

**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 Mr. Loren Sadler, President, at 7:00 p.m., December 17, 2014, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, Second Floor, in Winslow.

PRESENT: Mr. Loren Sadler
Mrs. Josephine "Dodie" Montoya
Mrs. Marian Scheid
Mrs. Beth Carlson
Mrs. Roberta Hadnot

ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Scheid made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 3, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Montoya and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members.

CALL TO PUBLIC: Mr. Sadler invited public comments on any listed items on the agenda at this time. He requested that anyone speaking should state their full name for the record and confine their remarks to three minutes or less. He stated that no action will be taken as a result of public comments. He 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.

Sal Hernandez, WHS Assistant Principal, introduced Janeen and Wilburt Barton, coaches for the cross country team. The coaches introduced Jasmine Barton, Alexis Yellowhair and Boyd Chatwin, athletes who recently traveled to Walnut, California, for a large invitational. There were competitors from the entire

Western Region, approximately nine states. These students, along with Juwan Denny, represented their school and state well. The coaches discussed the event and answered questions for the Board. They thanked the Board for the opportunity to take the runners to the event.

Denise Estudillo, Federal Programs Director, displayed a plaque and addressed the Board regarding the first place award for the Indian Education Committee's Christmas parade entry. Their float had elementary students on it and they sang carols in Hopi and Navajo. Mrs. Estudillo said there was a lot of similar competition and the students did very well. The Board congratulated her, the committee and the students for their win.

Troy McReynolds, Principal of Bonnie Brennan Elementary School, addressed the Board and distributed a brochure about the state First Lego League tournament, which was sponsored by the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering at Arizona State University. Mr. McReynolds said he was speaking on behalf of Mr. Steve Brodt and Miss Amanda Leonard, whose teams qualified to compete in the state tournament. There are 333 teams in Arizona and 63 went to ASU recently for the state competition. This program promotes engineering through the building of robots. Mr. Brodt's team, "Educated Dogs", placed 7th; and Miss Leonard's team, "Girls Just Want to Have Fun", placed 28th. The Board thanked Mr. McReynolds and offered their congratulations.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Heister announced the Certified Employee of the Month for November. Mrs. Debra Smith, reading teacher at the junior high, was given a plaque and the appreciation of the Board and audience for her work as a teacher, as the District Spelling Bee Coordinator, and for organizing the hospitality room at the recent First Lego League competition. Mr. Heister added that Mrs. Smith has an excellent work ethic and is a great team member.

B. Chris Gilmore, Principal of Winslow High School, distributed two handouts and gave a presentation regarding the accreditation process.

Mr. Gilmore said the robotics club at the high school recently went to a competition in Flagstaff and placed 6th out of 16 teams. This was their first competition and Mr. Gilmore hopes for strong teams in the future, building on the groups from Bonnie Brennan School and Winslow Junior High School.

The accreditation agency formerly known as North Central Accreditation is now AdvancED Accreditation Commission. WHS is the fourth oldest accredited school in the state, and has been accredited since 1912. The accreditation process took about a year and a half. The handouts shared were Mr. Gilmore's report and the report of the External Review Team, which consisted of three people from other districts and entities. Over the course of two days, they interviewed 71 people. They also reviewed

Mr. Gilmore's report and investigated all the related documents. Mr. Gilmore reviewed for the Board the team's exit report, covering specific domains, improvement priorities and opportunities, and powerful practices.

Mrs. Deana McKinney is doing her administrative internship and Mr. Gilmore asked her to discuss a technology plan, which she did.

Mr. Gilmore shared more information and then thanked his team consisting of Mr. Justin Hartman, Mr. Sal Hernandez, Ms. Deb Lopez, Mrs. Larissa Richards and Mrs. Deana McKinney. He said it was a long but worthwhile process. AdvancED did accredit WHS for the next five years.

The Board thanked Mr. Gilmore and his team for all their work and congratulated them.

- C. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 753 totaling \$766,483.33. This is a routine procedure to allow the District to submit vouchers to the County School Superintendent between board meetings.

