

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
WINSLOW UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
GOVERNING BOARD**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Winslow Unified School District No. 1 was called to order by Mrs. Josephine Montoya, Chairperson, at 6:00 p.m., January 4, 2017, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, Second Floor, in Winslow.

PRESENT: Mrs. Marilee Ervien
Mrs. Josephine Montoya
Mr. Joey Hartnett
Mrs. Sharon Greenwood
Mr. Allen Leonard

ABSENT:

ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNING BOARD: Annually, the Board elects officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Montoya asked if there were any nominations for President. Mr. Hartnett nominated Mrs. Ervien for President, and Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

Mrs. Ervien then assumed the position of President.

At this time, Mrs. Ervien called for nominations of Vice-President. Mr. Leonard made a motion to nominate Mrs. Greenwood and Mr. Hartnett seconded it. A vote was taken and all members voted "aye". Motion carried.

For Clerk, Mr. Leonard nominated Mr. Hartnett. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Greenwood and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members.

Another routine annual procedure is to set the date, time and place of Governing Board meetings for the year. After some discussion, Mr. Leonard made a motion to conduct regular board meetings once a month on the third Thursday of each month, at 6:00 p.m., here in the Governing Board Room. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hartnett. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Ervien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mrs. Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Greenwood and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:**

Mrs. Montoya made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 7, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Mrs. Ervien invited public comments on any listed items on the agenda at this time. She requested that anyone speaking should state their full name for the record and confine their remarks to three minutes or less. She stated that no action will be taken as a result of public comments. She reminded the public that the Board expects citizens who address the Board to present concerns regarding the activities in question rather than make personal attacks upon board members, staff or others present or absent according to Governing Board Policy BEDH. In addition, questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not be accepted per Board Policy BEDH, Public Participation at Board Meetings. Anyone wishing to discuss an issue with the Governing Board that is not on the agenda should complete form WPS 511 located on the entrance table. Copies will be distributed to all board members for their consideration.

There were no comments from the public this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 795 totaling \$1,602,079.06. This is a routine procedure to allow the District to submit vouchers to the County School Superintendent between board meetings.

Some questions were asked about this, and Mr. Heister and Mrs. Lomeli explained the content and the procedure.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to approve all vouchers on Ratification List No. 795. Mrs. Greenwood seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- B. Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the hiring of the following personnel:

- Leah Wischmann – Reading Adie – Jefferson School
- Kayla Maine – English Teacher – Junior High School
- Casey Hancock – Math Teacher – High School

Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the resignation of the following personnel:

- Mina Payestewa-Burris – Sp Ed Teacher – High School – Effective 12-16-16
- Wendy Sindel – Substitute Teacher – District – Effective 12-16-16

Mr. Leonard made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hartnett, to approve the hiring and resignation of personnel as recommended. A vote was taken and the motion passed with all members voting "aye".

C. Mr. Heister requested that the Governing Board accept the following donations.

- \$71.77 to Jefferson School from SW Karma for Sonic Night
- \$67.66 to Bonnie Brennan School from AW Karma for Sonic Night

A motion to accept these donations was made by Mrs. Greenwood and seconded by Mr. Leonard. A vote was taken and all members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

D. Mr. Heister requested that the Governing Board approve the following out-of-state travel.

- One employee to travel to Washington, DC, March 12 – 16, 2017, for the CTE National Policy Seminar

Mrs. Ervien asked about the funding and Mr. Heister said that it will be paid for by CTE funds exclusively. A motion to approve this trip was made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Hartnett. All members voted “aye”. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. The Board was presented with district financial reports for November, 2016. Mrs. Lomeli reported that 42% of the year had been completed at the end of November and actual expenditures were at 39%. She explained the process further for the information of the new board members.

B Superintendent’s Reports

Mr. Heister informed the board members of the B.O.L.T.S. seminar in Flagstaff on February 3rd. He asked the members to let Robin know by the next meeting if they wish to go.

Mr. Heister asked the new board members to talk a little about themselves and why they wanted to join the Board.

Mr. Hartnett said he was born and raised in Winslow, he has a business here and he has three children. He wants to make sure they get a great education, which every child deserves.

Mr. Leonard likes to be involved and wants to be a part of the schools, volunteering when he can. Mrs. Montoya sets a good example. For him, the question to answer is “Is it what’s best for kids?”. If so, let’s get it done.

Mrs. Greenwood said she wants to be a part of the process that prepares our students for success in whatever they want to do after high school. Her husband is a doctor and he has always said that the preparation he got here in the Winslow school system contributed significantly to his being able to get into medical school.

C. Board President's Reports

Mrs. Ervien said she thinks we have an awesome board and she is looking forward working with them. Students are our first priority and she is expecting a very productive 2017, and beyond. She is proud of our District.

Mrs. Montoya said it was good to see a lot of people here this evening. She asked everyone to support and encourage our new board members as they work in the best interest of our students and teachers. She also complimented the academic coaches.

Mrs. Ervien invited the administrators to share information about their schools and sites.

Mr. McReynolds, Mrs. Garner and Mr. Summerville said things are going well and they have been quite busy since returning from the break.

Mrs. McCauley said the junior high administration wants to congratulate the new board members. She said there are lots of exciting things going on at the junior high.

Mr. Gilmore is happy to announce that all the schedules were ready when the students returned after the break. There are now more dual enrollment opportunities for the students. He expressed thanks to Dr. Hartman for his work in preparing for the Doc Wright Wrestling Tournament. Forty teams from five states will be participating. This is a chance to showcase our district and our town.

Mr. Leonard complimented Mr. Owen Kerr for the weekend gaming convention. It went well and was a great event for students who might not be involved in other school activities. Mr. Gilmore said there may be another one in May. Mr. Heister added that it was amazing that we have many people willing to give of their own time to make those very important connections with students. Those positive relationships are so valuable.

Mrs. Connie Gover, Special Education Director, introduced herself and welcomed the new members of the Board. She said that our District provides special education services for 285 students.

Mrs. Denise Estudillo, Federal Programs Director, welcomed the new board members and said she oversees Title 1, which covers the academic coaches, and the Indian education programs: JOM and Title VI. She introduced the members of the Indian Education Committee and the federal programs secretary. She invited the board members to attend the IEC meetings.

**BOARD
COMMENTS:**

Everyone made their comments previously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Ervien asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Montoya made this motion and Mr. Hartnett seconded it. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried. The time was 6:35 p.m.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent