

**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, President, at 6:03 p.m., December 16, 2015, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, Second Floor, in Winslow.

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

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Roberta Hadnot

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mrs. Scheid made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session held November 18, 2015. 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.

There were no comments from the public this evening.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Mr. Troy McReynolds, Principal at Bonnie Brennan School, introduced Mr. Steve Brodt to report on the recent LEGO League tournaments. Mr. Brodt distributed an informational handout and introduced members of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, Junkyard Dogs. They are Trinity Cox, Kendall Havlicek, Jacob Coolidge, Lindsey Becenti and Shaunoa McKenzie. Most of them have been together as a team for four years. When they competed in Flagstaff against 30 teams, they were the winners. They displayed their project made from wood waste, which was a shape board for kindergartners to use to learn their shapes. This team placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 62 teams at the recent state competition and won the Robot Showcase Award. They demonstrated their robot for the Board. These students will be in First LEGO League for one more year and then will compete at the high school level.

It was mentioned that they raised money for their travels by having a raffle and having lots of pickle sales. An audience member told the Board that Mr. Brodt won the Coaches' Award at the Flagstaff tournament. Mr. Brodt said that Mrs. Peggy Elrod, formerly a teacher here in Winslow, was very instrumental in getting this program started here.

The Board thanked Mr. Brodt and the students for their report and demonstration.

- B. Mr. Sal Hernandez was present with Coaches Terri Little and Wilburt Barton and eight high school cross country runners. These athletes recently took part in the Foot Locker / Mt. San Antonio College cross country invitational in Walnut, California. The students introduced themselves. They are Boyd Chatwin, Landon Hendricks, Travis Lee, Cedric Jimmie, Kendra Calavaza, Kristen Taptto, Jasmine Barton and Alyssa Begay. The coaches and students shared information about their experience and their grade levels and completion times were given. Coach Janeen Barton was also in the audience. This is a very prestigious meet and the students did well against a lot of tough competition. The coaches also ran a race and their times were announced. Fundraising for their travel included a booth at the Christmas parade. Coach Little thanked the parents for all their support and thanked the Winslow Rotary Club for their support as well.

The Board offered their congratulations to the athletes and coaches.

- C. Mr. Chris Gilmore, Winslow High School Principal, and Mrs. Darlene McCauley, Winslow Junior High School Principal, were present to report on Proficiency Ladders. Mrs. McCauley distributed presentation packets. She discussed what proficiency ladders are and said they are aligned to the Beyond Textbooks curriculum. Mr. Gilmore discussed how the ladders are used and the scoring system. There were several teachers and students present to give demonstrations and relate their experiences using proficiency ladders.

Mrs. Larissa Richards, Academic Coach, had student Tyler Jacobs with her and Tyler discussed his real life experience relating to his ladder.

Ms. Kristin Hess, a teacher at the Junior High, asked student Anais Martinez to discuss her writing project about school shootings and how they are handled.

Ms. Christa Knox, another Junior High teacher, had student Savannah Tafoya with her and they talked about the Achieve class, which provides extra support in math.

Mr. Drew Luzier, also a teacher at the Junior High, discussed different lessons from his social studies classes and how the proficiency ladders are used.

At this time, Ms. Julie Thomas and four of her high school math students, Jami Brady, Kristen Taptto, Gabby Rockwell and Sierra Wilcox, addressed the Board. They displayed notebooks and discussed the components and their related real life activities. Jami Brady is Miss Winslow Native American and she introduced herself to the Board in Navajo. The students then displayed entries in the art contest held as the real life activity connected with this math class.

Also displayed were models of roller coasters created by students as projects for their proficiency ladders.

Ms. Thomas then discussed activities in Ms. Isela Ramirez's geometry classes, including geometry-based art.

Mrs. Richards asked student Mikel Bonner, who is in Ms. Chelsea Parks' class, to talk about his proficiency ladder based on citing textual evidence.

Miss Briana Conatser, teaches AP English 10 at the High School and she brought Caitlyn Turner, Paige Murray and Sabrina Vasquez to discuss their Core 4 projects.

Mr. Daniel Tafoya, the Ag Ed instructor at the high school, was present with two students who belong to FFA, Morgan Thomas and Cooper Bell, who did a PowerPoint presentation on how to figure cost effectiveness in different mixes of animal feed. Their project was on nutrition.

