

DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #89

MINUTES: GOVERNING BOARD – SPECIAL MEETING

2010-2011

May 11, 2011

Location:

Nathaniel Dysart Education Center

SPECIAL MEETING - GENERAL FUNCTION

1. Ms. Jennifer Tanner, Governing Board President, called the special meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present; Ms. Jennifer Tanner, Ms. Christine Pritchard, Ms. April Allen, Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil and Mrs. Bonnie Schroader.
2. A motion by Tanner/Sawyer-Sinkbeil was entered to approve the Agenda Form consistent with Board Policy BEDB and temporarily suspend any Governing Board Policy with which this agenda may be inconsistent. UNANIMOUS

STUDY SESSION

Dr. Thomas Jandris, CEO Progress Education led a discussion regarding the following items:

- A Review of the Driving Forces Behind Policy Governance for Dysart
- The General Principles of Policy Governance and How They Intersect With Board Responsibilities
- An Analysis of Why Policy Governance Clarifies and Reinforces the Authority of the Board
- Why Policy Governance Restores Trust Between the Board and District Stakeholders
- An Analysis of Typical Policy Governance Language and the Dysart Board's Concerns

Dr. Jandris reviewed with the Board how and why the Policy Governance Model was adopted by the Dysart Governing Board in response to stakeholder concerns regarding board governance as expressed in the 2008 Strategic Plan. Information from that survey and from focus groups led to the development, adoption and implementation of the 2008-2010 Strategic Plan on December 10, 2008 and a subsequent adoption of the 2010-2013 Strategic Plan on December 15, 2010. Both those documents approve the Board's utilization of Policy Governance.

The Governing Board expressed their concerns regarding full implementation of the Policy Governance Model with phrases such as, "don't feel good about it."; "uneasy feeling"; "not sure about it."; "questioning it."; "concerned about certain aspects of it"; "loss of authority". Dr. Jandris answered questions and provided clarity as needed. Some Board Members expressed a desire to speak to other school boards currently using the Policy Governance Model to learn about their experience.

Dr. Jandris respectfully indicated the Board has made a legal commitment through the adoption of Strategic Plan goals in both 2008 and 2010 to Policy Governance. Dr. Jandris recommended the Board needs to either move forward with its adopted goals regarding Policy Governance or legally act to reverse its decision.

ACTION/CONSENT

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

1. 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) HOR1011-061, HOR1011-064, HOR1011-065, HOR1011-066 and HOR1011-067. UNANIMOUS
2. Recommendation to Approve Personnel Action Items for the Period of May 4, 2011 through May 11, 2011
Approved. Appendix A UNANIMOUS

ACTION/DISCUSSION

3. Recommendation for Approval of Dysart Policy Governance Policies Section 1 – District Goals, Section 2 – Board Governance, Section 3 – Board Superintendent Relationship and Section 4 – Executive Limitations – Second Reading MOTION CARRIES 4 – YES
After discussion, a motion by Tanner/Schroader was entered to table this item for a future meeting. Ms. Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil cast the dissenting vote. 1- NO

The Board discussed additional changes to the Policy Section(s) 2.2 – Board Powers and Responsibilities; 3.3 – Authority of the Superintendent and 4.9 – Communication and Counsel to the Board. The changes discussed will be shared with legal counsel. Dr. Jandris agreed to provide the contact information of boards currently using Policy Governance as their governance model.

4. Recommendation to Approve 2010-2011 Revised Expenditure Budget
After discussion, a motion by Sawyer-Sinkbeil/Allen was entered to approve the Revised Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. UNANIMOUS

Mr. Scott Thompson reported the Arizona Revised Statutes require a revised expenditure budget be approved by May 15th. The budget presented to the Board is incomplete as the state has not provided districts with final numbers on student count (ADM) or the final budget cut numbers which were estimated to be \$2.8 million. These amounts will be available at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion entered by Tanner/Allen and by a unanimous vote the meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

 April 6, 2011