

**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., November 19, 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. Roberta Hadnot

ABSENT: Mrs. Beth Carlson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Montoya made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 5, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hadnot and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members present.

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.

Karen Rockwell, 6th grade teacher at Washington School, addressed the Board and the audience, saying that she was excited that the override passed. This is a very positive thing for our district.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mrs. Jodie Garner, Principal of Jefferson School, addressed the Board. She introduced Betsy Pollard, Academic Coach. Mrs. Garner said she was excited to make her first presentation to the Board, and she distributed handouts and books about being a Bucket Filler and began a PowerPoint presentation. She explained that their theme for this year is "Be a Bucket Filler", and this is helping with character building and anti-bullying efforts.

Mrs. Garner said that in response to last years' test scores, the number one priority this year is reading. She introduced Mrs. Leona Jue, Teacher. Mrs. Jue and several students modeled phonograms. The students then introduced themselves. Mrs. Garner explained a little about the use of phonograms. The Board thanked Mrs. Jue and the students for their demonstration.

Mrs. Garner went on to discuss the Accelerated Reader program; a family event called "Reading Under the Stars; Reading Royalty (the top AR point earners); Grandparent Reading Volunteers; and data from the recent intersession. She also mentioned several upcoming events planned at Jefferson School. She invited everyone to the standing assembly every payday Friday at 2:30 p.m. to see what great work the students are doing. The Board thanked her for her presentation.

- B. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 751 totaling \$640,113.32. This is a routine procedure to allow the District to submit vouchers to the County School Superintendent between board meetings.

Mrs. Scheid made a motion to approve all vouchers on Ratification List No. 751. Mrs. Hadnot seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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

- Deanna Wilcox – Sp Ed Aide – Junior High

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

- Wendy Sindel – Band Volunteer – High School

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

- D. Mr. Heister requested that the Governing Board accept the following donations:
- \$1,000.00 to the WHS Orchestra in conjunction with the Sedona Music Festival from Mr. Allen Affeldt
 - T-shirts valued at \$1,080.00 to WHS from Silkscreen Express

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

NEW BUSINESS WILL CONTINUE AFTER REPORTS

REPORTS

- A. The Governing Board received copies of the financial reports for October, 2014. Mrs. Lomeli reported that 33% of the year has been completed and actual expenditures are at 32%.

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

- C. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Hadnot thanked Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Jue for their presentation, and thanked all the teachers for their work and dedication. She said she really enjoys the reports and information provided by the principals.

Mrs. Scheid thanked everyone for the nice presentation and said she, too, reads and enjoys the reports.

Mrs. Montoya said the students in Winslow are getting one heck of an education because our teachers go above and beyond. She thanked Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Jue.

Mr. Sadler said Mr. Hernandez and the other high school staff and administrators did a good job of preparing the seniors for College Application Day. It was a great event and a fun morning. He said Luke McCauley was hilarious. It is good to see so much excitement about students preparing for college.

- C. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister said with regard to college preparations, the culture here in our district is changing. It is very exciting to see what's happening. There are two former Winslow students at Columbia University right now.

He thanked Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Jue and Mrs. Pollard for the fantastic presentation. He also thanked the other elementary schools for their presentations as well. Miracles are happening daily thanks to teachers and staff and their efforts.

Mr. Heister distributed more information about the recent election. He shared maps showing our school district and voting precincts. He said that we have some voters in the North Heber-Overgaard precinct and the Board may or may not want to consider undertaking the process to sever the connection because those voters are not likely to support funding for our district. He explained that some property valuation and tax base would be lost. Mr. Heister also talked about the geography of the area, and he discussed the breakdown of election results by precinct. Mr. Heister also shared some information about the election of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the issue of Common Core.

Mrs. Scheid stated that the word "override" is badly misunderstood by voters. Mr. Heister added that the new wording is "locally controlled funding".

Mr. Heister also shared information about the recent ASBA/ASA/AASBO legislative conference he attended with Mrs. Mattox and Mrs. Lomeli, and he shared instructions to see a presentation on AzMERIT (Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching). He said that other information from the conference included the fact that the Arizona State Retirement System is in very good shape.

D. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Mattox said that the College Application Day was one of the highlights of her career. It was amazing. She said that WHS students have been invited to visit the University of Arizona on Saturday, all expenses paid, and we were the only district invited for this particular visit. It is so great to see the kids taking advantage of these opportunities to prepare for college. Every senior at WHS applied for admission to some institute for the furtherance of their education. She said there were lots of volunteers helping with this awesome and wonderful event.

The Board had a few comments and questions, and Mrs. Mattox and Mr. Heister addressed them.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- E. At this time, Mrs. Scheid Mrs. made a motion to recess the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 and ARS 15-503.C for the purpose of conducting the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hadnot and carried at 7:46 p.m. with a vote of "aye" from all members present.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:31 p.m.

- F. Mrs. Montoya made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Hadnot, to accept the evaluation of the Superintendent. All members present voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Montoya. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Scheid. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried at 8:32 p.m.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent