



LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 25
Governing Board Minutes

TIME: March 21, 2019 – 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. Mark Aguire, Mrs. Yolanda Lopez-Bearden, and Mrs. Kathy McNamara; absent was Mr. Jeffrey Turbitt.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden.
3. A motion by Mrs. McNamara, a second by Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the Regular Agenda form and temporarily suspend Governing Board Policy with which this agenda may be inconsistent. Upon call to vote, Mr. Aguire, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted “aye”, and the motion carried.

II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - None

III. CONSENT AGENDA

IV. A motion by Mr. Aguire, a second by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden was entered to approve the March 21, 2019 Consent Agenda as presented. Upon call to vote, Mr. Aguire, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted ‘aye’, and the motion carried.

1. Approval of Personnel Action Items

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Boundary Scenarios
Dr. Shough introduced Dr. Ed Sloat who has been working with the Facilities and Growth Committee to accommodate a short-term growth solution. Dr. Sloat presented information provided by Applied Economics as of January 2019. This information included 10-year growth enrollment. He provided enrollment data based on Resident/Non-Resident Enrollment inclusive of Open Enrollment, geospatial representation of current enrollment by place or residence, regional context, observations based on context and solution to allocate new growth in northern region across Liberty, Las Brisas and Freedom. Dr. Shough shared the guiding principles of the committee: 1. Moving newer and growing communities before long established communities; 2. Keeping neighborhoods within the same high school boundaries; 3. Keeping neighborhood communities together; 4. Minimizing length of time on the bus/travel time to/from school; 5. Avoiding moving students more than one time with boundary changes; 6. Maintaining community school sizes; and 7. Impacting the least amount of people. Based on these guiding principles, the committee came up with two options. Option 1 reduces overcrowding at Liberty, reduces bus travel time, stabilizes school for new developments, improves alignment with the high school boundaries, keeps communities together and impact the least number of students (a total of 14 students are impacted by Option 1). Option 2 provides a greater capacity ease, provides a balance in school enrollments, presents a potential risk for Section 10 (if these students are moved now, they may need to be moved again if a new school is built with this section in future years), creates a less efficient bus route, and moves more current students. The committee and administration are recommending Option 1. A motion by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, a second by Mrs. McNamara was entered to approve Boundary Option 1. Upon call to vote, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted “aye”; Mr. Aguire voted “nay”, and the motion carried.
2. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Appointment of Principal for Estrella Mountain Elementary School
A motion by Mrs. McNamara, a second by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden was entered to approve the Appointment of Lynzee Booras as principal of Estrella Mountain Elementary School. Upon call to vote, Mr. Aguire, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted “aye”, and the motion carried.

3. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Issuance of Administrator / Psychologist / Exempt Staff Contracts for FY 2020
A motion by Mr. Aguire, a second by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden was entered to approve the Issuance of Administrator / Psychologist / Exempt Staff Contracts for FY 2020. Upon call to vote, Mr. Aguire, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted “aye”, and the motion carried.
4. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Employee Fringe Benefits for FY 2020
Mr. Nuttall introduced representatives from Gallagher who presented insurance recommendations for the 2019-20 Employee Benefit Plan. Lisa Weston provided information regarding goals, Liberty Employee Benefits Survey, rate comparison, recommendations, Liberty’s medical financial summary, and benefit scenarios. Ralph Epifanio shared information on ASBAIT Network access and Banner and Aetna’s access to providers. Sheri Stephens addressed the ASBAIT value added services some of which include the Wellness Campaign, Onsite Mammogram/Flu Shot Clinics, Employee Assistance Program, Disease/Maternity Management, Case Management, and Annual Biometric Testing. Ms. Weston concluded by providing information regarding Dental, Vision, and Life and AD&D insurances. A motion by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, a second by Mrs. McNamara was entered to approve the Employee Fringe Benefits for FY 2020. Upon call to vote, Mr. Aguire, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted “aye”, and the motion carried.
5. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Appointment for Director of School Effectiveness
A motion by Mrs. McNamara, a second by Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the Appointment of Candace Diehl as the Director of School Effectiveness. Upon call to vote, Mr. Aguire, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted “aye”, and the motion carried.
6. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Appointment of Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator
A motion by Mr. Aguire, a second by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden was entered to approve the Appointment of Ryann Cagle as Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator. Upon call to vote, Mr. Aguire, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted “aye”, and the motion carried.

VI. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT, COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS, OR RECOMMENDED AGENDA TOPICS ADDITION

1. Governing Board Update
 - o Mr. Jensen – N/A
 - o Mr. Aguire – N/A
 - o Mrs. Lopez-Bearden - N/A
 - o Mrs. McNamara – attended Ag Day at Liberty Elementary and acknowledged Ms. Gray for a great job. She also gave a shout out to the Rovey’s, Kerr’s and Youngker’s for their support of the district.
 - o Mr. Turbitt - N/A
 - o Dr. Shough asked Governing Board members to check their calendars for an additional Special Board meeting to be held on Monday, April 29, 2019.

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

A motion by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, a second by Mr. Aguire was entered to adjourn the Governing Board Meeting at 8:02 p.m. Upon call to vote, Mr. Aguire, Mrs. Lopez-Bearden, Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. Jensen voted ‘aye’, and the motion carried.

Signed:

Date:

April 8, 2019