Mrs. Carlson made a motion to approve all vouchers on Ratification List No. 753. Mrs. Hadnot seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- D. Mrs. Mattox requested that the Governing Board accept the resignations of the following personnel:

- Gilbert Thomas – Bus Driver – District – Effective 12-3-14
- Jessica de Montfort – Biology Teacher – High School – Effective 5-28-15
- Sarah Moore – Math Teacher – High School – Effective 5-28-15

A motion to accept the resignations was made by Mrs. Montoya and seconded by Mrs. Carlson. A vote was taken and the motion passed with a vote of "aye" from all members.

REPORTS

- A. The Governing Board received the District financial reports for November, 2014. Mrs. Lomeli said that actual expenditures are at 43%, with 42% of the year having been completed.

- B. The members of the Board received copies of the student suspension logs.

- C. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Hadnot said that the recent ASBA/ASA conference was a good one and she received lot of good information. She thanked everyone for their work and wished all a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Carlson encouraged Mr. Gilmore to offer his team as presenters at ASBA events as they are doing a great job. She, too, said the conference was a good one. She thanked everyone for their work and congratulated Mr. Gilmore and staff on the accreditation. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She hopes everyone enjoys the break.

Mrs. Scheid said it is a lot of work and must be nerve wracking to keep up the accreditation status which has been in place since 1912. She said Mr. Gilmore and the high school teachers are doing a great job. She wished everyone a wonderful holiday and hopes they rest and come back recharged.

Mrs. Montoya complimented the high school students on their play and the Bonnie Brennan students on their Christmas music program. She said the orchestra sounds awesome. She thanked all the schools for collecting canned food to assist with the Elks Christmas baskets. Mrs. Montoya also thanked Mrs. Estudillo for the instruments and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a safe break, and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Sadler commented on all the work that goes into the accreditation process. He said the First Lego League is an outstanding program and such competitions are a big boost to students. He added that he was disappointed to see Mr. McReynolds hanging out with Sparky, the ASU mascot.

Mrs. Montoya said the high school service clubs are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Sadler said everyone should be proud of the S Club, for their outstanding service work. He also talked about collaboration and said he is excited about what the high school is doing. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

D. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister said the external accreditation team was very impressed with how well prepared Mr. Gilmore was. A lot of effort was put into the process and Mr. Gilmore is a great leader. The team gave a great compliment by saying that "You really have a college-going culture." Mr. Heister congratulated Mr. Gilmore and his staff on the process and outcome.

Mr. Heister said he had the opportunity to meet with Christine Thompson, the Executive Director of the State Board of Education; and Tom Tyree, President of the State Board of Education. The Board is proposing that AZ Merit scores be used as a baseline and the American Institute for Research has been hired to fashion a test around the Arizona state standards. This means that there will not be letter grades for schools for the next two years while this new process is being developed.

At this time, Mr. Heister presented Mr. Sadler with his second cluster pin from the Arizona School Boards Association. This represents his work and hours served on behalf of our students. Mr. Heister said he truly appreciates Mr. Sadler's professionalism, commitment and wise counsel. He is a true representative of the people of Winslow. The audience expressed their thanks and congratulations.

Mr. Heister distributed three ASBA handouts to the Board:

- A flyer for the Board Operations & Leadership Seminar to be held January 30 in Flagstaff
- An announcement for the Spring Legal Webinar Series
- Information about The Equity Event, a conference in April for public school and community leaders

Mr. Heister asked the members of the Board to arrive at the January 7 meeting about ten minutes early because the Oath of Office will be administered to our returning member and our new member.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Mattox said she was at the Rotary meeting today and Chipper Cunningham had some very nice things to say about the First Lego League competition. He thought it was wonderful and impressive.

She recently accompanied Mrs. Darlene McCauley, Ms. Deb Lopez and Mrs. Larissa Richards to an ASA conference in Phoenix entitled Middle School Level Drive In, where they made a presentation on Core 6. They did a great job and the executive director of ASA, Deb Duvall, said she would like them to do other presentations on this.

Mrs. Mattox attended the Christmas music program for Jefferson School. This was held in the PAC at the high school, and she thanked Mr. Gilmore for facilitating this. It was wonderful. She complimented Ms. Heaton, the music teacher, and Mrs. Garner, Principal. She encouraged the other elementary schools to consider this venue for their programs. It worked really well.

Mr. Heister called the Board's attention to the GEAR UP Gazette provided for them.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Montoya at 7:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Scheid. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent