

DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

MINUTES: GOVERNING BOARD – REGULAR MEETING

2012-2013

December 5, 2012

Location:

Nathaniel Dysart Education Center

SPECIAL MEETING

- Swearing In of Elected Officials
Governing Board President, Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, conducted the swearing-in ceremony for newly elected officials, Jerry Eynon, Bonnie Schroader and Jennifer Tanner.

I. REGULAR MEETING - GENERAL FUNCTION

1. Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Governing Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present; Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Mr. Jerry Eynon, Ms. Jennifer Tanner, and Mrs. Bonnie Schroader. Ms. Christine Pritchard was absent.
2. Ms. Heather Schulz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. A motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Tanner was entered to approve the Agenda Form consistent with Board Policy and temporarily suspend any Governing Board Policy with which the agenda may be inconsistent. UNANIMOUS
4. Summary of Current Events
 - Presentations, Recognitions, Celebrations
 - Superintendent Update – Dr. Don Enz, Director of AdvancED Arizona, and Dr. Connie Harris, AdvancED consultant, recognized the District in its accomplishment of achieving District AdvancED Accreditation; one of only three districts in Arizona. Dr. Enz presented the Board and Dr. Pletnick with a plaque in recognition of that accomplishment. Dr. Pletnick reported the district lost two high school students in the last few weeks; our thoughts are with their families and with our school communities who are dealing with these losses.
 - Governing Board – The Governing Board expressed their condolences to the family and friends of the two students and honored the students with a moment of silence. Governing Board members recognized and congratulated Mike Hawkins for being named the Administrator of the Year at the Thespian Conference.
 - Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil attended the Valley Vista performance of “Clue”; visited Willow Canyon High School, and attended the NVEC Legislators Panel luncheon as well as the Dysart Career Fair. Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil shared information regarding an article in the Arizona School Board Journal regarding “Bully Teachers.” She implored administrators ensure staff is not bullying students.
 - Jennifer Tanner attended the Marley Park Veterans Commemoration, participated as a judge at the Dysart Elementary spelling bee.
 - Bonnie Schroader congratulated teachers who worked to achieve the professional growth stipend.
 - Jerry Eynon attended the Marley Park Veterans Commemoration, visited Thompson Ranch and Rancho Gabriela. He congratulated teachers attaining National Board Certification as well as those teachers chosen as Rodel Finalists, Rosalva Cisneros and Denise Young.

5. Audience with Individuals or Groups – NONE

ACTION/CONSENT

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

ACTION/CONSENT

1. Approval to Participate in the Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) Research Through the University of Arizona College of Education
Approved UNANIMOUS
2. Recommendation to Approve Agreement with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health for the Provision of Vaccines and Authorize the Assistant Superintendent to Sign the Agreement and Any Affiliated Documents
Approved UNANIMOUS
3. Recommendation to Approve Student Placement Agreement with Arizona Board of Regents for and on Behalf of Arizona State University and Authorize the Assistant Superintendent to Sign the Agreement and any Affiliated Documents
Approved UNANIMOUS
4. Recommendation to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of El Mirage for a School Resource Officer (SRO) and Authorize the Superintendent to Sign the Agreement and any Affiliated Documentation
Approved UNANIMOUS
5. Recommendation for Approval of Agreement for Services with Rachel's Challenge
Approved UNANIMOUS
6. Revision of the Student Fee Schedule for 2012-2013
Approved the revision to the Student Fee Schedule for 2012-2013 to include the elementary fee for a replacement ID card.
UNANIMOUS
7. Recommendation to Approve Personnel Action Items for the Period of November 7, 2012 Through December 5, 2012
Approved. Appendix A UNANIMOUS
8. Request for Release from Contract – Certificated Staff – 2012-2013 School Year
Approved the motion to not release Jeffrey Burbank from his 2012-2013 Certificated Employee Contract. UNANIMOUS
9. Recommendation to Ratify Certified Professional Growth – 2012-2013 School Year
Ratified certified professional growth movements for the individuals listed. UNANIMOUS

10. Approval of the Minutes of the Governing Board Meetings and Events as Posted for November 7, 2012 and November 8, 2012
Approved the minutes of the November 7, 2012 Workshop and Regular Governing Board meeting and the November 8, 2012 Marley Park Veterans Commemoration. UNANIMOUS
11. Hearing Officer's Recommendation(s) Long Term Suspension
Accepted the Hearing Officer's recommendation to long term suspend student(s) in the matter of Student Discipline Hearing(s) HOR1213-011, HOR1213-012 and HOR1213-013. UNANIMOUS
12. Out of State Travel for One District Records Manager to Attend the Required Annual International Laserfiche Training Conference in Anaheim, CA, January 6-9, 2013
Approved UNANIMOUS
13. Overnight Travel for Up to Thirty-two Willow Canyon High School Competition Spiritline Members and Four Coaches to Attend the United Spirit Association (USA) Nationals Competition in Anaheim, CA, March 14-17, 2013
Approved UNANIMOUS
14. Overnight Travel for Twenty Shadow Ridge High School and Valley Vista High School Student Council Members and Four Advisors to Attend the Arizona Association of Student Councils (AASC) State Student Council Convention in Gilbert, AZ, January 24-26, 2013
Approved UNANIMOUS
15. Out of State Travel for Up to Twenty-one Shadow Ridge High School Spiritline Members and Four Chaperones to Attend the USA West Coast Spirit Nationals Competition in Anaheim, CA March 14-18, 2013
Approved UNANIMOUS
16. Out of State Travel for Up to Thirty Shadow Ridge High School Dance Members and Four Chaperones to Attend the Educational Performance Tour in Anaheim, CA, February 15-19, 2013
Approved UNANIMOUS
17. Extra Curricular Tax Credit Fund and Student Activities Fund Reports for the Month of October 2012
Accepted UNANIMOUS
18. Acceptance of Donations, Gifts and Grants
Approved UNANIMOUS
19. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 7495, 21, 7496, 22, 7497, 23, 7498, and 24 in the Amount of \$12,480,963.99
Approved/Ratified UNANIMOUS

20. Approval of Expense Vouchers 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023 and 1024 in the Amount of \$4,866,979.43
Approved

UNANIMOUS

ACTION/DISCUSSION

21. Recommendation to Approve the Appointment of an Interim Assistant Principal at Dysart Elementary School for the Remainder of the 2012-2013 School Year
A motion by Schroader/Sawyer-Sinkbeil was entered to approve the appointment of Amy Kennedy as Interim Assistant Principal at Dysart Elementary School for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

UNANIMOUS

22. Recommendation to Appoint Jean Poe to the Dysart Employee Benefits Trust Board
After discussion, a motion by Schroader/Tanner was entered to approve the Employee Benefits Board member as presented. Ms. Jean Poe was appointed to the Trust Board.

UNANIMOUS

23. Recommendation to Approve the 2012-2013 Revised Expenditure Budget
After discussion, a motion by Schroader/Eynon was entered to approve the Revised Expenditure Budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

UNANIMOUS

24. Recommendation to Approve Changes to the Dysart Employee Benefits Trust Agreement
After discussion, a motion by Tanner/Eynon was entered to approve changes to the Employee Benefits Trust Agreement. Mrs. Schroader cast the dissenting vote.
Mrs. Schroader recommended clarifying language be added to the agreement. The motion made and action taken by the Board was to accept the document as written.

MOTION
CARRIES:
3 - YES
1 - NO

25. Discussion and Possible Action to Establish a Travel Allocation for Governing Board Attendance at Conference, Workshops and Conventions for 2012-2013
After discussion, a motion by Tanner/Schroader was entered to approve travel, conference registration and reimbursable travel fees for Board members to attend Arizona School Association conferences and training and National School Boards Association or affiliates conferences and training for individual Board Members with a designated approved amount of \$2,000 per Board Member for the 2012-13 school year and a total Governing Board travel budget not to exceed \$10,000 for the 2012-2013 year. If an individual Board Member exceeds the \$2,000 per Board Member travel and conference allocation for the 2012-13 year, the Board Member would need to bring his/her travel request to the whole Board for consideration and possible approval. Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil cast the dissenting vote.
Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil recommended there be no limitation set on professional development for Governing Board members. Growth as a Board member is critical and on-going training and education is important.

MOTION
CARRIES:
3 - YES
1 - NO

26. Appointment of Board Representatives to the City of Surprise Proposed School/City Leadership Committee
After discussion, a motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader was entered to appoint Jennifer Tanner and Jerry Eynon to represent the Governing Board on the City of Surprise proposed School/City Leadership Committee. These liaisons will provide a written summary to all Board Members at the conclusion of each Committee meeting. UNANIMOUS
27. Consider and Approve Action to be Taken by the Delegate and/or Alternate at the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) December 13, 2012 Business Meeting Regarding Proposed Changes to the ASBA Bylaws and Appoint a Delegate to Represent the Board at the Meeting
After discussion, a motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Tanner was entered to approve action to be taken by the delegate and/or alternate at the ASBA December 13, 2012 business meeting regarding proposed changes in the ASBA Bylaws with a *yes vote* and name Jennifer Tanner as the delegate and Bonnie Schroader as the alternate to vote as directed on behalf of the Board. UNANIMOUS
28. Recommendation to Approve Canceling the February 20, 2013 Governing Board Meeting
A motion by Schroader/Eynon was entered to cancel the February 20, 2013 Governing Board Meeting. UNANIMOUS

INFORMATION

29. District Demographic Information Update
Mr. Rick Brammer with Applied Economics presented information on the latest demographic data and the potential future impact on student growth. Mr. Brammer concluded enrollment will continue to grow, but may not accelerate significantly for about two years. While dependent on the economic fortunes of the metropolitan area, the District is in a prime position for growth over the next 10-15 years. Completion of the Loop 303 in 2015 will likely provide a strong catalyst for continued investment and housing growth in the west-central and southwestern parts of the District. Appendix B
- Dr. Pletnick reported there are several “hot spots and watch areas” of growth; Mountain View, Sunset Hills, Marley Park, Rancho Gabriela and Sonoran Heights. In summary, the plan to accommodate the growth which will be implemented for the 2013-2014 year includes the 1) use of portables as needed; 2) movement of the Arts Academy from Desert Moon to West Point; 3) movement of the Sundown program from Shadow Ridge to Desert Moon; 4) movement of Mountain View 7th and 8th grade students to the Shadow Ridge campus; and 5) open enrollment restrictions. This is a solution for 1-2 plus years depending largely on the economic recovery and housing market. Boundary changes are inevitable; however, stability in district schools is critical so administration is working on creative solutions to maintain that stability and keep students in the same school community as long as possible.

30. 2012-2013 Report on the Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) for Rancho Gabriela Elementary, Sonoran Heights Elementary and Valley Vista High School
Leadership teams representing Rancho Gabriela, Sonoran Heights and Valley Vista presented information regarding CIP achievements and goals/actions in place to ensure continued improvement. The Governing Board asked clarifying questions and received input from the teams regarding the presentations.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion entered by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader and by unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 9:22 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

December 19, 2012

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