Allocation
This was an information item; no action was taken

A motion by Mr. McCloud/Mr. Jensen was entered to take a 5 minute recess (8:39 - 8:44 PM).
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
8. Discussion/Review of Westar Elementary Signature Program Five (5) Year Review
This was an information item; no action was taken
9. Discussion/Review of 7th & 8th Grade Advanced Classes Offerings
This was an information item; no action was taken
10. Discussion/Consideration to Approve the Gifted Education Plan presented by the Gifted Task Force
Mr. Jensen tabled agenda item. No motion was made. No vote was taken.
11. Discussion/Review of Personnel Exit Surveys
This was an information item; no action was taken
12. Discussion/Consideration to Approve the Proposed 2017-2018 Governing Board Meeting Schedule
A motion by Mr. McCloud/Mrs. Simmons was entered to approve the 2017-2018 Governing Board Meeting Calendars as presented.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
13. **CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION I**
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Jensen was entered to recess to executive session for ARS 38-431.03 A.3; Consultation with District Attorney(s) - Advice from Attorney(s) in Regards to Matters

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Pertaining to Complaint Filed with Arizona Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide Office. Mr. McCloud cast the dissenting vote.

Approved

MOTION CARRIED (3-YES, 1-NO)

RECESSING OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 9:42 – 10:15 p.m.

RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING GENERAL

GENERAL BUSINESS CONTINUED

14. Discussion/Consideration to Approve to Designate a Point Person/District Representative to Interact with the Arizona Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide Office on behalf of the Liberty Elementary School District

A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Jensen was entered to Designate Mr. Jensen as a Point Person to Interact with the Arizona Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide Office on behalf of the Liberty Elementary School District.

A motion by Mr. McCloud was entered to Designate Mr. Shane Darr as a Point Person to Interact with the Arizona Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide Office on behalf of the Liberty Elementary School District. An amended motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. McCloud was entered to designate, Mr. Ben Hufford, as point person specifically this particular matter case #1700784 and that he keep the Board apprised of the progress.

Approved

UNANIMOUS

15. **CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION II**

A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Jensen was entered to recess to executive session for ARS 38-431.03 (a) (1); Personnel - Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation and Performance Pay. Mr. McCloud and Mrs. Simmons casted the dissenting votes.

MOTION FAILED (2-YES, 2-NO)

16. Discussion/Consideration to Approve the 2016-2017 Superintendent's Evaluation

A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. McCloud was entered to table this agenda item.

TABLED UNANIMOUS

17. Discussion/Consideration to Approve the Superintendent's Performance Pay

A motion by Mr. McCloud/Mrs. McNamara was entered to table this agenda item.

TABLED UNANIMOUS

VII. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS OR RECOMMENDED AGENDA TOPICS ADDITION

Mr. McCloud requested a re-election of president for the Governing Board as an agenda item

Mrs. McNamara requested the following:

- o Exploring to retain the county attorney as legal counsel
- o Hiring a parliamentarian for future meetings
- o Identifying issues of taking of minutes
- o Spending authority of Superintendent without prior board authority
- o Reviewing of Dr. Rogers' contract for legality by county attorney
- o Extending the number of days for posting of agenda
- o Reviewing the minutes of the February 13, 2017 board meeting

Mr. Jensen requested board discuss vision of World Class Education, another discussion of evaluation and performance pay.

Items pulled from Consent Agenda:

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Approved **UNANIMOUS**
10. Approval to Designate Sole Source Providers for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018
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Approved **UNANIMOUS**

Mr. Jensen requested a special board meeting be scheduled prior to July 1, 2017 address evaluation. Meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2017, at 6:30 PM.

**VIII. UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS:
July 10, 2017 - Regular Board Meeting**

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

On a motion entered by Mr. McCloud/Mrs. Simmons and by unanimous vote the Governing Board Meeting ended at 11:10 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

July 10, 2017