

**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., April 6, 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

ABSENT: Mrs. Josephine Montoya

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. Ervien and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Ervien made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 16, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carlson and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members present.

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.

**EMPLOYEES OF
THE MONTH:**

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 780 totaling \$606,877.25. 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. 780. Mrs. Ervien seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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

- Taylor Bradley – 6th Grade Teacher – Washington School
- Sierra Browning – Sp Ed Aide – High School
- Curtis Gordon – English Teacher – High School
- Brian Horn – Science Teacher – High School
- Peter Taylor – High Needs Sp Ed Aide – Washington School

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

- Lynne Peters – 2nd Grade Teacher – Jefferson School
- Mary Ann Bratt – Reading Teacher – Washington School
- Nathan Lindaman – High Needs Sp Ed Teacher – Washington School
- Leona Jue – Academic Coach – Washington School

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

- Kyle Decker – from Bus Driver to Bus Attendant – Transportation
- Allison Merritt – from Part-time Classroom Aide to Full-time Reading Aide – Jefferson School

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

- Monique Baldwin – 1st Grade Teacher – Jefferson School – Effective 5-26-16
- Alyson Bottke – G.A.T.E. Teacher – District – Effective 5-26-16
- Richard Bush – Math Teacher – High School – Effective 5-26-16
- Kelsey French – History Teacher – High School – Effective 5-26-16
- Zach French – Science Teacher – High School – Effective 5-26-16
- Emily Thueringer – 4th Grade Teacher – Washington School – Effective 5-26-16

Mrs. Scheid called for a motion to approve the personnel changes as recommended, which was made by Mrs. Carlson and seconded by Mrs. Ervien. Mrs. Scheid invited discussion on the matter and Mrs. Ervien asked for clarification on Kyle Decker's transfer. Mr. Heister said that this was just to make the changes in duties official, but this would not be changing what Mr. Decker has been doing recently.

A vote was taken and the motion passed with all members present voting "aye".

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

- \$98.00 to Bonnie Brennan School from SW Karma, LLC, a licensed Sonic franchisee, for Sonic Night
- \$73.00 to Jefferson School from SW Karma, LLC, a licensed Sonic franchisee, for Sonic Night

A motion to accept the donations as presented was made by Mrs. Ervien and seconded by Mrs. Carlson. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. Mr. Heister introduced Ms. Alyson Bottke, who teaches Gifted and Talented Education. Ms. Bottke distributed copies of the updated G.A.T.E. Scope and Sequence to the members of the Board. She said this is state-mandated and is renewed every few years. The last changes were made in 2011. She mentioned the following changes in this new updated document:

- Curriculum, to align with the Beyond Textbooks program
- State testing has changed from AIMS to AzMERIT
- Class offerings at the junior high and high school, and online offerings

Ms. Bottke said the rest of the document has not changed. She then gave an overview of gifted education and discussed enrichment activities offered during intersession. She added that this new document will provide a solid foundation for the next district coordinator and gifted teacher.

Mr. Heister asked her to share her history with the District. Ms. Bottke started here in 2003 as an art teacher and then transferred in 2005 to be the teacher of gifted students. She concentrated on integrating artistic elements into the G.A.T.E. program to better serve our particular student population. She teaches K-6 students in a pull-out program for half a day and oversees the accelerated, AP and online offerings for junior high and high school students.

Ms. Bottke discussed the process of identifying the gifted students, via recommendations and testing. The testing takes place three times per year. Approximately 10% of our students receive services through the program.

Ms. Bottke explained what is needed in order to qualify to teach gifted students. She thanked the Board for their attention and they thanked her for her presentation and said she will be greatly missed.

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

C. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Ervien shared some information she recently received. The Arizona Auditor General's Report for 2015 said that 53.6% of education funding is spent on instruction, and this is the lowest percent since 2001. This results in lower teacher pay and larger class sizes. Mrs. Ervien said she is ashamed and wishes that the legislature would do a better job for education in Arizona. She said that according to the Arizona Education News Service, Proposition 123, if passed, would provide more funds for salary increases and instructional resources. Our first priority should be to take care of our teachers.

Mrs. Ervien also spoke about students who reside in Winslow and have now enrolled in Joseph City schools. There are approximately 40 students who have transferred. She said this has affected her emotionally and she feels bad.

Mrs. Hadnot apologized for arriving late. She thanked the teachers for the exceptional job they do and said she is proud to be a part of Winslow Unified School District.

Mrs. Carlson said some students are now attending Joseph City schools because they were expelled from here. She thanked the teachers and administrators for their service and said that although it is hard to find good teachers, we have been able to do that here in Winslow.

Mrs. Scheid echoed the previous comments regarding our teachers. She said Ms. Bottke will be missed. She also announced that we are proud of Jett Jue, who placed 8th in the state spelling bee. Congratulations to him.

Mrs. Scheid said that we have lost students to Joseph City due to expulsions, or because they were unhappy here, and that is unfortunate, but we have 2,200 other students that deserve our support.

D. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister showed a video regarding Proposition 123. He discussed a few points made by critics and added that if the proposition is not passed, the legislature has indicated that they will tie the lawsuit up in the courts for years to come. Mr. Heister hopes that this matter gets concluded in May. He invited anyone to email him if they have any questions.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Mattox said she came here after working in Joseph City and she has never seen teachers who work harder, care more and go further above and beyond what's expected than the teachers here in Winslow. She appreciates it and is proud of our District. Students who transfer to Joseph City are losing out on what we have to offer.

She also said that it is difficult this time of year to be saying goodbye to those who will be leaving us; they will be missed. She thanked them for their service.

Mr. Heister announced the Declaration Celebration at the high school on April 28. This will be another great part of the college-going culture at the school.

Mr. Chris Gilmore, Principal at WHS, said the celebration is modeled after the athletic signings celebrations. Everyone is excited about this. He said last week's career fair went very well and was a great collaboration with Northland Pioneer College. AzMERIT testing occurred this week and it went well.

Mrs. Ervien said her granddaughter graduated last week in Texas and it was very nice to see the list of scholarships awarded on the program.

Mr. John Summerville, Principal, said that Washington School has an awesome staff and great kids and he loves working there. He appreciates the culture that has been developed there.

Mrs. Jodie Garner, Principal at Jefferson School, thanked Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Adams, and the junior high students who volunteer at Jefferson School helping the students with their reading.

Mrs. Darlene McCauley, Principal, reported on activities at the junior high. Preparations are underway for the Honors Assembly, and the 8th graders will soon register for high school. She said she is proud to work at such an exciting place.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Scheid asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hadnot made this motion and Mrs. Carlson seconded it. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried. The time was 6:48 p.m.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent