

**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., March 6, 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 approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Scheid. A vote was taken and all members present voted "aye". Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Scheid made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Montoya 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.

There were no comments from the public this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Mr. Watson introduced Tamie Ramsey, Coach of the Winslow High School Support Forces. Mrs. Ramsey introduced the members of the team, who recently won the Overall Division II State Spiritline Championship. Mr. Chris Gilmore, Principal, said that the three components of stunt, cheer and pom were considered to determine the champions. Mrs. Ramsey told the Board that Nicole Buonviri was the assistant coach and Tessa Wadsworth was the choreographer. The Board offered their congratulations for a job well done and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 735 totaling \$533,054.63. 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. 735. Mrs. Scheid seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- B. Mr. Watson recommended that the Governing Board approve the hiring of the following personnel:

- Andrew LeGate – Assistant Track Coach at WHS and Emergency Substitute for the District
- Stephanie Nelson – S.A.F.E. Room Aide – Junior High School

Mr. Watson recommended that the Governing Board approve the rehiring of the following currently employed personnel:

- Personnel listed on the enclosed rehire lists for the 2014-2015 school year

Mr. Watson recommended that the Governing Board approve the resignation of the following personnel:

- Lavone Brady – Classroom Aide – High School – Effective 3-7-14
- Kimberly Salazar – CTE Teacher – High School – Effective 3-10-14
- Jeanne Oliva – Reading Teacher – Junior High School – Effective 5-29-14

Mr. Watson recommended that the Governing Board not issue a renewal contract for the upcoming year for the following personnel:

- Mary Patton – Sp Ed Teacher – Washington School

Mrs. Scheid made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Hadnot, to approve the hiring, rehiring, resignation and non-renewal of personnel as recommended. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

C. Mr. Watson requested that the Governing Board approve the following out-of-state travel, and he said most of the expenses would be paid with funds that do not come through the District and the remainder of the expenses would be paid with CTE funding.

- One employee to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, April 22 -25, 2014, for an Arson Case Management Seminar

Mrs. Hadnot made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Scheid, to approve the trip. All members present voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

D. Mr. Watson asked the Governing Board to approve the early release dates for the 2014-15 school year. He said these are basically the same days as the current year; there are no net changes.

A motion to approve the early release dates as requested was made by Mrs. Montoya and seconded by Mrs. Scheid. All members in attendance voted "aye" and the motion carried.

E. Mr. Watson presented information to the Board regarding the District's all-day kindergarten program.

Mr. Watson said that in 2006-07, the state began funding all-day kindergarten; and in 2009-10 in response to the recession, the state stopped funding all-day kindergarten. Other significant funding cuts include unrestricted capital, soft capital, building renewal, and funding for freshman vocational education. Most, if not all, of this funding will not be restored.

He reviewed the funding formulas and explained that state funding prior to 2009 was \$4,505.62 per student, and current funding is \$1,918.97. The District has continued all-day kindergarten to this point in time, and this amounts to a cost to the District of approximately \$400,000.00 per year.

Mr. Watson discussed the impact to the District all the funding cuts have had, and he reviewed enrollment figures for the last eight years. Kindergarten enrollment was fairly steady in 2006 to 2010, but has shown an upward trend since the last year of full state funding. By the time those students reach second grade, the enrollment totals drop by approximately 20 to 25 students.

Mr. Watson talked about the benefits of all-day kindergarten, but the District is really starting to feel the economic squeeze caused by so many funding cuts. He talked about the configuration of the District's current kindergarten program, which is seven all-day classes, and is proposing that we change to twelve half-day classes. This would save the District approximately \$100,000.00 per year and reduce class sizes. Mr. Watson said that in a year or two, perhaps the District could consider some assisted learning or extended learning offerings.

Mr. Watson recommended that the Board change the District's kindergarten program to half-day kindergarten, beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

After discussion and comments from the Board, Mrs. Scheid made a motion to reduce the kindergarten classes to half-days, beginning with next year. Mrs. Hadnot seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

- F. Mr. Watson requested that the Governing Board expand junior high track to include students in 5th and 6th grades. He said that recent surveys expressed the desire to have more activities for elementary students. It is common to have 5th and 6th graders participate in junior high track. He called on Mrs. Darlene McCauley, Principal at WJHS, to present information to the Board.

Mrs. McCauley distributed a handout showing that most of the "C" team athletes in surrounding districts are elementary students, and therefore, WJHS only has two athletes on the "C" team. The "C" team is made up of athletes who weigh 100 pounds or less. By allowing elementary students to participate, there would be more competition and another activity for elementary students. Mrs. McCauley also shared a draft of a parent letter that will be sent home with students regarding this matter, if approved by the Board.

After some questions from the Board and answers from Mrs. McCauley, Mrs. Montoya made a motion to allow 5th and 6th graders to go out for junior high track. Mrs. Scheid seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of "aye" from all members present.

NEW BUSINESS WILL RESUME AFTER REPORTS.

REPORTS

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

- B. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Scheid offered congratulations to Jace Hardy for winning the state wrestling championship, and to the other student athletes who did so well.

Mrs. Montoya encouraged everyone to go to the Winslow Young Artists' Show. She said the students have created some wonderful artwork.

Mrs. Hadnot commended the students who visited the rest home and took gifts. It is nice to see them giving of themselves to others.

Mr. Sadler told the teachers and administrators present that their work is very much appreciated. They are going a good job in these tough economic times.

Mrs. Montoya said she enjoyed the information and pictures of Mr. Tafoya's students learning about concrete work.

C. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Watson had no comments this evening.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS

G. Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and/or A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4):

Pursuant to a motion made by Mrs. Montoya at 7:44 p.m. and seconded by Mrs. Scheid, the Governing Board voted to enter executive session with the attorneys of the public body for legal advice and/or to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding pending or anticipated litigation involving FieldTurf USA, Inc. et. al.

The executive session concluded and the special meeting resumed in open session at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Scheid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Montoya. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried at 8:25 p.m.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Douglas P. Watson, Superintendent

Richard L. Heister, Assistant Superin.