

**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 5:58 p.m., January 21, 2015, in the District Board Room, 800 Apache Avenue, Second Floor, in Winslow.

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

ABSENT:

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hadnot and carried with a vote of "aye" from all members.

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.

Mr. Chris Gilmore, Winslow High School Principal, announced that the WHS Counseling Office has received the RAMP award. RAMP stands for Recognized ASCA (American School Counselor Association) Model Program. Approximately 550 schools have earned this distinction, but WHS is only the third school in Arizona. Mr. Gilmore said the counseling office is to be commended for all their hard work on behalf of students. The Board extended their congratulations.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A. Mr. Heister announced the Classified Employees of the Month for November, Tanya Luna, and December, Lisa MacLean.

Ms. Luna is a custodian at Washington School. She is thorough and conscientious while keeping the school clean and safe for our students. Recently she showed how valuable she is when a co-worker was off work for a time. Ms. Luna did a lot of extra work and kept a great attitude while doing it. She is appreciated.

Mrs. MacLean is the Administrative Assistant in the Special Services Department. Her professionalism, caring and concern are some of the reasons that Winslow has one of the most successful Special Ed programs around. Mrs. MacLean has proven herself over and over as one of the District's most valued employees.

Mr. Heister and the Board expressed their thanks and congratulations to these two great employees.

B. Request ratification of expense and payroll vouchers per Ratification List No. 755 totaling \$609,955.54. 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. 755. Mrs. Hadnot seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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

- Jim MacLean – Substitute Teacher – District
- Wendy Sindel – Substitute Teacher – District
- Cynthia Russell – Emergency Substitute Teacher – District
- Jonnie Lynn Vargas – Emergency Substitute Teacher – District
- Spring Coaches on the attached List – High School

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

- Michael Young – from Part-time Bus Driver to Full-time Bus Driver for the District
- Harriet Cody – from Substitute Bus Driver to Part-time Bus Driver for the District

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

- Shawn Smith – Volunteer Baseball Coach – High School
- Levi Smith – Volunteer Baseball Coach – High School
- Carlos Zamora – Volunteer Softball Coach – High School

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

- Shayna Richards – Math and Science Teacher – High School – Effective 1-5-15
- Valkyrie Chartier – Sp Ed Aide – Bonnie Brennan – Effective 1-21-15

A motion to approve the hiring, transfer, volunteers, and resignations was made by Mrs. Carlson and seconded by Mrs. Scheid. A vote was taken and the motion passed with a vote of “aye” from all members.

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

- \$54.00 to Jefferson School from Arizona Restaurant Systems, Inc. for Sonic Night
- \$1,184.40 to Bonnie Brennan School from Box Tops for Education
- \$680.20 from to Jefferson School from Box Tops for Education
- \$68.00 to Washington School from Arizona Restaurant Systems, Inc. for Sonic Night

A motion to accept the donations was made by Mrs. Carlson and seconded by Mrs. Hadnot. All members of the Board voted in the affirmative and the motion carried.

REPORTS

A. Mrs. Darlene McCauley, Principal, began a report regarding the efforts to increase student engagement at the junior high. Several staff members and students were present to assist. Mrs. McCauley discussed the definition of student engagement; teacher engagement and the four basic questions to consider in lesson design. She talked about creating opportunities for students to become engaged, and thus successful.

Academic Coaches Larissa Richards and Deb Lopez talked about the strategy of Reading for Meaning from Core Six. Dylan Gilmore and Sari Murdock helped with this part of the report.

Next, Miss Kristin Hess, Language Arts Teacher, was joined by students Keira Carmona-Rojas, Angel Luna, Kimey Begaye, Billie James, Sydnee Upchurch and Kayla Kirby to discuss the English/Language Arts Parent Night recently held. This was conducted similar to an Open House, with ten stations providing tools for parents to engage in their students' writing learning processes. This was a successful event with a great turnout, and the intention is to make it an annual event.

Mrs. Mickey Adams, Science Teacher, presented information on Celebration of Mind, which was an evening of fun math and science activities. She was joined by Dylan Gilmore, Alyssa Howeth, Kaleigh Jackson, Josiah Montgomery, and Sari Murdock. They demonstrated and shared toys, including balancing butterflies, thaumatropes and hexaflexagons.

The report was concluded by Mr. John Maine, Teacher, and students Kai Begay, Ana Martinez, Rebecca Horner, K. P. Phillips, Trinity Knox, Paulina Dalton, Mary McCauley and Yash Prajapati, who talked about Lego League. Mr. Maine said there were three teams from the junior high this year and that it costs about \$500 per team for equipment and fees. Tax credit donations to help with the costs would be greatly appreciated. The students talked about the competition and demonstrated their robot.

Mrs. McCauley thanked the staff members and students for their presentations. The Board expressed their thanks to Mrs. McCauley and everyone else who helped with the report.

B. The district financial reports for December, 2014, were presented. Mrs. Mattox said that 50% of the year has been completed and actual expenditures are at 49.88%

C The members of the Board received copies of the student suspension logs.

D. Governing Board Comments

Mrs. Ervien thanked the junior high staff and students for their enjoyable presentation.

Mrs. Hadnot offered congratulations to the WHS counselors for the recognition for their good work. She enjoyed the video Mr. McReynolds sent entitled "The Empty Pickle Jar".

Mrs. Carlson said the junior high did an awesome job on their presentation. She thanked the teachers for their work and offered congratulations to the counselors at the high school.

Mrs. Scheid said she really enjoys presentations such as the one given this evening.

Mrs. Montoya complimented the junior high and high school orchestra students for their very enjoyable concert. She thanked the junior high for their presentation this evening, and thanked the academic coaches and administrators for their work.

E. Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Heister thanked Mrs. McCauley, the staff members and the students for doing a great job on their presentation, and for doing a great job in general. He said that the presentations from all the schools really show how many great, great educationally valid things are going on in our district every day. He is proud to share in the success and education taking place here. He applauds the talent and hard work of the employees and the students. It is astounding. He thanked Mr. McReynolds for sending the video "The Empty Pickle Jar" and thanked Mrs. Scheid for suggesting that it be shown at this meeting. It shows what is really important.

At this time, the short video "The Empty Pickle Jar" was shown. Mr. Heister said it was important to not get distracted from the important things.

Mrs. Ervien recognized Dylan Romero, who is attending the meeting as part of his work in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. She is proud that he is here.

F. Assistant Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Mattox said that we have great teachers all over the District, and one of those teachers who left a couple of years ago to join the Peace Corps came back to Jefferson School for a visit. She shared information with all the classes about the Samoan culture, educational process, and the country. Mrs. Alyson Fraser provided a valuable lesson for our students. It was nice for her to come back and teach the students another great lesson.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Scheid at 6:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carlson. All members voted "aye" and the motion carried.

President

Vice-President

Clerk

Member

Member

Richard L. Heister, Superintendent

Cyndie Mattox, Assistant Superintendent