

DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

MINUTES: GOVERNING BOARD –REGULAR MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION

2013-2014

March 19, 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 6:00 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. Ms. Jordan Angel, 8th grader at Marley Park, 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 this agenda may be inconsistent. UNANIMOUS

4. Summary of Current Events

- Presentations, Recognitions, Celebrations
 - Sariya Camp, Marley Park 7th grader, was recognized as the District Spelling Bee winner and the second place winner of the Region V Spelling Bee and advances to the state level competition. She will represent Dysart at the Arizona Spelling Bee on March 29, 2014.
 - Daniel Cox, Shadow Ridge senior, was recognized and congratulated for his win as the AIA State Division III Wrestling Champion in his weight class.
 - The El Mirage, Riverview and West Point combined bands performed under the direction of Chris Roy and James Hamontree.
 - New Century Learning Showcases were hosted by Marley Park and Dysart Elementary.
- Superintendent Update – Dr. Pletnick read an Open Letter to the Citizens of Arizona expressing the opinions of over 230 public school district leaders in Arizona. Appendix A
- Governing Board Update
 - Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil attended the March 7th ASBA Spring Legal Seminar and the performance of the Phoenix Chamber Society at West Point.
 - Bonnie Schroader shared a story of one of our students in the WestMec EMT program having the confidence and skill to assist with an emergency while on board an airplane during Spring Break.
 - Jennifer Tanner participated with the Hero Patrols. She and Dr. Pletnick also met with the City of Surprise Liaison, Councilman Williams. Ms. Tanner will provide a report of that meeting at a subsequent board meeting.

5. Audience with Individuals or Groups - None

ACTION/CONSENT

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

ACTION/CONSENT

1. Recommendation to Approve the Student Placement Agreement With the Arizona Board of Regents for and on Behalf of Arizona State University Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College and Authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Employee and Public Relations to Sign the Agreement and Any Affiliated Documents
Approved UNANIMOUS
2. Recommendation to Approve Three Professional Development Consulting Agreements with 95 Percent Group, Inc. and Authorize the Associate Superintendent to Sign the Agreements and Any Other Affiliated Documents
Approved UNANIMOUS
3. Recommendation for Approval of the Listed Cooperative Purchases over the \$100,000 Threshold for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year
Approved (95 Percent Group – SAVE Contract \$244,160) UNANIMOUS
4. Recommendation for Approval of the Listed Cooperative Purchases over the \$100,000 Threshold for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year
Approved (SHI International – State Contract \$153,630) UNANIMOUS
5. Recommendation for Authorization to Issue Notice of Intent Not to Re-employ Classified Staff for the 2014-2015 School Year
Approved the non-reemployment of classified staff for the 2014-2015 school year as listed, and authorized the Assistant Superintendent for Employee and Public Relations on behalf of the Governing Board to provide written notice. UNANIMOUS
6. Recommendation to Approve Personnel Action Items for the Period of March 5, 2014 Through March 19, 2014
Approved UNANIMOUS
7. Approval of the Minutes of the February 25, 2014 City of Surprise Council Meeting, March 5, 2014 Read Across America and the March 5, 2014 Governing Board Meeting
Approved UNANIMOUS
8. 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) HOR1314-018 and HOR1314-019. UNANIMOUS
9. Recommendation to Approve Overnight and Out-of-State Travel
Approved as listed. UNANIMOUS
10. Extra Curricular Tax Credit Fund and Student Activities Fund Reports for the Month of February 2014
Acknowledged receipt of the Extra Curricular Tax Credit and the Student Activities Fund reports for the month of February 2014. UNANIMOUS

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| 11. Acceptance of Donations, Gifts and Grants
Accepted | UNANIMOUS |
| 12. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1039 and 1040 in the Amount of
\$3,067,888.95
Approved/ratified | UNANIMOUS |
| 13. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 41, 42 and 43 in the Amount of
\$1,131.48
Approved/ratified | UNANIMOUS |

ACTION/DISCUSSION

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| 14. Recommendation to Approve the Appointment Assistant Superintendent of
Education
A motion by Schroader/Sawyer-Sinkbeil was entered to approve the
appointment of Dr. Stephen Poling as Assistant Superintendent of Education. | UNANIMOUS |
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INFORMATION

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| 15. Recommendation for Revision of Governing Board Policy Section 9.39 – First Reading
Dr. Pletnick provided information regarding the need to revise the Graduation Requirements with
respect to students who choose the Grand Canyon Diploma pathway. Governing Board members
asked clarifying questions and made suggestions for further revision to the policy. This was a first
reading. | |
| 16. Recommendation for Revision of Governing Board Procedures Sections 1.3, 9.12 and 11.11
Dr. Pletnick shared the procedures are presented to the Governing Board as per policy for their
review. The purpose of the revisions is to tighten up the language. There was no discussion. | |

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).	UNANIMOUS
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RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:55 – 7:34 p.m.

(A)(3) Consultation with legal counsel regarding non-discrimination as it relates to the Affordable Health
Care Act.

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

The executive session concluded at 7:34 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Board Member Schroader requested on update regarding the roles of Assistant Superintendent versus Associate Superintendent. Additionally, information was requested regarding substitute teachers as it relates to the schools' sub allotments and the process for selection of substitute teachers serving in long term assignments.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion entered by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader and by a unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Signed

Date:

 April 2, 2014

March 13, 2014

“An enlightened citizenry is indispensable for the proper functioning of a republic. Self-government is not possible unless the citizens are educated sufficiently to enable them to exercise oversight. It is therefore imperative that the nation see to it that a suitable education be provided for all its citizens.” –Thomas Jefferson

If Thomas Jefferson were leading our country today, he would share the concern by parents, educators and leaders in schools and districts across Arizona regarding the blatant lack of support for public education. Given his strong stance on education for all, our esteemed historian and one of the Founding Fathers would use both his position of responsibility and his authority to vocalize a call to action for the future of American public education.

We, the school district leaders in Arizona, are troubled that some of our current elected and appointed state leadership seem unwilling to provide a quality education for all of Arizona’s children. Recent advocacy efforts by elected officials to grow the privatization of education in Arizona compel us to speak out. It appears that the goal of the current education reform movement is to move designated “tax money” out of the public sector and transfer it into private hands. This transfer of funds known as Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs), Vouchers or Tax Credits is designed to subsidize students to attend private schools rather than using these desperately needed funds for the public schools.

Severe budget cuts in programs, personnel and materials have become the norm in our state in recent years. The attack on public education has been disguised as a desire to improve “failing schools” but there is a more insidious intent, to draw off taxpayer money to private sources with little or no accountability. This wave of reform has led to a systematic campaign to convince Arizona’s citizens that our public schools are failing them. This campaign threatens to dismantle our local public schools, endanger the health of our communities and diminish decision making at the local level all the while undermining the fabric of our democracy.

The vast majority of Arizona’s families with school-aged children are invested in local public schools, funded by taxpayer dollars. In order to preserve the sentiments of Thomas Jefferson, Arizona’s public education system must remain public. Public tax dollars should never be siphoned off to private, for-profit education entities. Our strong and vibrant public education system thrives when:

- We provide equal opportunities that are equitably funded
- We focus on student wellness and academic fairness
- We focus on student preparation for college and career readiness
- We provide choices and alternatives within our public schools
- We exercise local control in partnership with each unique community

We are ready to stand up with education supporters to improve education in the state and we will not stand by idly watching others try to dismantle it. Every child deserves a comprehensive, well-rounded education and to this end, we are ready, willing and able to work with others who believe that public education is at the core of democracy and represents the achievable American Dream. Our “suitable” public education cannot be achieved without everyone’s full support. The spirit of Thomas Jefferson gives us strength to continue our vital work on behalf of the nearly one million Arizona public school students, neighborhoods and communities we serve.

***The opinions expressed in this letter represent over 230 public school district leaders in Arizona.
Please contact [Arizona School Administrators, Inc.](#) at 602-252-0361 for further information.***

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

SUPERINTENDENTS/DISTRICT LEADERS WHO ENDORSED THE OPEN LETTER TO CITIZENS OF ARIZONA

Agua Fria Union High School Distric	Dr. Dennis Runyan	Florence Unified District	Dr. Amy Fuller
Aguila Elementary District	Mr. Donald German	Flowing Wells Unified District	Dr. David Baker
Ajo Unified District	Dr. Robert Dooley	Fountain Hills Unified District	Mr. Tom Lawrence
Alhambra Elementary District	Dr. Karen Williams	Fowler Elementary District	Ms. Marvene Lobato
Alpine Elementary District	Ms. Shirley Brazel	Fredonia-Mocassin Unified District	Mr. Joe Wright
Altar Valley Elementary District	Dr. Nathan McCann	Ft Huachuca Accommodation Dist	Ms. Bonnie Austin
Amphitheater Unified District	Mr. Patrick Nelson	Ft Thomas Unified District	Dr. Geraldine Peten
Antelope Union High School District	Dr. Andrew Smith	Gadsden Elementary District	Mr. Ray Aguilera
Apache County Schools	Mr. Barry Williams	Ganado Unified District	Mr. William Allsbrooks
Apache Elementary District	Ms. Palma Hudson	Gila Bend Unified District	Ms. Lynnette Michalski
Apache Junction Unified District	Mr. Chad Wilson	Gila County Schools	Dr. Linda O'Dell
Arlington Elementary District	Mr. Chad Turner	Gila Crossing Community School	Dr. Jeff Williamson
Ash Creek Elementary District	Ms. Sue Shepard	Gila Institute for Technology	Mr. Troy Thygeron
Ash Fork Joint Unified District	Mr. Seth Staples	Gilbert Unified District	Dr. John Keegan
Avondale Elementary District	Dr. Betsy Hargrove	Glendale Elementary District	Dr. Joseph Quintana
Bagdad Unified District	Mr. Bryan Bullington	Glendale Union High School District	Dr. Eugene Dudo
Balsz Elementary District	Dr. Jeff Smith	Globe Unified District	Mr. Jerry Jennex
Beaver Creek Elementary District	Ms. Karin Ward	GPEMC	Ms. Dianne Smith
Bicentennial Union High School Dist	Mr. Byron Maynes	Graham County Schools	Ms. Lisa James
Bisbee Unified School District	Mr. Jim Phillips	Grand Canyon Unified District	Dr. Nancy Alexander
Blackwater Community School	Ms. Jacquelyn Power	Greenlee County Schools	Mr. Tom Powers
Blue Elementary District	Ms. Sally Hulsey	Hackberry Elementary District	Mr. Steve Hite
Blue Ridge Unified District	Mr. Greg Schalow	Hayden/Winkelman Unified District	Mr. Jeff Gregorich
Bonita Elementary District	Mr. Ed Houser	Heber-Overgaard Unified District	Mr. Ken VanWinkle
Bouse Elementary District	Mr. Steven Petoskey	Higley Unified District	Dr. Denise Birdwell
Bowie Unified School District	Mr. Roger Studley	Hillside Elementary District	Ms. Carmita Deganahl
Buckeye Elementary District	Dr. Kristi Sandvik	Holbrook Unified District	Dr. Robbie Koerperich
Buckeye Union High School District	Mr. Eric Godfrey	Hopi Jr/Sr High School	Mr. Paul Reynolds
Bullhead City Elementary District	Mr. Benjie Hookstra	Humboldt Unified District	Dr. Paul Stanton
Camp Verde Unified District	Dr. Amber Marchant-Lee	Hyder Elementary District	Mr. John Koury
Canon Elementary District	Ms. Angela Jangula	Indian Oasis-Baboquivari District	Dr. Alberto Siqueiros
Cartwright Elementary District	Dr. Jacob Chavez	Isaac Elementary District	Dr. Mario Ventura
Casa Grande Union High School Dist	Dr. Shannon Goodsell	J O Combs Unified District	Ms. Gayle Blanchard
Catalina Foothills Unified District	Dr. Mary Kamerzell	Joseph City Unified District	Mr. Bryan Fields
Cave Creek Unified District	Dr. Debbi Burdick	Kingman Unified District	Mr. Roger Jacks
CAVIT	Mr. Mike Glover	Kirkland Elementary District	Mrs. Michelle Perey
Cedar Unified District	Dr. Kim Randall	Kyrene Elementary District	Dr. David Schauer
Chandler Unified District	Dr. Camille Casteel	La Paz County Schools	Ms. Janice Shelton
Chinle Unified District	Mr. Quincy Natay	Lake Havasu Unified District	Dr. Gail Malay
Chino Valley Unified	Mr. Duane Howard	Laveen Elementary District	Dr. William Johnson
Clarkdale-Jerome Elementary	Mrs. Kathleen Fleenor	Liberty Elementary District	Dr. Andy Rogers
Clifton Unified District	Mr. Jack Day	Litchfield Elementary District	Dr. Julianne Lein
Cobra Valley Institute of Technolog	Mr. Pete Guzman	Littlefield Elementary District	Mr. Mark Coleman
Cochise Elementary District	Mr. Stephen Webb	Littleton Elementary District	Dr. Roger Freeman
Cochise Technology District	Mr. Joel Todd	Madison Elementary District	Dr. Tim Ham
Coconino Association for Vocations	Mr. Jac Heiss	Maine Consolidated Elementary Dist	Mr. Mark Williams
Coconino County Schools	Mr. Robert Kelty	Mammoth-San Manuel Unified Dist	Mr. John Ryan
Colorado River Union High School	Mr. Riley Frei	Marana Unified District	Dr. Doug Wilson
Concho Elementary District	Mr. Leon Buttler	Maricopa County Regional Schools	Mr. Ernest Rose
Congress Elementary District	Mr. Stephanie Miller	Maricopa County Schools	Dr. Don Covey
Continental Elementary District	Dr. Virginia Juettner	Maricopa Unified District	Dr. Steve Chestnut
Coolidge Unified District	Ms. Charie Wallace	Mayer Unified District	Mr. Dean Slaga
Cottonwood-Oak Creek Elementary	Ms. Barbara U'ren	McNary Elementary District	Ms. Mary Ann Wade
Crane Elementary District	Mr. Robert Klee	McNeal Elementary District	Mrs. Teresa Reyna
Creighton Elementary District	Ms. Charlotte Boyle	Mesa Unified District	Dr. Michael Cowan
Crown King Elementary District	Ms. Virginia Williamson	Miami Unified District	Dr. Sherry Dorathy
Deer Valley Unified District	Dr. James Veitenheimer	Mingus Union High School District	Dr. Paul Tighe
Double Adobe Elementary District	Ms. Pamela Sanders	Mobile Elementary District	Dr. Kit Wood
Douglas Unified District	Ms. Sheila Rogers	Mohave County Schools	Mr. Michael File
Duncan Unified District	Mr. Eldon Merrell	Mohave Valley Elementary District	Mr. Whitney Crow
Dysart Unified District	Dr. Gail Pletnick	Mohawk Valley Elementary District	Mr. Doug Rutan
East Valley Institute of Technology	Dr. Sally Downey	Morenci Unified District	Dr. Javier Abrego
Elfrida Elementary District	Ms. Vicki Brand	Morristown Elementary District	Ms. Mary Love
Eloy Elementary District	Ms. Ruby James	Mountain Institute JTED	Mr. Jeremy Plumb
Flagstaff Unified District	Ms. Barbara Hickman	Murphy Elementary District	Ms. Lenora Jenkins
Navajo County Schools	Ms. Linda Morrow	Naco Elementary District	Mr. Juan Franco
NAVIT	Mr. Matthew Weber	Nadaburg Unified District	Mr. Ben Goodman
Nogales Unified District	Mr. Steve Zimmerman	NATIVE	Mrs. Ronlye Tsosie
Oracle Elementary District	Mr. Dennis Blausler	Tempe Elementary District	Dr. Christine Busch
Osborn Elementary District	Dr. Wilma Basnett	Tempe Union High School District	Mr. Kenneth Baca

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Owens Elementary District	Ms. Susan Burdsal	Thatcher Unified District	Mr. Paul Nelson
Page Unified District	Mr. Jim Walker	Tolleson Elementary District	Ms. Lupita Hightower
Palo Verde Elementary District	Ms. Robin Berry	Tolleson Union High School District	Ms. Lexi Cunningham
Paloma Elementary District	Ms. Clara Vinzant	Toltec Elementary District	Dr. Bryan McCleney
Palominas Elementary District	Dr. Steve Poling	Tombstone Unified District	Mr. Karl Uterhardt
Paradise Valley Unified District	Dr. James Lee	Tonto Basin Elementary District	Mr. Keith Greer
Parker Unified District	Mr. James Lotts	Topock Elementary District	Mr. John Warren
Patagonia Unified District	Ms. Denise Blake	Tuba City Unified District	Dr. Harold Begay
Payson Unified District	Mr. Ron Hitchcock	Tucson Unified District	Dr. HT Sanchez
Peach Springs Unified District	Dr. Anthony Perkins	Union Elementary District	Dr. Patricia Gillespie
Pearce Elementary District	Mr. Kyle Hart	VACTE	Ms. Lois Lamer
Pendergast Elementary District	Dr. Ron Richards	Valentine Elementary District	Mr. Don Nelson
Peoria Unified District	Dr. Denton Santarelli	Valley Union High School District	Mr. Ron Aguallo
Phoenix Elementary District	Ms. Myriam Roa	Vernon Elementary District	Mr. Duane Noggle
Phoenix Union High School District	Dr. Kent Scribner	Washington Elementary District	Dr. Susie Cook
Picacho Elementary District	Mr. Allen Rogers	WAVE JTED	Ms. Betsy Parker
Pima County JTED	Mr. Alan Storm	Wellton Elementary District	Mrs. Laura Noel
Pima County Schools	Dr. Linda Arzoumanian	Wenden Elementary District	Ms. Gloria Dean
Pinal County Schools	Ms. Jill Broussard	Western Maricopa Education Center	Mr. Greg Donovan
Pine-Strawberry Elementary District	Mr. Cody Barlow	Whiteriver Unified District	Mr. Jeff Fuller
Pinon Unified District	Mr. Douglas Vaughan	Wickenburg Unified District	Dr. Howard Carlson
Pointe Schools	Mrs. Jody Johnson	Willcox Unified District	Dr. Richard Rundhaug
Pomerene Elementary District	Mr. Shad Housley	Williams Unified District	Mrs. Rachel Savage
Prescott Unified District	Mr. David Smucker	Wilson Elementary District	Mr. Antonio Sanchez
Quartzsite Elementary District	Ms. Jacqueline Price	Window Rock Unified District	Dr. Deborah Dennison
Queen Creek Unified District	Mr. Tom Lindsey	Winslow Unified District	Mr. Douglas Watson
Ray Unified District	Mr. Robert Dunn	Yarnell Elementary District	Mr. Fred Garnett
Red Mesa Unified District	Dr. Tommy Yazzie	Yavapai County Schools	Mr. Tim Carter
Red Rock Elementary District	Ms. Lillian Norris	Young Elementary District	Ms. Linda Cheney
Riverside Elementary District	Dr. Jaime Rivera	Yuma County Schools	Mr. Tom Tyree
Roosevelt Elementary District	Dr. Jacqueline Jackson	Yuma Elementary District	Mr. Darwin Stiffler
Round Valley Unified District	Mr. Travis Udall	Yuma Union High School District	Mrs. Toni Badone
Sacaton Elementary District	Dr. Jim Christensen		
Saddle Mountain Unified District	Dr. Mark Joraanstad		
Safford Unified District	Dr. Mark Tregaskes		
Sahuarita Unified District	Dr. Manuel Valenzuela		
Salome Consolidated Elementary Dist	Mr. George Dean		
San Carlos Unified District	Mr. Richard Wilde		
San Fernando Elementary District	Ms. Tracy Murtadza		
San Simon Unified District	Mr. Curry Donaldson		
Sanders Unified District	Mr. Mike Murphy		
Santa Cruz County Schools	Mr. Alfredo Velasquez		
Santa Cruz Elementary District	Mr. James Cruice		
Santa Cruz Valley Unified District	Mr. Rod Rich		
Santa Cruz Valley Union High School	Mr. Richard Carino		
Scottsdale Unified District	Dr. David Peterson		
Sedona-Oak Creek Joint Unified Dist	Mr. David Lykins		
Seligman Unified District	Dr. Kristen Rex		
Sentinel Elementary District	Mr. Christopher Maynes		
Shonto Preparatory School	Mr. Lemuai Adson		
Show Low Unified District	Mr. Kevin Brackney		
Sierra Vista Unified District	Mrs. Kriss Hagerl		
Skull Valley Elementary District	Mr. Michael McCrady		
Snowflake Unified District	Mr. Hollis Merrell		
Solomon Elementary District	Mr. Kevin England		
Somerton Elementary District	Dr. Frank Reed		
Sonoita Elementary District	Ms. Sue Schwartz		
St David Unified District	Mr. Mark Goodman		
St Johns Unified District	Mr. Larry Heap		
Stanfield Elementary District	Ms. Melissa Sadorf		
Sunnyside Unified District	Dr. Manuel Isquierdo		
Superior Unified District	Mr. Patrick O'Donnell		
Tanque Verde Unified District	Mr. Doug Price		