

## DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

### MINUTES: GOVERNING BOARD – REGULAR MEETING

2014-2015

August 6, 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; Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Mrs. Bonnie Schroader, Ms. Jennifer Tanner, and Ms. Blossom Tande.
2. Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil 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
  - The Dysart Education Foundation (DEF) was recognized and thanked for its donation of \$10,000 to the district Rachel's Challenge initiative. Members of the foundation board, Billie Laird, Donya Davis-Day, Roy Delgado and Michelle Benham, were present and thanked for all the foundation does for the district.
  - Cheryl Miller was recognized as one of LearnZillion's National Dream Team Members.
- Superintendent Update – Today was day one for our students. Cabinet visited campuses and things were going well-lots of smiling faces and excitement. Dr. Pletnick thanked staff for all the work put into preparing for the opening of the 2014-15 school year. It will be another great year! The ADE released the Arizona State Accountability profiles for Dysart. The district earned the highest accountability label of "A". Supporting student success is our goal and this is one more indicator that Dysart is accomplishing its mission and vision. Our success is only possible because we have a community dedicated to doing whatever it takes to prepare students for career, college and life. Congratulations to our conscientious students, their supportive families, our talented support staff, our highly qualified certified staff, our hardworking administrators and dedicated Governing Board, volunteers and community members. Dr. Pletnick thanked the Governing Board for their leadership and for empowering her to do what is needed to be done-even in the toughest situations.
- Governing Board Update – Governing Board Members welcomed back students, administrators, and staff and shared first day experiences. In addition, they thanked the Dysart community of stakeholders for their contribution to the District's ADE Accountability "A" label.
  - Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil attended the ASBA Summer Leadership Institute in July. She gave a shout out to Bob Young as the district was once again recognized as a School Dude National Champion Campus in a national maintenance/facilities newsletter. She also congratulated SRHS for earning the Gold Medal for Architecture at the Skills USA Competition.
  - Bonnie Schroader thanked VVHS for the new Open House format. She appreciated its flexibility.
  - Blossom Tande attended the ASBA Summer Leadership Institute in July. She also toured Benevilla, a non-profit organization in Surprise that is cultivating caring communities.

#### 5. Audience with Individuals or Groups - None

**ACTION/CONSENT**

A motion by Schroader/Sawyer-Sinkbeil was entered to approve the consent items as presented.

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**ACTION/CONSENT**

- 1. Recommendation to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between Maricopa Community College District and Dysart Unified School District for the 2014-2015 School Year for College Enrollment of District Students Who Elect the Grand Canyon Diploma Option and Authorize the Superintendent to Sign the Agreement  
Approved

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- 2. Approval of the Terms of Sale Agreement with Mango Languages and Authorization to Pilot Online Instructional Materials for World Languages at Marley Park Elementary and Countryside Elementary Cambridge Programs, Luke Elementary, and Gifted Services  
Approved

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- 3. Recommendation to Approve the Grant Agreement Between The National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) and Dysart Unified School District for the Move on When Ready/Grand Canyon Diploma Program and Authorize the Assistant Superintendent to Sign the Agreement  
Approved

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- 4. Selection of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., under SAVE Contract #C-007-1213 as Financial Advisor for Potential Issuance of Refunding Bonds  
Approved

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- 5. Recommendation to Approve Personnel Action Items for the Period of July 16, 2014 Through August 6, 2014  
Approved

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- 6. Approval of Qualified Evaluators  
Approved as listed.

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- 7. Approval of the Minutes of the July 14, 2014 Special Meeting and the July 16, 2014 Regular Governing Board Meeting  
Approved

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- 8. Recommendation to Approve Overnight and Out-of-State Travel  
Approved

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- 9. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1059, 1060, 1061, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003 and 1062 in the Amount of \$4,332,803.16  
Approved

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- 10. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 7586, 64, 65, 3, 4, 7588, 7589 and 5 in the Amount of \$4,126,440.78  
Approved

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## INFORMATION

11. Update on Enrollment and Staffing for the 2014-2015 School Year  
Ms. Patricia Buck reported PK-12 student enrollment is 26,443; an increase of 290 over 13-14. At the opening of school, the district had 15 general education positions vacant and 12 special education positions vacant. The vacancies are being filled with long term substitutes or are being filled with a district contracted teacher (6/5 section or special education lead teacher). These vacancies are consistent with neighboring districts that also have math, science and special education vacancies. Appendix A
  
12. Strategic Plan Goal A: Accountability, State Assessment, District Data and Student Achievement  
Mr. Ed Sloat provided information summarizing the ADE accountability measures' formula and reported the District earned an "A". For 2014, the district has 8 schools earning an "A" label, 13 schools earning a "B" label and 2 schools earning a "C" label. No school declined in their letter grade, 9 schools increased their letter grade and El Mirage Elementary School jumped from a "D" to "B" label. Appendix B  
  
Mr. Sloat also provided information regarding work done by the Accountability Department to provide data to schools for CIP planning. Appendix C
  
13. Strategic Plan Goal A: CIP Planning and Board CIP Presentations  
Dr. Gail Pletnick provided an overview and update on the District CIP process. Administration has organized CIP reports differently for this year to accommodate the Boards interest in learning more about the specifics of the steps in place to drive continuous improvement in our schools. We will decrease redundancy of information for the sake of depth of understanding. Appendix D
  
14. Revision of Policy Section 1.0 – District Goals – First Reading  
The Governing Board discussed revision of Section 1.0 to more directly relate to the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan Goals. Action will be taken at the August 20, 2014 meeting to adopt the revised policy.

