

**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, Acting President, at 7:00 p.m., October 15, 2014, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, Second Floor, in Winslow.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Loren Sadler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Hadnot made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carlson and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members present.

CALL TO PUBLIC: Mrs. Montoya 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.

Karen Rockwell, a sixth grade teacher at Washington School, addressed the Board. She wanted them to know what a great job Mr. Shawn Layden, Academic Coach, is doing. He is very positive and supportive and gives his all, and then some. She said Mr. John Summerville, Principal, is also 100% supportive of the teachers. The school is getting better all the time and she is proud to be a part of the great staff there.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 749 totaling \$628,987.23. 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. 749. Mrs. Scheid seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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

- Jordan Payne – Alt Ed Aide – High School
- Winter sports coaches on the attached list – High School

Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the following volunteer:

- Jeff Hartman – Volunteer Wrestling Coach – High School

Mrs. Hadnot made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Carlson, to approve the hiring and volunteer as recommended. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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

- \$50.00 to WHS Cross Country Club from Buddy's Home Furnishings
- \$20.00 gift card to WHS Cross Country Club from Safeway
- \$197.00 to Washington School from Arizona Restaurant Systems, Inc. for Sonic Night

A motion to accept the donations was made by Mrs. Scheid and seconded by Mrs. Hadnot. Mrs. Montoya expressed thanks for the donations. All members present voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

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

- One employee to travel to Los Angeles, California, October 21 – 26, 2014, for a class/training on silk screening

Mr. Heister said that this trip will be funded through CTE grants and is for the purpose of training the teacher so activities in the program can be expanded.

A motion to approve the out-of-state travel was made by Mrs. Carlson and seconded by Mrs. Scheid. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- E. Mr. Heister requested that the Governing Board approve a professional development subsequent reimbursement plan as outlined in a formal Memorandum of Agreement which each participant will sign. Only specific courses necessary for a reading endorsement, in a limited number, will qualify for reimbursement under the plan. The reimbursement will be made by the District upon the participant providing proof of successful completion of each course.

Mrs. Montoya called for a motion, and Mrs. Carlson made moved to approve the reimbursement plan. It was seconded by Mrs. Hadnot. Mrs. Montoya asked if there was any discussion and the Board asked a few questions. Mr. Heister advised them that there was a list of courses to choose from and that 24 to 28 credit hours would be needed for the endorsements. Each class is six weeks long and there is no time limit to complete the courses. He added that it would take the average person two to three years to complete all the courses needed for the endorsement. A vote was taken and all members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

REPORTS

- A. Mr. John Summerville, Principal at Washington Elementary School, presented a report regarding the Behavior Education Program (BEP) and Parent University. He had several people assist with the report: Mrs. Celeste Hartnett, Media Technician; Miss Sara Runyan, Teacher; Students Aaliyha Redd and Traya Sahmie; and Ms. Norma Talavera, Aaliyha's grandmother. Mr. Summerville said they have been using BEP at Washington School for four years. Mrs. Hartnett explained how the program works and she talked about daily check-ins and check-outs, goals and prizes. The students showed example folders containing data, calendars, stickers and reports. Miss Runyan explained how she monitors the students' behavior and she said there has been a huge change in behavior since the beginning of the school year. She said that BEP bridges the gap between the teacher and the parent/home. Ms. Talavera spoke about the program and said she is very proud of Aaliyah; she has really changed for the better. She also talked about setting goals in the program. Mr. Summerville said BEP is very successful and he is very glad to be using the program.

Mr. Summerville then reported on the Parent University held last spring. He presented a slide show and said there was a good turnout for the event, which focused on math standards. He said three things which really helped make the event so successful were the teachers' preparation, providing refreshments/snacks and providing babysitting services. Mr. Summerville thanked the Board for allowing him to make his presentation this evening.

- B. Mr. Heister thanked Mr. Summerville and everyone who assisted with his report. It is important to recognize the positive things being accomplished.

Mr. Heister distributed a handout regarding the District's existing bonds and debts. He pointed out the following information.

- The impact aid bonds were passed by the voters in 2008 for specific building and grounds improvements. All projects have been completed. \$700,000 has been paid on this indebtedness and the bonds are scheduled to be retired in 2024.
- School improvement bonds were passed by the voters in 2002 for additions to the new high school. These bonds were refinanced in 2013 and this refinancing will save approximately \$100,000. More than half of the total amount has been paid, leaving a balance owed of \$1,685,000. These bonds are scheduled to be retired in 2018.
- The override has been in place for 25 years, or four election cycles. The current amount of the override is \$1,003,068. The money is used to attract highly qualified, properly certified, effective staff through salaries and benefits.

Mr. Heister asked if there were any questions, and the Board had none.

- C. The Governing Board received copies of the financial reports for September, 2014. Mrs. Lomeli reported that 25% of the year has been completed and actual expenditures are at 21%.
- D. The Governing Board received copies of the suspension logs.
- E. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Hadnot thanked Mr. Summerville and the others for their presentation. She said keep up the good work. She mentioned that she was impressed by the impact that one teacher had on Hector Araujo. She told the teachers and administration that she applauds all of them and appreciates them.

Mrs. Carlson said the presentation was great and BEP is a great program. She also thanked Mr. Layden for all his work on behalf of teachers and students.

Mrs. Scheid said the presentation was great and she loves seeing the students at the meetings of the Governing Board. She wished we could do this more often. It is nice to have others in attendance as well. She said she was glad that Miss Runyan stayed with our District as being a first year teacher is rough. Mr. Summerville said Miss Runyan is doing a great job.

Mrs. Montoya thanked the teachers who worked during the intersession, and thanked the academic coaches for their work. She said we have an awesome village raising our children.

F. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister said this is the last Board meeting before the election. He gave some statistics regarding the last election and the override. There were 4,845 registered voters in 2009 and 764 voted on the override. This is about a 16% turnout. The turnout is expected to be larger this time because of all the issues on the ballot. In 2009, the vote was 61% in favor of the override. Mr. Heister added that last year Holbrook's override passed by only approximately 70 votes. Winslow voters have shown their support for schools by approving the override continuously since 1990.

Mr. Heister said he recently went to Dilcon to talk about the override. Mr. Nathan Brady went along to interpret. There were 75+ people in attendance and the majority seemed very supportive. In Dilcon, Mr. Heister also shared the successes of the Class of 2014.

Mr. Heister shared that Chartwells will host "Good Morning Winslow" on November 5 at 7:00 a.m. in the Hubbell Building. The topic will be our food service program.

Mrs. Carlson encouraged everyone to go to the "Good Morning Winslow" meetings.

G. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Mattox commented that it was good to see Traya's dad here at the meeting.

She thanked the Board for approving the reimbursement of the cost of the courses needed for the reading endorsement. Approximately 50 teachers have indicated that they would be interested in getting the endorsement. Right now, there are ten who have a reading endorsement, including herself and Mrs. Jodie Garner.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Scheid and seconded by Mrs. Hadnot. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried at 7:44 p.m.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent