

DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

MINUTES: GOVERNING BOARD – STUDY SESSION & REGULAR MEETING

2013-2014

February 5, 2014

Location:

Nathaniel Dysart Education Center

I. REGULAR MEETING - GENERAL FUNCTION

1. Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Governing Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present; Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Jennifer Tanner, Bonnie Schroader and Blossom Tande. Jerry Eynon was absent.
2. Arthur Carter, Luke Elementary School student, and Nathan Tanner, Dysart Elementary student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. A motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Tande 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
 - New Century Learning Showcases were hosted by Sunset Hills, Thompson Ranch, Luke and Ashton Ranch
 - Lobby Visual Arts Display by Countryside, Mita Desai, Art Teacher
- Superintendent Update – The superintendent shared that John Andrews was named by the NSBA as one of the “20 to Watch” educators for the 2013-2014 school year. John is one of an elite group of 140 previous educators. The visit by the Wyoming educators group went well and we received positive feedback. The authentic learning, student engagement and the positive learning culture in our district are always areas that stand out when we are visited. She thanked the district team, hosting schools, Shadow Ridge, Mountain View, Dysart High and Marley Park for making it a successful visit. We were recently notified Sundown received the Bronze Award for the implementation of its intervention/prevention program, PBIS. The award criteria were based on completing research-based evaluation assessments and demonstrating measurable student outcomes.
- Governing Board members shared the Wyoming Educators’ visit was exciting; they heard nothing but good things about the district. It was a pleasure to be able to participate and see the student led activities, authentic learning, student engagement etc. at the schools as well as the presentations made by district staff. It was great to see first-hand that innovation makes a difference.
 - Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil attended the National Board Certification presentations. Beth Maloney was the featured speaker.
 - Bonnie Schroader congratulated district employee, Eric Bennett, who was recently named Arizona Athlete of the Year. She also shared a VVHS band student’s Make a Wish Foundation wish to have the high school band play at Disneyland has been granted.
 - Jennifer Tanner attended the liaison meeting with the City of El Mirage on January 27th. Information about the meeting will be shared as part of information item #13.
 - Blossom Tande toured Luke School.

5. Audience with Individuals or Groups - None

ACTION/CONSENT

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

ACTION/CONSENT

1. Recommendation to Approve Service Agreement with *SmartSchoolsPlus, Inc.* and Authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Employee and Public Relations to Sign the Agreement and any Affiliated Document
Approved UNANIMOUS
2. Recommendation for Approval of the Listed Cooperative Purchase Over the \$100,000 Threshold for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year
Approved the listed Cooperative Purchase over the \$100,000 threshold for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. (Humanus Corporation – GPPCS, \$262,000) UNANIMOUS
3. Recommendation to Approve Personnel Action Items for the Period of January 22, 2014 Through February 5, 2014
Approved UNANIMOUS
4. Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2014 Governing Board Meeting
Approved UNANIMOUS
5. Hearing Officer's Recommendation(s) for Long Term Suspension
Accepted the Hearing Officer's recommendation to long term suspend student(s) in the matter of Student Discipline Hearing(s) HOR1314-013. UNANIMOUS
6. Recommendation to Approve Overnight and Out-of-State Travel
Approved as listed. Appendix A UNANIMOUS
7. Revision of Dates for the Overnight Travel of Twenty-five Dysart High School JROTC Students and Three Chaperones to Attend the Spring Encampment at Fort Huachuca, AZ, April 25-29, 2014
Approved UNANIMOUS
8. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1031, 1032 and 1033 in the Amount of \$2,666,057.38
Approved UNANIMOUS
9. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 7569 and 38 in the Amount of \$5,471,645.12
Approved UNANIMOUS

ACTION/DISCUSSION

10. Recommendation for Authorization to Issue Notice of Intent Not to Re-employ Certificated Staff for the 2014-2015 School Year

A motion by Schroader/Sawyer-Sinkbeil was entered to approve the non-renewal of contracts as listed and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Employee and Public Relations on behalf of the Governing Board to provide written notice of non-renewal prior to April 15, 2014.

UNANIMOUS

INFORMATION - NONE

11. IT Update

John Andrews, CIO, provided a brief summary of the work being done by the IT department to update, maintain and secure on-line functions such as the Parent Portal, school websites, District website, iPAL and mobile apps. He shared statistics regarding Most Visited Pages and Open Enrollment applications submitted. The Governing Board asked questions about the Parent Portal access/security measures, school website content update and user experience regarding the newly updated Open Enrollment application. Appendix B

13. Report From the Dysart Liaison to the City of El Mirage on the January 27, 2014 Meeting

Jennifer Tanner and Gail Pletnick provided a summary of the discussion with the City of El Mirage during the liaison meeting. Topics included:

- Attendance at El Mirage schools
- Partnerships with private or for profit organizations offering social services
- Website link to the City's website and visa versa
- Use of the YMCA pool by the district
- Fire and Police Educational offerings
- Community Outreach – Rachel's Challenge, 21st Century learner initiatives etc.
- Transparency of Communication

No other meetings have been scheduled. Next steps include providing additional information regarding the topics discussed.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Tanner was entered to recess to executive session for discussion of A.R.S. 38.431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(1).

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RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:07 – 7:37 p.m.

Session I

(A)(3) Consultation with legal counsel regarding the District's employee grievance process and Governing Board legal options when considering a grievance filed against a district employee.

Executive Session I was called to order at 7:07 p.m. The following individuals were present; Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Jennifer Tanner, Bonnie Schroader, Blossom Tande, Gail Pletnick, Jennifer MacLennan, legal counsel, and Linda Price, recording secretary.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03, Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil read the confidentiality statement.

Session II

(A)(1) Discussion of Formal Complaint FC-1408 filed against a district employee.

Executive Session II was called to order at 7:18 p.m. The following individuals were present; Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Jennifer Tanner, Bonnie Schroader, Blossom Tande, Michael McNutt, parent, Gail Pletnick, Quinn Kellis, Jennifer MacLennan, legal counsel for the Board, Linda Price, recording secretary, Mr. Jarrett Haskovec, legal counsel for the employee, and Ms. Mary Thompson, district employee.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03, Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil read the confidentiality statement.

The executive session concluded at 7:37 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

ACTION/DISCUSSION - Continued

- 12. Direction from the Board to the Superintendent Regarding Action Related to Formal Complaint FC-1408

A motion by Schroader/Sawyer-Sinkbeil was entered to uphold the superintendent's action related to Formal Complaint FC-1408.

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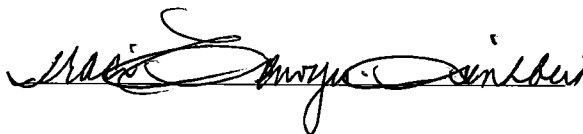
REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) – NONE

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion entered by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader and by a unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 7:42 p.m.

Signed

Date:

 February 19, 2014

**Overnight and/or Out-of-State Travel
February 5, 2014
Consent Agenda**

APPENDIX A

Site	Date	Event	Purpose	Attendees	Cost	Funding
Dysart High School	March 27-31, 2014	USA WestCoast Spirit Nationals Competition, Anaheim, CA	Participate in the USA Regional Competition	51 students, 4 coaches and 3 chaperones	\$31,850	Club Funds, Booster, Sponsor Donations, Student Contribution
Dysart High School	March 2-4, 2014	DECA 2014 Arizona Career Development Conference, Phoenix, AZ	Participate in state level competition; a qualifying event for the International Conference	25 students, 3 chaperones	\$6,100	West-MEC, DECA Club and Student Contribution
Valley Vista High School	April 10-12, 2014	2014 FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Tucson, AZ	Participate in competitive events and career development activities	12 students, 1 advisor and 2 chaperones	\$6,960	West-MEC, FCCLA Club and Student Contribution
Valley Vista High School	March 7-8, 2014	Wrangler Round-Up Softball Tournament, Wickenburg, AZ	Tournament Play	20 students and 4 coaches	\$1,100	Softball Booster, Student Contribution and Athletic Funds
Willow Canyon and Valley Vista High Schools	May 2-7, 2014	2014 DECA International Career Development Conference, Atlanta, GA	Participate in International Competition and receive leadership/officer training	35 students and four advisors / chaperones	\$47,808	West-MEC, DECA, Student Contribution and Tax Credit
District Office	February 17-19, 2014	Gates Foundation Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers Convening, Salt Lake City, UT	Deepen knowledge of 21st Century skills and practices and obtain information to be used to create future professional development for teachers	Kristie Martorelli	No Cost to the District	Not Applicable

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Sunset Hills School	March 12-15, 2014	2014 Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington D.C.	Enhance Dysart's National Board Candidate program by obtaining information to be used for future district workshops	Teacher of the Year	\$1,036	M&O Professional Development Funds
Valley Vista High School	March 10-14, 2014	2014 U.S. Marine Corps Educators' Workshop, San Diego, CA	Gather information to better advise students interested in military careers	Assistant Principal	No Cost to the District	Not Applicable

APPENDIX B

Information Technology Department

Online Software Updates



Parent Portal

- Process description
- Security

8849 Accounts with access to 19733 Students

Parent/Student Portal

Enter the Parent Portal
Open Enrollment
Parent Instructions
K-3 Gradebook

Contact School

Ashton Ranch	023-023-8300
Canyon Ridge	023-023-8400
Cimarron Springs	023-023-8800
Countywide	023-076-7800
Dysart	023-076-7100
El Village	023-076-7200
Kingwood	023-076-7600
Link	023-076-7300
Marley Park	023-023-8200
Mountain View	023-076-7400
Payson	023-023-8500
Rancho Grande	023-023-8900
Riverview	023-023-8800
Sonoran Heights	023-023-8000
Sunset Hills	023-023-8700
Surprise	023-076-7400
Thompson Ranch	023-023-8400
West Point	023-076-7700
Wicken Plains	023-023-8700
Dysart High	023-076-76
Shadow Ridge High	023-023-8100
Valley Vista High	023-023-8800
Willow Canyon High	023-023-8000

For Validation Purposes

First select the address number for the household the student resides in. (ex 1234 W. Main St. Apt 56 - Choose 1234)

Address Number	
12522	<input type="text"/>
15143	<input type="text"/>
16950	<input type="text"/>
16771	<input type="text"/>
13981	<input type="text"/>

Next select the school and homeroom teacher (or english teacher) for your student. An incorrect selection will require a 24 hour wait before retrying.

School Name	Teacher
Surprise Elementary School	Ashby <input type="text"/>
Sonoran Heights Elementary School	Van peit <input type="text"/>
Ashton Ranch Elementary School	Bragman <input type="text"/>
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Surprise Elementary School	Boughton <input type="text"/>

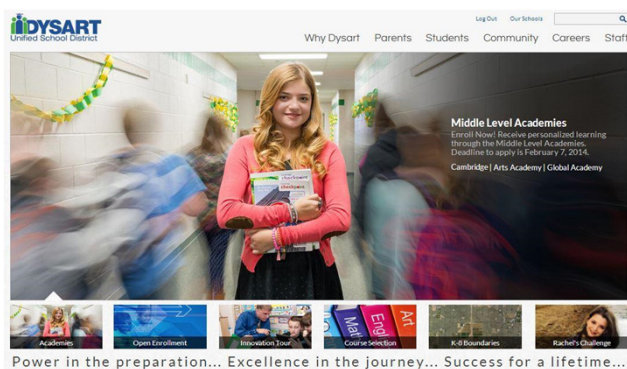
School Websites

- Process
- Accountability
- Future plans
- Timelines



Dysart.org Site update

- Feature Review
- Content Organization
- Future Organization
- Timelines
- Traffic Statistics

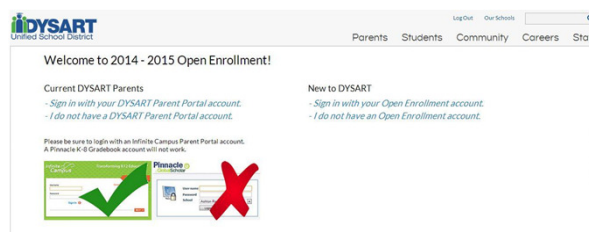


Most Visited Pages

- Browse Schools
 - iSchool
 - School Year Calendars
 - Open Enrollment FAQ's
 - School Boundaries
 - Elemiddle Sports
- Approximately
16,000 Visits/day
Since 10/1
the site welcomed:
291k Unique visitors
2.35 Pages/Visit
4:54 Avg. Visit Duration

Open Enrollment

- Process evaluation
 - What's next?
- Total Families 2058
Total Students 3354
Dysart Students 2634
New Students 720



iPAL or shall I say iPALS

- Getting iPAL ready for the world
- Adding a new software : iShare
- Timelines



New Dysart Mobile App

- Features
- Availability
- Communication to parents
- Added features in the future