The Board thanked administration and all the teachers and students for their presentation

Mrs. Scheid asked Jami Brady to explain in English what she previously said in Navajo. Jami said it was mostly a traditional introduction of herself and she explained it.

**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. 773 totaling \$1,328,950.40. 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. 773. Mrs. Ervien 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:

- Enfamio Billie – Substitute Bus Driver – District
- Jerome Seaton – Substitute Bus Driver – District
- Yvonne Jodie – Substitute Teacher – District
- Stephanie Westover – Emergency Substitute Teacher – District
- Monique Baldwin – Girls Track Coach – Junior High
- Briana Conatser – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach – Junior High
- Gary Sanderlin – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach – Junior High
- Brandon Terrazas – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach – Junior High

Mrs. Mattox recommended that the Governing Board approve the following student teachers:

- Patrick Calderwood – Student Teacher (English) – High School
- John Notabartolo – Student Teacher (English) – High School

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

- Lorey Thomas – from Secretary at Washington School to Secretary at High School Counseling Office
- Arianna Huerta – from Parent Liaison to Secretary at Washington School

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

- Jay Mitchell – Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach – Junior High
- Ricardo Lyons – Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach – Junior High and High School

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

- Anna DeWitt – Counseling Office Secretary – High School – Effective 12-4-15
- Jordan Payne – Alt Ed Classroom Aide – High School – Effective 12-18-15

Mrs. Ervien made a motion to approve the hiring, student teachers, transfer, volunteers and resignation of personnel as recommended by Mrs. Mattox. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carlson. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- C. Mr. Heister requested the Governing Board accept the following donations:
- \$112.00 to Bonnie Brennan Elementary School from Arizona Restaurant Systems, Inc. for Sonic Night
  - \$68.00 to Jefferson Elementary School from Arizona Restaurant Systems, Inc. for Sonic Night
  - \$119.00 to Washington Elementary School from Arizona Restaurant Systems, Inc. for Sonic Night
  - \$100.00 to Winslow Junior High School Lego League Club from La Posada Hotel

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

- D. Mr. Heister recommended that the Governing Board approve the following out-of-state trip:
- Four employees and one other adult to travel to Arlington, Virginia, January 31 – February 5, 2016, for the National Johnson-O'Malley Association conference

Mrs. Scheid made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Carlson, to approve the trip. A vote was taken and all members present voted "aye". Motion carried.

**CONTINUATION  
OF REPORTS:**

- D. The Board was presented with financial reports for the month of November.

- E. Board received copies of the student suspension logs.

- F. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Ervien said she enjoyed all the presentations; the LEGO League is fascinating. She thanked everyone for their reports.

Mrs. Carlson said she is amazed at how well rounded our students are. She is proud of them and the teachers and staff should be proud too. She thanked them for their work.

Mrs. Scheid said that the things being done by students at this point in time are amazing. Education has really changed and it is wonderful. She expressed thanks for the presentations and for the work of everyone involved.

Mrs. Montoya expressed some complementary remarks about a recent Arizona Journal article which was about the recent College Application Day held at Winslow High School.

E. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister said that the Arizona Journal is an online compilation of news from our area. With regard to College Application Day, 95% of the students have submitted at least one application to college. Mrs. Ervien was there for the event. She said it was very interesting and the students were eager and engaged. She said Mr. Pres Winslow gave the kids some good tips.

There was further discussion among the members of the Board and administration regarding College Application Day.

Mr. Heister informed the Board that one of our teachers, Mr. Nathan Brady, will be a presenter at the national JOM conference. Mr. Brady will speak about innovative language programs. This is quite an honor and congratulations go out to him.

Mr. Heister thanked the Board members for their attendance at the conference last week. He said the next ASBA event is the Board Operations and Leadership Training Seminar (B.O.L.T.S.) on Friday, January 29, in Flagstaff. Please let Robin know by the next meeting whether you would like to be registered.

He then displayed a plaque the Board received from ASBA for Total Boardmanship. This is in recognition of their attendance and involvement at ASBA sponsored events. The large plaque will be displayed in the Board Room and each member received an individual plaque.

F. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Mattox did not have any comments this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Carlson at 7:36 p.m. It was seconded by Mrs. Scheid. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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Vice-President

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Clerk

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Member

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Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

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Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent