

**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. Roberta Hadnot, President, at 7:00 p.m., December 18, 2013, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, Second Floor, in Winslow.

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Marian Scheid

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Sadler made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carlson and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members present.

CALL TO PUBLIC: Mrs. Hadnot 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mr. Watson announced the November and December Employees of the Month.

The Classified Employee of the Month for November was Carla Beeson, Payroll Specialist for the District. She has been with the District many, many years and will be retiring soon. Carla does an outstanding job making sure we all get paid. Mr. Watson gave her a plaque in recognition of her dedication. She thanked the Board for their support and said this was the best place to work. She will miss everyone.

The Certified Employee of the Month for November was Samantha Hopson, Special Ed Teacher at Washington School. Mr. Watson said that Ms. Hopson has really helped out as the special ed department has been short staffed lately. She is appreciated.

Mr. Watson presented a plaque to Gina Williams from WJHS for December Classified Employee of the Month. Mrs. Williams was the Librarian for six years and recently moved to the office. She is a quick learner and a tremendous asset to that school.

Steve Brodt, Sixth Grade Teacher at Bonnie Brennan Magnet School, was named December Certified Employee of the month and given a plaque. He gives a lot of extra time to the Lego League and this is the second year, out of two years, that his team has qualified for the state competition. He is a valued employee.

Mr. Watson and the Board offered their congratulations and thanks to all of the recognized employees.

- B. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 730 totaling \$684,731.06. This is a routine procedure to allow the District to submit vouchers to the County School Superintendent between board meetings.

Mrs. Montoya made a motion to approve all vouchers on Ratification List No. 730. Mrs. Carlson seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- C. Mr. Heister recommended that the Governing Board approve the transfer of the following personnel already working for the District:

- Mary Scarborough – from PT Classroom Aide to Secretary at Jefferson School

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

D. Mr. Watson recommended that the Governing Board approve the following out-of-state trips:

- One employee to travel to Arlington, Virginia, March 1-7, 2014, to attend the National Policy Seminar for the Association for Career and Technical Education
- Two employees to travel to Los Angeles, California, March 14-17, 2014, to attend the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development conference
- Three employees to travel to Logan, Utah, March 17-19, 2014, to attend the Utah Teacher Fair

Mr. Watson said the trips to Virginia and California will be paid for with grant funds and the trip to Utah is to assist in finding highly qualified teachers.

Mr. Sadler made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carlson and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members present.

REPORTS

A. Copies of the student suspension lists were provided to the Board.

B. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Carlson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She asked everyone to be safe and to remember that it is not about the presents; it is about family.

Mrs. Montoya complimented Ms. Krueger and the students at Bonnie Brennan School on their recent music concert. She also called attention to a recent issue of the *Arizona School Boards Association Journal*. Dr. Linda Yazzie, the ASBA Navajo County Director, had an article in the publication, and Lorena Lawrence Mora of Chartwells was also featured in the issue. Mrs. Montoya wished everyone a safe, Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Mr. Sadler has enjoyed several events at the high school recently as his daughter has participated in the play, a concert and they enjoyed dinner with musical entertainment.

Mrs. Hadnot thanked everyone for their support this past year and she prays that everyone has a blessed and prosperous New Year. She also thanked the District for the opportunity to attend the recent conference. She said it was one of the best she has attended.

D. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Watson addressed the Board and shared handouts on demographics and statistics.

He discussed how the elementary population is growing, largely due to increased kindergarten numbers. The enrollment in grades 1 – 6 is mostly stable. The enrollment at the junior high and high school levels has been decreasing.

Mr. Watson reviewed ethnicity statistics for the elementary, junior high and high school levels, as well as the District level.

He talked about demographic information for the leadership team, reviewing the past six years. He pointed out that the more diversity and experiences you have on a team, the better the team is able to solve problems using different ideas.

Mr. Watson shared WHS AIMS results for juniors and seniors for the past several years. This years' scores are higher than the average for five out of six areas. This speaks well for the high school.

Mr. Watson asked the Board to let Robin know who wants to attend the B.O.L.T.S. seminar in Flagstaff on January 31.

He thanked Mrs. Hadnot for her year of service as Board President. It has been a pleasure to work with her.

Mr. Watson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a nice, relaxing break.

E. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Montoya. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sadler. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried at 7:27 p.m.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Douglas P. Watson, Superintendent

Richard L. Heister, Assistant Superin.