## ACTION/DISCUSSION

15. Set Superintendent Goals Workshop for 2014-2015  
A motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader was entered to establish a Board Workshop to develop the 2014-2015 Superintendent Goals for 4:30 p.m., August 20, 2014. UNANIMOUS
  
16. Planning for Board Ends for 2014-2015  
After discussion, a motion by Schroader/Tanner was entered to direct Dr. Pletnick to follow up on five items requested regarding Policy Governance Board Ends. UNANIMOUS
  - 1) Utilize the Agenda Timeline to match policy with board items.
  - 2) Seek legal advice and advice from our consultant regarding creating a standing agenda item for Board reflection.
  - 3) Schedule a time when the Board can review different tools they may use for self-evaluation.
  - 4) Continue Policy Governance Observers for 2014-2015 school year.
  - 5) Develop a schedule for policy revision.

17. Appointment of a Delegate and Alternate to Represent the Board at the ASBA Delegate Assembly on September 6, 2014 and Provide Direction to the Delegate and Alternate Regarding Action to be Taken at the ASBA Delegate Assembly

After discussion, a motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader was entered to appoint Ms. Tande as their delegate and Ms. Schroader as the alternate and direct the delegate or alternate to cast a vote at the September 6, 2014 Delegate Assembly to support all items with the inclusion of changes to 1.a on the proposed 2015 ASBA Political Agenda.

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Long Term focus 1.a is changed to read: Assure a more stable and reliable funding source.

18. Recommendation for Adoption of Revised Governing Board Policies Sections 1.3 – Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity, 7.28 – Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay and 7.44 – Professional Staff Reduction in Force – Second Reading

A motion by Tanner/Schroader was entered to adopt the recommended revisions to Governing Board Sections 1.3, 7.28 and 7.44. Second Reading

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### **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.4 – Contract Negotiations with Sunset-Tartesso for Proposed Granite Vista Development

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### **RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVCE SESSION – 8:02 – 8:33 p.m.**

The executive session was called to order at 8:02 p.m. The following individuals were present; Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Ms. Blossom Tande, Ms. Jennifer Tanner, Mrs. Bonnie Schroader, Mr, Jack Eaton, Dr. Gail Pletnick, Mr. Raul Abad, legal counsel with Gust Rosenfeld, and Ms. Linda Price, recording secretary.

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

The session concluded at 8:33 p.m.

### **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

#### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS - Continued**

19. Donation Agreement Between Dysart Unified School District and Sunset-Tartesso for the Proposed Granite Vista Development

A motion by Tanner/Schroader was entered to accept the donation agreement from Sunset-Tartesso, LLC for the Granite Vista Development and authorize the Executive Director for Business Services to sign the agreement and any affiliated documents.

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**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)**

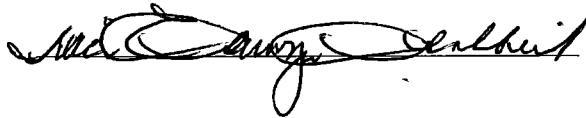
Ms. Tande requested agenda items to update the Board on Year-Round School and concerns and complaints recently reported by the media.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion entered by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader and by a unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 8:39 p.m.

Signed

Date:



August 20, 2014

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Student Enrollment	+/-	2014-2015	2013-2014
K- 8	+34	17,888	17,854
High School	+175	7910	7735
Total K-12	+209	25,798	25,589

Student Enrollment	+/-	2014-2015	2013-2014
Pre-school – Title One	+9	279	270
Pre-School - Sp. Ed.	+72	366	294
Total K-12	+209	25,798	25,589
Total District	+290	26,443	26153

**Staffing:**

We opened the school year with 15 general education vacancies, each of which is filled with a long term substitute teacher. The vacancies are predominantly in hard to fill positions, i.e., math, and science, and kindergarten.

There are also 12 vacant special education positions. Each of these classes has been assigned either a long term substitute teacher, or is being filled with a district contracted teacher, (6/5 section, or special ed. lead teacher).

These vacancies are consistent with neighboring districts that also have math, science and special education vacancies. Peoria has 50 posted positions: 20 are special education and 16 are math/science. Deer Valley has 27 posted positions: 11 are special education and 9 are science/math.

We have been closely monitoring enrollment over the past week which resulted in making a few changes to staffing prior to the year beginning. The advantage to this is that while we added 7 positions today due to enrollment we do not have to move anyone out of a classroom that has already started with students.

Changes made prior to today include:

- Move one kindergarten teacher vacant position from Sunset Hills to Rancho Gabriella kindergarten
- Move one sixth grade teacher from Marley Park to Luke sixth grade
- Move one kindergarten teacher to first grade at Western Peaks
- Moved one kindergarten teacher from Riverview to Countryside kindergarten
- Moved one kindergarten teacher from El Mirage to Parkview kindergarten

Additional staff approved today include:

- Western Peaks - 7th grade and 8th grade
- Cimarron Springs - 6th grade
- Riverview - Kindergarten
- Sonoran – Kindergarten and 8th grade
- Dysart Elementary - Kindergarten