Superintendent and Staff

The Superintendent is appointed by the Governing Board and charged with the execution of Board policy.

The Dysart Superintendent serves as Chief Executive Officer and acts as the Governing Board’s professional advisor and, in conjunction with the Executive Administrators, presents recommendations before action is taken on any item. The Superintendent works closely with the administrative staff when developing recommendations for Board consideration.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP:

- Dr. Quinn Kellis, Superintendent
- Dr. Stephen Poling, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services
- Jim Dean, Assistant Superintendent – Support Services
- Kenneth Hicks, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
- Patricia Buck, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

WELCOME TO A MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Nathaniel Dysart Education Center

15802 N. Parkview Place
Surprise, AZ  85374
(623) 876-7000

Persons with a disability or who need and interpreter may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a translator or sign language interpreter, by contacting the Governing Board Secretary at 623-876-7002. Requests should be made at least 48 hours in advance to arrange the service.
The Dysart School District’s Governing Board welcomes the public, including all school staff, parents, and community members to its meetings.

Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month beginning at 6:00 p.m. Study sessions are also held as needed for the purpose of studying one or more specific issues in depth. No action is taken during a study session. The schedule of meeting dates is available at www.dysart.org or from the Secretary to the Governing Board at 876-7002.

Occasionally, a special meeting is held to handle specific Board business. Executive sessions are also scheduled periodically for discussion of confidential matters. An executive session is closed to the public, but official action on executive session items is taken during regular Board meetings.

Governing Board meetings are held at the Nathaniel Dysart Education Center, 15802 N. Parkview Place, Surprise, AZ. A change from this location will be noted on the official agenda posting.

During regular meetings, district residents, staff members, parents, and students may address the Board during the session’s order of business. The public may also address the Board during the “Audience with Individuals” segment held near the beginning of the agenda.

All persons wishing to address the Board must complete a Request to Address the Governing Board form and submit to the Board Clerk, Superintendent or Governing Board secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting. The public may address the Board on both agenda and non-agenda items.

Patrons who have filled out and submitted the form may make a three-minute presentation to the Board. In accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.02H, the Governing Board cannot discuss issues or answer questions at the meeting on items which do not appear on the agenda (except personal criticism).

The official agenda is physically posted at 15802 N. Parkview Pl., Surprise, AZ, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The agenda packet is also posted on the district website under the link “Public Meetings Notice”. A printed summary agenda is available at the meeting for visitors to follow the progress of the meeting.

The public may request that items be included on the agenda. Topics for consideration or items for discussion should be submitted to the Superintendent for consideration at least two (2) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

The voters of the Dysart Unified School District elect the five Dysart Governing Board members. They work to maintain high levels of excellence in education.

By law, the Governing Board sets all district policies and has final authority over all school district business. The Board’s policy manual may be viewed at all Dysart schools, the District Office, and at www.dysart.org.

Members of the Board live within the school district and serve four (4) year terms. They serve on a voluntary basis without pay.

Any person who is a qualified elector and has lived within the Dysart District one year may become a Board candidate.

School board elections are held in conjunction with state and federal elections every two years.

Dawn Densmore
Jay Leonard
Christine Pritchard
Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil
Jennifer Tanner

Board members appreciate your interest and support.
Thank you for attending the Board Meeting. Please come again.