

DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

MINUTES: GOVERNING BOARD – REGULAR MEETING

2014-2015

December 3, 2014, 2014

Location:

Nathaniel Dysart Education Center

STUDY SESSION

The study session was called to order at 4:30 PM and concluded at 5:27 PM. A quorum of Board members was present; namely, Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Bonnie Schroader, Jennifer Tanner, Blossom Tande, and Suzanne Kellis. Information regarding the Continuous Improvement Plan; Extended Opportunities & Options was presented by the Shadow Ridge High School Feeder Schools. Appendix A

Shadow Ridge High School
Rancho Gabriela School
Sunset Hills School

Mountain View School
Sonoran Heights School
Sundown

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Jack Eaton provided the public with information regarding the revised expenditure budget.

Revision of the budget is based on the ADE calculation of our General Budget Limit (GBL) and Capital Limit. The revised GBL is lower than the Adopted Budget by \$1,768,823 as follows. The adjustment for Add-on ADM is primarily District Sponsored Charter School (DSCS) ADM currently recognized by ADE. DSCS is based on the 100th day ADM count taken in January.

K-3 Add-on: ADM	\$ (83,942)
SPED Add-on ADM	(475,828)
Net Adjustment to FY 14 Carryover	<u>(1,209,053)</u>
Total GBL Reduction	\$ (1,768,823)

The second area for Budget revision is in the Capital allocations. Also known as District Additional Assistance (DAA) and Charter Additional Assistance (CAA). DDA increased from prior year adjustments and CAA decreased because the DSCS Appropriation was “capped” by the Legislature.

DAA increase adjustment:	\$ 346,737
CAA decrease adjustment:	<u>(2,646,659)</u>
Total Capital Adjustment	\$ (2,299,922)

Public Comment:

Amber Brown asked, “What is the difference in the Special Ed portion?”

Response:

Mr. Eaton indicated this portion has to do with the Add-on area or weighted area and is a reflection of the ADM currently recognized by the ADE for District Sponsored Charter schools.

I. REGULAR MEETING - GENERAL FUNCTION

1. Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Governing Board President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present; Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil, Mrs. Bonnie Schroader, Ms. Jennifer Tanner, Ms. Blossom Tande, and Suzanne Kellis.

2. Suzanne Kellis 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.

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4. Summary of Current Events

- Presentations, Recognitions, Celebrations
 - Rachel's Challenge Lobby Showcase was hosted by Canyon Ridge, Luke, Rancho Gabriela, Sonoran Heights and Sunset Hills schools.
 - Dennis K. Grau, was recently inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Mr. Grau, volunteers in the district and supervises the annual VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest at 14 elementary schools and three high schools.
 - Dysart was named a District of Distinction by District Administration, for our personalized/individualized learning initiative, iPAL.
 - November Rachel's Challenge Heartbeats were recognized. Appendix B
 - Superintendent Update – Dr. Pletnick welcomed Mrs. Kellis to the Governing Board and thanked her for stepping up and being willing to take on this important role in the community. She shared an Arizona Republic article which appeared in the December 3rd issue of the paper regarding districts who lost their overrides and the devastating impact it will have. Dr. Pletnick encouraged staff and community to read the article. <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/surprise/2014/12/02/phoenix-area-school-districts-face-dramatic-budget-cuts/19748945/>. Dr. Pletnick reported six (6) more teachers received National Board Certification. She recognized Jason Ward who was selected to represent foreign language teachers for two years at the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Language (NADSFL). And finally, Dr. Pletnick represented Dysart as one of 100 superintendents nationwide invited to attend the Future Ready Summit in Washington, D.C. at the White House. Phoenix was selected as one of 12 sites across the nation for a regional future ready summit. She and Dr. Donald Covey, Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools, will work with Washington D.C. on arranging that summit.
- Board Update – Governing Board members welcomed Suzanne Kellis to the Governing Board. They attended the Arizona Education Foundation Teacher of the Year Luncheon where Christopher Raso was recognized as one of ten finalists for Teacher of the Year. Board members also attended the Career & College Expo; they loved that it was student led.
 - Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil attended the ABEC (Arizona Business Education Coalition) meeting; she joined Beth Maloney in delivering celebratory balloons and congratulations to the six (6) new Nationally Board Certified Teachers; Jessica Haug, Cathy Mundstock, Leonard Ornstein, Natalie Sawyer, and Sarah Wehlage. She congratulated Elisa Delgadillo, fourth grade teacher at Thompson Ranch, for being named as one of twenty finalists for the Rodel Exemplary Teacher.
 - Bonnie Schroader attended the Dysart High School vs. Valley Vista High School basketball game.
 - Jennifer Tanner attended the Swearing In Ceremony for Suzanne Kellis.
 - Blossom Tande attended the ABEC conference; it was nice to hear there is a focused group trying to mesh together business and education.
 - Suzanne Kellis thanked everybody for their warm welcome. She is excited for this new responsibility/opportunity and appreciates the trust of the community.

5. Audience with Individuals or Groups

Ms. Amber Brown addressed the Governing Board with concerns about feeling unwelcomed at Dysart Elementary.

ACTION/CONSENT

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

1. Recommendation to Approve the Use Agreement with the Phoenix Convention Center to Host the Willow Canyon High School Prom and Authorize the Assistant Superintendent to Sign the Agreement and Any Affiliated Documents
Approved UNANIMOUS
2. Recommendation to Approve the Use Agreement with the Challenger Space Center to Host the Dysart High School Prom and Authorize the Assistant Superintendent to Sign the Agreement and Any Affiliated Documents
Approved UNANIMOUS
3. Recommendation to Approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Math in Focus and Authorize the Assistant Superintendent to Sign the Proposal and Any Affiliated Documents
Approved UNANIMOUS
4. Recommendation for Approval of Sole Source Vendor for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year
Approved the IRS as a sole source vendor for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. UNANIMOUS
5. Certificate of Result of Special Override Election
Adopted the Certificate of Result of Special Election disclosing the outcome of the Special Override Election held on November 5, 2014 and directed that such Certificate be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Maricopa County, Arizona. UNANIMOUS
6. Recommendation to Approve Personnel Action Items for the Period of November 19, 2014 Through December 3, 2014
Approved UNANIMOUS
7. Recommendation to Ratify Certified Professional Growth - 2014-2015 School Year
Ratified certified professional growth movements for the individuals listed. UNANIMOUS
8. Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2014 Governing Board Meeting, The November 20, 2014 Teacher of the Year Luncheon and the November 20, 2014 Career and College Expo
Approved UNANIMOUS

9. Hearing Officer's Recommendation(s) for Long Term Suspension
Accepted the Hearing Officer's recommendation to long term suspend students in the matter of Student Discipline Hearings HOR1415-011, HOR1415-012, HOR1415-013, HOR1415-014, and HOR1415-015. UNANIMOUS
10. Recommendation to Approve Overnight and Out-of-State Travel
Approved UNANIMOUS
11. Acceptance of Donations, Gifts and Grants
Accepted UNANIMOUS
12. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1021 and 1022 in the Amount of \$3,010,854.86
Approved/Ratified UNANIMOUS
13. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 20 and 7603 in the Amount of \$5,167,671.50
Approved/Ratified UNANIMOUS

INFORMATION

14. Information Regarding Recommendations for M&O Budget Cuts Due to the Loss of the November 4, 2014 Override Ballot Measure
Dr. Pletnick provided information regarding the \$18+million dollar phase down, phase out and elimination of programs and initiatives supported by Override funding. The Governing Board asked that comparative options be provided after the Reduction in Force (RIF) process is complete. Appendix C
15. Policy Governance – Board Monitoring of Adopted Policies – Section 8.0 – Meet and Confer
Governing Board members asked for and received clarification regarding policies 8.0 and 8.1. Ms. Schroader suggested Policy 8.0 be revised to add clarity.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

16. Recommendation to Approve the 2014-2015 Revised Expenditure Budget
After discussion, a motion by Tanner/Schroader was made to approve the Revised Expenditure Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. UNANIMOUS

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

Ms. Bonnie Schroader requested an agenda item about the high school grading/homework process.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion entered by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Schroader and by a unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 8:26 p.m.

Signed

Date:

December 19, 2014