

**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. Marian Scheid, President, at 6:00 p.m., February 17, 2016, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, Second Floor, in Winslow.

PRESENT: Mrs. Marian Scheid
Mrs. Beth Carlson
Mrs. Roberta Hadnot
Mrs. Marilee Ervien
Mrs. Josephine Montoya

ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Montoya and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members.

CALL TO PUBLIC: Mrs. Scheid 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.

**REPORT ON SCHOOL
GRADING SYSTEM:**

Mr. Douglas Watson was present to report on the Comprehensive Grade System for the District. He distributed draft copies of the results for each school and a summary. Mr. Watson explained that the state grades have in the past been based on one thing, AIMS results; and in the future, they will be based on AzMERIT scores. This new system grades the schools after taking into consideration many points. He commended all the committees for their work; they took this matter very seriously and came up with very reasonable grades.

Mr. Watson reviewed the process used to arrive at the grades. Each school's data points were different, based on what they determined to be their most important issues. Now that all these data points have been measured, they can be examined and improved upon. This instrument can be used as a starting point and can be modified and refined year after year. It is expected that more data points will be added in future years. He reviewed some of the weaknesses with this system, but this is a very good starting point and the system can become part of a regular improvement plan. Mr. Watson added that the final results will be presented to the Board in the near future after some minor revisions are made.

The members of the Board asked questions and made comments. Mr. Watson said he enjoyed working with everyone on this project. The Board thanked him for his work.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 777 totaling \$1,264,247.914. This is a routine procedure to allow the District to submit vouchers to the County School Superintendent between board meetings.

Mrs. Hadnot made a motion to approve all vouchers on Ratification List No. 777. Mrs. Ervien seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- B. Mr. Heister recommended that the Governing Board approve the hiring of the following personnel:

- Dena Crouch – HN Sp Ed Teacher – High School
- Elvira Gonzales – HN Sp Ed Aide – Junior High
- Jennifer Yazzie – Sp Ed Aide and Assistant JV Softball Coach – High School
- Brandon Terrazas – Boys' Track Coach – Junior High

Mr. Heister recommended that the Governing Board approve the following student teacher:

- Harshika Bhatt – Math – High School

Mr. Heister recommended that the Governing Board approve the resignation of the following personnel:

- Jessica Pipkins – Health Technician – Jefferson School – Effective 2-22-16
- Jane Parent – Kindergarten Teacher – Bonnie Brennan School – Effective 5-26-16

Mrs. Ervien made a motion to approve the hiring, student teacher and resignation of personnel as recommended by Mr. Heister. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Montoya. All members voted “aye” and the motion carried.

- C. Mrs. Lomeli requested that the Governing Board sign a Letter of Declaration in order that the District’s line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank can be renewed. She explained that this is a routine, annual procedure and that there has been no need to draw on it during the past two years.

A motion to sign the letter as requested was made by Mrs. Ervien and seconded by Mrs. Carlson. All members voted “aye” and the motion carried.

- D. A request was made that the Governing Board award RFP 2015-01 for audit services to Clifton Larson Allen LLP. Mrs. Lomeli said the RFP was sent to eight vendors, with two responses being received. Clifton Larson Allen LLP had the best proposal.

Mrs. Hadnot made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Carlson, to award the job to Clifton Larson Allen LLP as recommended. All members voted “aye” and the motion carried.

- E. First reading of the following Arizona School Boards Association Policy Services Advisories:

Advisory No. 536	BEC – Executive Sessions / Open Meetings
Advisory No. 537	BEDA – Notification of Board Meetings
Advisory No. 538	BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings
Advisory No. 539	EBBB-E – Accident Reports
Advisory No. 540	GBEB-R – Staff Conduct
Advisory No. 541	GCCC-ED – Professional / Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay
Advisory No. 542	GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Member
Advisory No. 543	IKE – Promotion and Retention of Students
Advisory No. 544	IKF – Graduation Requirements
	IKF-RB
	IKF-EA
	IKF-EB
Advisory No. 545	JFAB – Tuition / Admission of Nonresident Students
Advisory No. 546	JK – Student Discipline
	JK-RB
Advisory No. 547	KDB-R – Public’s Right to Know / Freedom of Information

Mrs. Scheid said that no action is necessary at this time as this is just the first reading of the advisories.

REPORTS:

A. The Board was presented with financial reports for the month of January. Mrs. Lomeli said that expenditures are at 51%, with 58% of the year having been completed.

B The Board received copies of the student suspension logs.

C. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Montoya thanked the custodians, maintenance personnel and bus drivers for making our schools such a great environment for our students.

Mrs. Ervien said that the tiles in the high school gym need some work. Overall, she is pleased with the way the year is progressing.

Mrs. Hadnot thanked all the teachers and staff for the excellent job they are doing.

Mrs. Carlson expressed thanks to the committees for the excellent job they did on the Comprehensive Grading System project. Now we have a place to begin.

Mrs. Scheid said the new grading system will require more paperwork but it will be very helpful for examining our schools and building on the work already done. She congratulated the wrestling team, women's chorus and vocal ensemble for their recent accomplishments. These students make us proud. She thanked everyone for being present at the meeting.

D. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister said that Winslow is hosting the state final girls' basketball game.

Mr. McReynolds announced that Jett Jue won the Navajo County Spelling Bee today. The Board expressed their congratulations. Mr. McReynolds also said he attended a wrestling tournament in Prescott and the athletes' behavior and demeanor was really something to be proud of.

Mrs. Ervien invited everyone to read an article she brought about Mr. Bob Mansell, former Superintendent, relating to his work on the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Mattox was not present this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Carlson at 6:42 p.m. It was seconded by Mrs. Montoya. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent