

**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 6:02 p.m., April 15, 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 held April 1, 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.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A. Mr. Heister presented the following employees with plaques in recognition of being named Employees of the Month.

Leslie Powers – Certified Employee of the Month for February

Ms. Powers is a 4th grade teacher at Washington School. She is a valuable team leader and works very hard to implement programs to promote student achievement and good behavior.

Toya Rubi – Classified Employee of the Month for March

Ms. Rubi is a reading aide at Jefferson school. She started the Accelerated Reader program last year there and is very instrumental in our students' reading successes and accomplishments.

The Classified Employee of the Month for February is Mr. Jordan Payne, who was not present this evening. Mr. Payne is the classroom aide in the Alt Ed classroom at the high school. He really connects with the students, helping them be successful, which helps with the graduation rate. Mr. Payne will be given his plaque at a later time.

The Board and the audience offered their congratulations to these wonderful employees.

B. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 760 totaling \$779,117.61. 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. 760. Mrs. Carlson seconded the motion. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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

- Rosanne Lammey – 3rd Grade Teacher – Washington School

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

- Pam VanArsdale – from Bonnie Brennan to WJHS
- Sharon Vasquez from Washington to WJHS

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

- Allyson Ropes – English Teacher – High School – Effective 5-28-15
- Michael Lenz – Part-time HN Sp Ed Aide – Washington School – Effective 4-6-15

Mrs. Mattox requested that the Governing Board approve the retirement and return-to-work of the following personnel:

- Gary Sanderlin – Counselor – Elementary/Junior High Schools – Effective 5-28-15

A motion to approve the hiring, transfer, resignation and retirement/return-to-work as requested was made by Mrs. Scheid and seconded by Mrs. Carlson. A vote was taken and the motion passed with a vote of “aye” from all members present.

D. Mr. Heister requested that the Board accept the following donations from Arizona Restaurant Systems, Inc. for Sonic Night:

- \$98.00 to Bonnie Brennan School
- \$86.00 to Jefferson School
- \$222.00 to Washington School

A motion to accept the donations was made by Mrs. Scheid and seconded by Mrs. Carlson. All members present voted “aye” and the motion carried. Mrs. Montoya offered thanks for the donations.

E. Mr. Heister informed the Board that new information about our insurance rates was just received today and suggested that the Board may wish to postpone this item. Mrs. Montoya called for a motion. Mrs. Scheid made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Carlson, to table the consideration of approval of employee insurance rates for 2015-16 year until such time as administration can prepare a new recommendation. All members present voted “aye” and the motion carried.

F. Mr. Chris Gilmore, Principal, addressed the Board regarding proposed changes to the Winslow High School daily/weekly class schedule. He discussed the following items.

- Recommendations from the AdvancED accreditation process
- Committee members, meetings held and field trips to other districts
- Factors considered
- Proposed bell schedule for Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, and short weeks
- Wednesday and Thursday schedules and components, including delayed start for students, PLC time, enrichment, math and English intervention, and advisement time
- Pros and cons

Mr. Gilmore said he wanted to applaud the committee for working so hard to help create a schedule that would be unique to WHS and be best for the staff, students and community.

The members of the Board asked some questions, which Mr. Gilmore answered. They expressed thanks to Mr. Gilmore and the members of his committee for their work.

Mrs. Montoya called for a motion. Mrs. Scheid made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ervien, to approve the new Winslow High School schedule as presented. All members in attendance voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

REPORTS

- A. Mrs. Denise Estudillo, Federal Programs Director, introduced Deanna Wilcox, Secretary/Treasurer of the Indian Education Committee (IEC). Ms. Wilcox introduced the rest of the committee members. She shared information with the Board about the U of A STEM Camp held last summer. Seventeen students from Winslow attended. They used math and science to work on a variety of projects. Mrs. Debra Stacey, Teacher, also discussed the activities of the camp. Another group of students will be attending this summer.

Ms. Wilcox then talked about the SIENA Youth Conference, also held in Tucson. She shared information about various workshops and presentations.

November was Native American Month. Twenty-two different tribes are represented in our school district. Pictures of students in Native fashions were shown, as well as examples of student artwork.

The Board made comments and thanked the committee for their report. Mrs. Estudillo said that 55% of our district is comprised of Native American Students, but that all students will benefit from projects and activities of the IEC.

- B. The Governing Board was provided with copies of the district financial reports for March.
- C. The Board was provided with copies of the student suspension logs.
- D. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Ervien apologized for arriving late and said she was glad to see everyone present.

Mrs. Carlson said she is proud to be a member of the Board for such a great district.

Mrs. Scheid congratulated Mr. Sanderlin on his retirement. She thanked the teachers for doing the best for our students, no matter what.

Mrs. Montoya said that our students have created some awesome artwork. She thanked the teachers for all their work.

E. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister thanked Mr. Gilmore and the committee for their work on the new high school schedule. The recommendations from AdvancED were insightful and this new, unique schedule will allow for better connections with the students. He presented the matter to the Winslow Rotary Club today and there was lot of excitement about the opportunities it will present.

Mr. Heister mentioned a webinar on Tuesday, April 21, at 10:00 a.m. This Legislative and Budget Wrap-up Webinar is being presented by ASBA/AASBO. The Board can view it on their own or come to the district office and join a group viewing.

F. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Mattox offered congratulations to Ms. Powers and Ms. Rubi for being named Employees of the Month. She said our district has so many great teachers.

She said she is very excited about the awesome new high school schedule. The enrichment offerings really broaden students' horizons. When she was in elementary and junior high school in Flagstaff, she really enjoyed enrichment opportunities there.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Ervien at 6:44 p.m. It was seconded by Mrs. Scheid. All members present voted "aye" and the motion carried.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent