DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

MINUTES: GOVERNING BOARD – REGULAR MEETING

2012-2013 May 1, 2013 Location: Nathaniel Dysart Education Center

RETIREE RECEPTION – 5:45 – 6:00 PM
Retirees and guests enjoyed refreshments and were entertained by the Rancho Gabriela Show Choir under the direction of Whitney Wilson.

I. REGULAR MEETING - GENERAL FUNCTION

1. Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Governing Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present; Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Ms. Christine Pritchard, Ms. Jennifer Tanner, Mr. Jerry Eynon and Mrs. Bonnie Schroader.

2. Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. A motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Pritchard was entered to approve the Agenda Form consistent with Board Policy and temporarily suspend any Governing Board Policy with which this agenda may be inconsistent. UNANIMOUS

4. Summary of Current Events
   - Presentations, Recognitions, Celebrations
     - The Dysart Education Foundation was recognized for their $10,000 grant award to support Rachel’s Challenge.
     - The City of Surprise Sundancers were recognized for their $1,571 donation made to support Rachel’s Challenge in the district.
     - The Board recognized the hosts of the New Century Learner Showcase; Dysart Elementary, El Mirage, Riverview and the Early Childhood Center
     - The Board recognized the Mountain View Show Choir and thanked them for performing during the retiree reception.
     - Retirees were recognized for their service to the district.
     - The District Poetry Winners were recognized.
   - Superintendent Update – The district has had a series of committee meetings to engage stakeholders from across our district and communities in collaborative processes that produced very valuable recommendations to help in our planning including strategic planning. We will include an information item in a future agenda to provide more detailed information on the work of these critical committees that include Career and College Ready Advisory, Safety and Capital Planning.
   - Governing Board Update – Board members thanked the Dysart Education Foundation and the City of Surprise Sundancers for their donations in support of the District Rachel’s Challenge Initiative. They also thanked retirees for their service and contributions to District students.
     - Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil attended the Dysart Education Foundation Parent Organization Awards Dinner on April 18th as well as the April 22rd EdLeader21 presentation at the Career and College Advisory Committee meeting.
     - Christine Pritchard attended the Mock Crash Event at Dysart High School.
     - Jennifer Tanner attended the Mock Crash Events at Shadow Ridge High School and Dysart High School.
• Bonnie Schroader had the opportunity to accompany 2nd graders to the Pioneer Village where they learned about pioneer life as well as what it was like to attend school in a one-room school house.

5. Audience with Individuals or Groups - NONE

ACTION/CONSENT

A motion by Schroader/Eynon was entered to approve the consent items as presented. UNANIMOUS

ACTION/CONSENT

1. Approval for Arizona State University to Conduct Research with the District’s Early Childhood Special Education Classrooms
   Approved
   UNANIMOUS

2. Recommendation for Approval to Award Contract No. 14-502-002 Art Supplies and Equipment for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year
   Approved as presented
   UNANIMOUS

3. Recommendation for Approval to Award Contract No. 14-602-003 Athletic P.E. Uniforms and Miscellaneous Apparel for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year
   Approved as presented.
   UNANIMOUS

4. Recommendation for Approval to Award Contract No. 14-3801-004 Musical Instruments Supplies and Equipment for the 2013-2014 School Year
   Approved as presented.
   UNANIMOUS

5. Recommendation for Approval to Award Contract No. 14-4902-006 Science Supplies and Equipment for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year
   Approved as presented.
   UNANIMOUS

6. Recommendation to Approve Personnel Action Items for the Period of April 17, 2013 Through May 1, 2013
   Approved.
   UNANIMOUS

7. Recommendation to Terminate Employment – Classified Staff – 2012-2013 School Year
   Approved the termination of Robert Bongiovanni effective May 1, 2013
   UNANIMOUS

8. Recommendation to Terminate Employment – Classified Staff – 2012-2013 School Year
   Approved the termination of Caprice Spearman effective May 1, 2013.
   UNANIMOUS

9. Approval of the Minutes for the April 17, 2013 Governing Board Meeting
   Approved
   UNANIMOUS
Approved
UNANIMOUS

11. Out of State Travel for the Superintendent to Attend the AASA 2013 Legislative Advocacy Conference in Arlington, VA, July 9 – 11, 2013
Approved
UNANIMOUS

12. Overnight Travel for One Shadow Ridge High School Athletic Trainer to Attend the AZ Athletic Trainers Association 2013 Annual Summer Clinical Symposium in Flagstaff, AZ, July 13-14, 2013
Approved
UNANIMOUS

13. Out of State Travel for One Shadow Ridge High School Architecture Program Teacher to Develop a Partnership for the Rensselaer Medal Scholarship for the Architecture Program Students with the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, NY, May 8-10, 2013
Approved
UNANIMOUS

Approved
UNANIMOUS

15. Overnight Travel for Thirteen Shadow Ridge High School Drama Club Members and Two Advisors to Attend the Arizona State Thespians Leadership Camp in Heber, AZ, July 9-12, 2013
Approved
UNANIMOUS

Approved
UNANIMOUS

17. Out of State Travel for Five Willow Canyon High School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Students, Two Advisors to Attend and Participate in the 2013 HOSA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, June 25-30, 2013
Approved
UNANIMOUS

18. Acceptance of Donations, Gifts and Grants
Accepted
UNANIMOUS

19. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 7518, 44, 7520 and 46 in the Amount of $4,881,435.49
Approved/Ratified
UNANIMOUS
20. Approval of Expense Vouchers 1046, 1047 and 1048 in the Amount of $3,458,682.10
   Approved

**ACTION/DISCUSSION**

21. Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of an Interim Executive Director of Business Services for the 2013-2014 School Year
   A motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader was entered to approve the appointment of Jeff Gadd as Interim Executive Director of Business Services for the 2013-2014 school year.

22. Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of K-8 Assistant Principal
   A motion by Eynon/Schroader was entered to approve the appointment of Castonia McKnight as K-8 Assistant Principal. Assignment: Parkview Elementary

23. Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of K-8 Assistant Principal
   A motion by Tanner/Schroader was entered to approve the appointment of Sherri Hedges as K-8 Assistant Principal. Assignment: Ashton Ranch

24. Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of K-8 Assistant Principal
   A motion by Pritchard/Tanner as entered to approve the appointment of Alicia Ormsbee as K-8 Assistant Principal. Assignment: Cimarron Springs

25. Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of K-8 Assistant Principal
   A motion by Schroader/Sawyer-Sinkbeil was entered to approve the appointment of Melissa Garland as K-8 Assistant Principal. Assignment: Kingswood

26. Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of K-8 Assistant Principal
   A motion by Schroader/Tanner was entered to approve the appointment of Andrew Griesel as K-8 Assistant Principal. Assignment: Thompson Ranch

27. Recommendation to Appoint Trustees to the Employee Benefits Trust Board
   A motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Eynon was entered to reappoint Edward Christy and Matthew Kinney as trustees to the Employee Benefits Trust Board as presented.

28. Recommendation for the Reemployment of Classified Staff and Issuance of Notices of Employment for the 2013-2014 School Year
   A motion by Pritchard/Tanner was entered to approve the issuance of Notices of Employment to classified staff in their current positions at the 2013-2014 salary level with benefits commensurate with the position.

29. Recommendation for Approval of Substitute Employee Notification of Reasonable Assurance Language for the 2013-2014 School Year
   A motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader was entered to approve the substitute employee Notification of Reasonable Assurance language for the 2013-2014 school year.
30. Recommendation for Authorization to Issue Notification of Reasonable Assurance to Substitute Employees for the 2013-2014 School Year
A motion by Schroader/Eynon was entered to approve the issuance of notifications of reasonable assurance to eligible substitute employees as listed for the 2013-2014 school year. UNANIMOUS

31. Recommendation for Revision of Governing Board Policy Section 10.12 – Open Enrollment – Second Reading
A motion by Schroader/Sawyer-Sinkbeil was entered to approve revision of Governing Board Policy Section 10.12 – Open Enrollment. Second Reading UNANIMOUS

32. Recommendation to Rescind Governing Board Recognition of Parent Support Organizations for the Remainder of the 2012-2013 School Year
A motion by Schroader/Pritchard was entered to rescind recognition of the listed Parent Support Organizations for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year; (Willow Canyon High School Boys Soccer Booster, Willow Canyon High School Swim & Dive Booster, and Willow Canyon High School Baseball Booster). UNANIMOUS

INFORMATION

33. Governing Board Development Opportunities and Related Travel
Pursuant to a motion made at the May 15th meeting, minutes for this item have been transcribed verbatim.

GP - Madam President and Members of the Board this was a request that was made so what I did was to include two items as part of this one is the actual board policy so that is an approved document and the other is action taken in September by the board related to in-service training for the board. Because both of those are items that the board takes action on, it’s the equivalent of as you know law in the district. I also asked Linda to pull other district policy and she did pull Deer Valley, Peoria, Scottsdale Chandler and others we compare ourselves with. What we found is that our Dysart language is pretty much in most cases identical because they are all based on the ASBA model we received. In reviewing the Dysart policy, I found again that the paragraphs that you see encourage board members to attend training you see that both in the first and second paragraphs and then it adds that if money is limited there are some guidelines and those are in the bullet form. There are no limitations or guidelines on the who or the when or where or the what and the second item that is included which was the board approved guidelines added to the policy and that established a total travel budget of 10,000 and specifies a little bit more about the where and the what in terms of ASBA and NSBA conferences for approval. So since all board policy dictates a process for interpretation I attempted to translate the policy so I could summarize it and what I found in there that basically in the current policy any travel request should be considered since your board policy does not limit the where the when or really directly the what. Additionally however when monies are limited your guided under that policy to consider certain things like who will go how they will share the information and how to prioritize and also a recommendation to set an amount which the board took action on in September 5th. So far again we are in compliance with the “what” your board policy is saying. The budget you voted on directs how much is spend but it does not negate the policy so that it does not dictate any automatic rejection or doesn’t dictate who or when for approval processes. Based on that, my best advice you should follow your own policy and consider any request based on the merit of the request as measured against the guidance and the guidance is really those bullet points in the policy or the other option is to change policy. We had discussion about the rubric but the rubric
that was developed isn’t part of current policy and the board if you remember when you discussed it decided it was going to be a worksheet and not necessarily a part of the process. So it really acts just to guide individuals as they are making that consideration. In true policy governance, you should be dealing with executive limitations not each and every specific request and the detail of the request. So if the board wants to change the policy to say no travel or one request or ten conferences whatever that limitation might be. That is certainly an option under true policy governance. But if you remember last time we came back and indicated that as an administrative staff we were finding that living within that no option for supporting that kind of travel was becoming difficult because of some opportunities and options that came up. So I would just indicate to you we have found some difficulty in doing that because we don’t know what options and opportunities would present themselves; but that certainly is an option. When looking at out of state travel again we will be using that rubric as guidance but again it is not an official part of the process just again another piece that gives us information. So with all that said again every out of state travel item comes to the board whether that’s staff travel or board. So on that except for the ASBA that has been approved as part of your board action. So right now you have two things to consider do you want to change the actual policy, do you want to include some additional limitations and again if you want to do that I can certainly do that. However, if the board is comfortable in what the language is then I would recommend again you can continue to operate using these there is nothing wrong with the way you are interpreting policy now in terms of we’ve met all of those you can continue to do that knowing again you would have to use your policy basically to determine what your vote would be. That’s really what you need to do. You need to use that guidance or you need to change your policy to reflect whatever you are comfortable with in terms of the decisions you are making about that.

TSS – I’m the one that had requested that this be brought before the board this information piece. I am one that encourages in-service training or development or attending workshops or conferences for board development. I encourage I don’t beat it over anybody’s head in order for them to go. It is a choice that each board and actually staff member but each board member would make in what would connect or benefit the district. One of the things that one of the reasons it is up here is because to attend Arizona School Association in state conference and National School Board Association conferences and I wanted to attend ABEC which is Arizona Business Education Coalition their conference since they are a supporter of Dysart and many school districts actually connect with ABEC and they are a great resource and we rely upon them and they support Dysart. That was the reason it was brought before the board because it was not the ASBA or NSBA so I did want to make that clear that if it wasn’t and it probably would not have been. I just wanted to make it clear to the board in no way am you know each of us makes our own choice on which on what level professional level they wish to do what they can do is entirely up to you and I don’t reprimand because you are not my child I can’t reprimand you but I can encourage because there are opportunities that are out there outside of our community that relationships we can build but we can build individually with other districts with other organizations that focus on education and I would be remiss in my duties as a Governing Board member not to share those opportunities that you may not get the chance to but I may bring to you and share with everybody but apparently I was I don’t know if criticized is a good word but for attending something that is not that was put out there. So I will continue being a strong advocate for Governing Board development opportunities. It is a great relation piece we can’t expect cabinet to be everywhere for all of the millions of conferences and workshops that are out there but there are some that are just for board members but I will always encourage I won’t beat it over your head I will encourage because that’s what I do. There are so many things that we can tie in as far as relationship. I’m out there and one organization I belong to is AASBO because that is a part of my job yet if Dysart is brought up in the subject out there that Dysart is doing something
I'm going to say yes Dysart is doing it. I want the board to know that Dysart is being recognized outside of the district in so many organizations; things that you wouldn't know. Actually as a board member you could even be a part of AASBO but that is just one organization. But I just wanted to say that in no means am I demanding that you do more; you do what is your choice. But please don't criticize me for doing what I do.

GP – One of the things I might add is maybe creating a bit of concern is the verbiage in terms of county, state and national school boards associations. What I would share with you is that this is an ASBA model policy. So obviously they are going to encourage ASBA and NSBA. That language is in there I think it's in there because it is ASBA model language So that's probably one of the pieces that is limiting that may be changed and I think that may have been changed in a couple of the other options that Linda pulled. They left out that national school boards association and ASBA reference.

TSS - I support ASBA and NSBA but they are not the only resource for educational opportunities which is what you're right it's referring to the workshops.

GP - That's because that was modeled on ASBA

JT – I guess for me it's like one of the questions I have and I guess it is an awkward situation to ask but due to open meeting law I just want to put it out there. Like you had said you go out to some conferences for your job but then you know certain times Dysart is mentioned. But my question is at what point are you there for your job and at what point are you there for Dysart and then how does that work budget wise as far as whose paying for that. Because I'm sure that at every conference it's benefiting you in both areas. But that's kind of one of my concerns that I have is what role are you playing at what time and then what role is Dysart playing as far as financial in that aspect.

TSS – I work for Tolleson Elementary School District their director of grants and compliance and there are several things I go to and I am going to bring up AASBO as one of them. At a particular AASBO and my dues are paid by Tolleson, different workshops a particular bi-monthly meeting that comes to mind. They had Mark Masterson from ADE and he stood up and briefed everyday on SAIS and the ups and downs of SAIS and where we are with it and several people in the audience asked hard hitting questions but they didn't quite say the hard hitting questions that everybody was feeling and Scott Thompson stood up and asked the real zinger hard hitting questions and not only for Dysart but for the entire district. He was applauded people clapped all over the place for him. This district and this room would not have known the diligence Scott Thompson had done if I had not come back and shared it because it was not part of Dr. Pletnick's update and it certainly isn't part of the board agenda item it was part of my update to show what Dysart is out there doing to support the fundamentals of SAIS. So in regards to professional development whether it is with Tolleson or whether it's with Dysart the skills you learn you can carry anywhere. But if it is something specifically related for the board it's really hard to separate the two because you ...

JT – and, I understand that and that's why I can tell it would be difficult like okay what role am I in because in our changes. But that's where for me the concern is financially like at what point to you say okay Tolleson will cover this or vs. okay I'll ask Dysart to cover this conference. Like how do you balance that?

TSS - Like for instance with ABEC Tolleson has nothing to do with ABEC. ABEC supports
Dysart I would be representing Dysart. The information I would bring back to Dysart has nothing to do with Tolleson. I would not go into Tolleson and tell them because it has nothing to do with them.

JT - So with that one but what about other ones like as far as you know ASBA or you know NSBA.

TSS - In my position with Tolleson it has nothing to do with ASBA.

JT - Because well, I know like members of our district go to ASBA conferences as well. So you don’t get anything from those conferences as related to your job?

TSS - No, not as far as director of grants and compliance, no.

BS - Is there anything that you believe that has come before the board that we would have made a different decision if we had gone to different conferences? You know, you talk about that we need to be going to more conferences. Is there any area that you feel that we have not been strong in in being able to make a decision on something we voted on. That we’d be going to different…

TSS - Not necessarily.

GP - I would share that a couple of years ago and some of the board members were here there are opportunities for some of the board members to attend specifically NSBA used to have an extension of their technology piece. We then had an opportunity through our network to actually host the technology piece; so some of those will come up. We are currently members of some other groups, EdLeader21 where we will be doing some work. I don’t know what opportunities would come up but that’s why I would caution the board in terms of your policy be careful not to get too restrictive because there may be some things that again having board representation at could enhance our opportunities for those networks. And you know, Mrs. Schroeder, with technology there are always those changes and opportunities. So I would just caution…

BS - No well my questions is coming from is because since we have been on this board all of us have been to continual training. And in fact I think people have gone to every opportunity that has come up as far as things the ASBA has been put on. Is there something lacking in their training that should make us go look at these organizations or why this organization the one that was in the last meeting why that organization now because you know I’m kind of know going back to the technology thing I think when we had our workshop I used me as an example but yes I could have gone to Denver and gone to the technology conference that’s what I do as a career and would have been great to put on my resume but was I there for the right reason. I did not go to that one. I could have gone and the district would have paid for it. But as far as making decisions that we have to make as a governing board 99% of that research is done by the employees of the district and brought to us for final approval and they are the ones having the meetings and those dollars I feel should be saved for the employees that are making the decisions that are holding the trainings that are going through the research and analyzing the research and if 2000 for each of us each year is not enough to cover anything. I am with Jen I have concerns I couldn’t bring them up because of open meeting law so I had talked to somebody else. But there is that very fine line that is walked on what should you/which event. As I listen talking about Scott and being able to bring back those accolades I didn’t hear you saying oh I brought back great information, I saw Scott doing a good job so I could come and tell you all about it. And to me it’s, I mean it’s great that we are being heard out there but that’s an expensive way to find out about that and not have it
shared differently. I just think for, you know for this governing board, our focus is a bit different.

TSS — And I can guarantee you the expense of that AASBO bi-monthly meeting was at no expense to Dysart and I did come back and share it with the governing board. I brought back the accolades that nobody else in here would have known except I think Ms. Rodriguez may have been in the audience. So nobody else would have known that our staff members are out there rooting for us. They are doing their job. And I think as that we as board members have that opportunity to build those relationships whether it is $10 or $100. And I'm not putting a price on it however, I do feel it is our job to connect with those connections and at that point I could say well you know I'm talking with somebody you know you need to get ahold with Teresa Heatherly so then Teresa Heatherly could connect with those two and then all of a sudden we have a grant we are writing for $50,000. We just don't know those relationships or those connections that are out there until we go out there. But then again, it is each individual board members choice we are unique we all have our strengths. Mine just happens to be I like to connect people together.

CP — Can I just ask really quick just for the sake of communication, what's the open meeting law concern?

BS — I've already talked to one other board member like I approached the other board member like am I weird to be thinking that there could be a conflict of interest that because of that then I couldn’t then go to her personally off.

CP — Couldn’t we discuss it now because... interrupted.

BS — Well yeah that’s... interrupted

GP — I would recommend and you know I always recommend this if you can only speak to one other board member, I would always recommend going directly to the person who can give you the best answer. I mean that’s how we operate with our processes and go directly to the source and if you go directly to the source but because of that concern with open meeting law and your only other choice is to bring it to a public meeting. That’s the only other place you can have that discussion. It’s one or the other. There aren’t any other options. I would suggest that’s why I tried to outline that. Your board policy gives you guidelines so that you don't have to get to that personal level that you are making your decisions based on what the recommendation is. So it says the board will periodically decide which meetings appears to be the most promising in terms of producing direct and indirect benefits to the district. That a measure you measure against. The reason I brought up the fact that this is ASBA is because they do kind of advertise in this particular piece. So my recommendation would be maybe that’s what causes some of that confusion that we are limiting ourselves there. But I can tell you there are other educational organizations that are out there that not only advertise for administrative folks but also encourage board members and will have strands. Certainly NSBA does that but I do know that AASA does that and there are some others that do that, because whatever is being shared would be those broader kinds of decisions that are being made at school districts. So that’s why I am again sharing that your policy as it is gives you kind of the option to make decisions based on what they are recommending but there are some limitations in there that might cause some confusion in terms of the discussion.

JT — One thing I want to comment on as far as the policy when we talk about when it’s not attended by the full board those who do participate will be requested to share information, recommendations, and material. I know that when we do our board updates we are able to give a
very quick couple minute synopsis of maybe which classes we attended and stuff. But I know that within those classes we are given copies of slides and things like that and I think it would be beneficial then if we at least got copies of stuff like that because you know it’s hard to get everything or maybe you know hear some of that information just off a quick 2 minute you know update.

CP – I do know with that this was new this last time I had gone to a conference that ASBA is now charging and extra fee if you want to have that packet. They are just telling you to bring your laptops and kind of go along with breakout session or you can go you know print them off on your own. But what was it Linda was it like $15.00 or so. So just keep that in mind.

BS – Can we share them digitally though or is there requirement on that.

TS – We downloaded them on our own computers, you know, we could send them to you.

BS – But are they shareable or is it one user?

TS – Oh no I think you can down load it.

CP – Cause I just had to go back because I’m able to use one of the classes for my license for the threat assessment piece and they still had it up where you could go on the ASBA website and download the that whole slide show presentation.

TSS – And that might not be a bad idea Ms. Tanner as far as bring that information following it through Dr. Pletnick or Linda.

GP – Or we can establish because we have that already on the drive. We could establish a place where that you could then access any of those materials and/or our next item is going to discuss summer workshops. Another option might be to schedule a time when we may not want to do this part of the board where you could go into more detail if you found that there was something you really thought that was relevant or pertinent or that could be helpful. We could do it as a workshop.

CP – The only other thing I want to add just off of what Mrs. Schroader had commented regarding you know saving the money for employee benefit. The only think I would caution with that is that you know obviously we do allow employees to get the professional development we cover the cost of that you know with the stipulation but it’s still offered is that you know I do think it is very important pursue their professional development. I think the last thing an employee group wants is to be led by an ineffective board you know that would never go to conferences you know not get that additional training that makes boards so effective and make good decisions and become good leaders. So I understand as far as we definitely want to make sure there are funds available for employees to pursue their professional development. I'm not so sure we want to do that at the expense of our own professional development.

BS – No but isn’t the ... when we went through and developed the $10000 we had didn’t we already like check and make sure that all the main conferences we wanted to would fit into the $2000 allotment for each of us for all the main ASBA...

TSS – The names of the conferences were part of that.
GP – Again, we list on the update as many as we can. We don’t always know at the start....

BS – But I thought that when we had that workshop that we had actually figured out that you should be able to go to almost everything within that dollar allotment.

GP – I think pretty much the ASBA conferences because I think we what we did is we used what had been done in the past and use it; so most of those would have been those ASBA. We don’t always know we try to keep up with them. A new one for instance may come up with you know an off shoot of one of the technology you know. We just don’t always know every single one they are going to offer.

CP – That was one of my questions for this agenda item kind of in regard to that. When I think it was me who brought this up last summer in regards just coming up with a clear and consistent process for and kind of just talking about a possible rubric just to make sure we are fair and who goes to conferences and things. And when we talked about that $2,000 allotment now is that you know for an example if I decided as a board member that I would have wanted to go I think the NSBA conference this year was in San Diego. Maybe it already happened I think something in April so last month. If I would choose to then forfeit all of my ASBA in-state training and if that conference was in that 2000 limit then that shouldn’t be a big topic for discussion amongst the board correct because regardless... it’s just the $2000 it’s not like well let’s talk about whether this person should be allowed to go out of state. That was my understanding. Correct.

JT – So is the big question here then regarding the is basically the policy about using the school board association is that and..

GP – And I’m thinking that’s part of what may be causing the confusion or concern cause there are other groups that we do, you know, we do have association with. And, as I said that may be caused by the fact that this is an ASBA policy so they would advocate that that language be a part of it. But there are other groups you may want to consider at some point. You could handle it any way you want some other districts kind of eliminate that language.

TSS – But I mean for the money as far as that $10,000 does that start July 1st of every year.

GP – Yes, so actually we would be coming back to the Board at some point the board could decide when because you would need. If you are going to put a limitation if you’re not according to your policy if there is not a limitation on the amount of money you don’t have to set a budget. We have always set a budget so ....

BS – It is only responsible to have a budget we require the district to have a budget. We shouldn’t exempt ourselves from what we ask from every other department and the district to be fiscally responsible.

CP – Did we set out in though in the policy it doesn’t; it’s 10K for the board but I don’t think we got specific to say 2000 per board member did we.

GP – In December we did.

CP – because again okay how would that work if a board member was going to go to last month’s NSBA conference and they had maybe 1500 they had that amount but they were 500 short or 1000 short another board member had plenty left and wasn’t going to use it.
GP – The person could request that from the board. Much like what we did with our staff rubric. If it is not within a budget but we think it is a very valuable thing they would have to bring it to the cabinet level. It would still go before the board but it kind of would go up that chain of responsibility.

JE – I’ve been kind of quiet during this discussion I have always felt that it is district money and district funds and 2 how is what I’m doing benefiting the students in our district because that’s my first priority and if there is something that is a direct benefit to the students in the district then I have no problem with that. Networking is good network I understand the concept of networking. Networking is a good thing but I would have to ask myself each time how is this going to benefit the students in the Dysart district. And that’s where I come with it with these funds. I look at these funds as being sort of a sacred trust that the board has with the employees of the district and so forth and that’s why / how I look at things.

GP – I don’t think the policy is counter to that because I think that first line says that. Basically the board will periodically decide which meetings appear to be most promising in terms of producing direct and indirect benefits to the district. I guess my question would be since this is just for information.... If the board is comfortable with the policy; if you remember we indicated we will be coming back to the board because we will need to do some revisions. The board has gone through all the policy basically adopted it in the framework of policy governance but there will be some pieces we will be coming back to the board based on changes in law and changes that we see in terms of what needs to be clarified so we can bring this back as an item. There is not any change in the law that would make us bring this particular one back to revise it but certainly if that is what the board would like to do we can do that and/or as part of the process we go through it will be coming back to the board if the board wants to establish a budget or revise the budget cause you do that on an annual basis. Pleasure of the Board; would you like me to bring this back for revision or just bring it back when we are talking about budgets.

JE – I personally would like to have another board workshop where we could discuss the whole thing. I thought it was all settled I thought it was done; we had settled it at the last board workshop.

BS – I’m fine with it as is.

JT – You are saying that if it came back we would have to put a budget in the policy.

GP – The way this is written right now it basically says if there are limitations in funds then you have to establish...

JT – Okay so we would need to put it in policy what our budget is.

GP – Or here’s how with prior approval of the board members may participate in meetings other than those authorized in the budget but if you want to establish a budget and this is what we did with this action. We don’t have to change board policy to do that but you would have to establish that somewhere. So you either have to establish one or you don’t and that does not have to change policy. Can you? But then again if, you know, the following year $10K is not enough or too much then you would have to go back and change the policy again. By doing it this way....

BS – Can you not just have it say per annually approved budget?
GP – You can

BS – Keep it generic.

GP – Absolutely; it kind of says that...

BS – That’s already in here where it says funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted on an annual basis.

GP - That’s why I’m saying the policy is broad enough right now to cover most things but you can certainly make it any way you want to make it.

GP - I think I heard that this might be something to discuss on the next information item which is setting workshops.

BS – Is there enough people who want it brought back.

CP - Does everybody feel good with it I mean I guess I’m feeling like there might still be some hesitation? I would rather have a workshop for the sake of making everybody feel comfortable moving forward than, you know, people feeling uncomfortable and for the sake of moving forward we just leave it. So however it would work best to make everybody comfortable. My big thing is that I just want to make sure it’s a fair process.

TSS - And one that we are not criticized over. I would like see it brought back within a workshop just to make sure everything is clear.

GP – That decision can be made as part of the next item.

TSS – Then we will move on to item #34.

34. Discussion on Scheduling Summer Workshops
The Governing Board collaborated with Dr. Pletnick in suggesting topics and dates for summer workshops as follows:

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 – 4:00-6:00 PM
• Timeline for 13-14 Board agendas and items to be included
• Discussion regarding the use of Regional CIP Workshops
• Feedback on the District Website Redesign

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 – 4:00-6:00 PM
• Strategic Plan Goal D, Objective 17 – Board Self-Evaluation and monitoring
• Board Member Development Opportunities (Board Travel)
• 2013 Survey Results
• Goal Setting with the Superintendent

July 17, 2013 – Tentative based on progress of June workshops.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NONE
ADJOURNMENT
On a motion entered by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Tanner and by a unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.

Signed: Date:

June 5, 2013