



**Governing Board  
Regular Public Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2015**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sunn, Board President at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Delson Sunn and Nubia Briceno were in attendance. One vacant Board position.

Administration Present:

*Dr. James W. Rice, Superintendent*

*Norma Pacheco, Executive Director of Business*

*Debra Ryan, Student Services Director*

*Tommie Dyer, Hurley Ranch Principal*

*Dr. Mary Radcliffe, Human Resource Director*

*Melanie Block, Academic Services Director*

*Milton Collins, Dos Rios Principal*

*Eric Atonna, Hurley Ranch Assistant Principal*

II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to adopt the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **2015 GOVERNING BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to nominate Mr. Sunn as Governing Board President for 2015.
- B. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the meeting dates for 2015. Meeting will be held the second Thursday of the month at 5 pm and locations will vary between the district office, Dos Rios, and Hurley Ranch. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the agenda posting locations to be the Hurley Ranch enclosed bulletin board outside office entrance, Dos Rios enclosed bulletin board outside office entrance, District office enclosed bulletin board outside office entrance, the District office website. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

V. **SUPERINTENDENT TOP HAPPENINGS**

Dr. James Rice, Superintendent presented the governing board with the top happenings around the district.

- 1. We received a record number of tax credits donations this year! Seventy seven tax credit donations totaling \$22,600 was given. Last year we received a total of twenty tax credits in the amount of \$4,850. We believe the increase in donations was because of an article written in the Arizona Republic about our low number of tax credits in comparison to other districts in the valley. We appreciate and thank those in and outside of our community for their generous donations.
- 2. The Dos Rios basketball teams are all doing well. The varsity girls' team is undefeated with 4 wins. Coach Kurt Mutschler says all the girl's grades have improved as a result of playing on the team. They work hard and support each other on and off the court. The varsity boys lead by Coach Mr. Don Young has 1 win and 3 losses with two being close games. He says all the boys are hardworking and solid academic students. The J.V. girls coached by Coach Carol London currently has a record of 2 wins and 2 losses. Coach London says the girls are student athletes and they focus on academics first and basketball second. She loves the group she is working with and is happy with their progress on and off the court. Mr. Von Franklin coaches

the J.V. boys, they currently have 5 wins and 2 losses. The team has a great attitude and works hard. We are very proud of all of our teams and the effort they put forth on and off the court. Our varsity teams will be traveling tonight to play Kings Ridge and our J.V boys will play home against Kings Ridge. The Junior Varsity girls play next Monday at 5:30.

3. Hurley Ranch is gearing up for another “**A World in Motion**” (**AWIM**) project. You might recall that our fourth graders completed their AWIM Skimmer sail propulsion projects at the end of the last quarter. We would like to thank Ms. Blaum, Mrs. Albrecht, Mrs. Pina, Mrs. Garcia, and Mrs. Gurreri and all of our fourth graders for another successful Skimmers program.

Fifth grade began their JetToy program this week by designing the vehicle's chase and attaching wheels and axels. Over the next few weeks fifth graders will be testing their JetToys for distance traveled using different air tubes and balloons. They will also be testing for proper wheel and axel alignment. In late February, the students will be holding a competition to test cars for straight travel and distance.

We would like to thank Hal Hubbard, Don Robbins, and Bill Klein (all retired engineers) for bringing AWIM to Hurley Ranch. AWIM is an organization funded and staffed by the Society of Automotive Engineers and General Motors. Hurley is one of only a handful of schools in the valley fortunate enough to be a part of this outstanding STEM-based program.

4. This past Tuesday evening, the Grade Level Configuration Committee held their first meeting right here in the Board Room. The goal of the committee is to recommend to the Governing Board the grade levels to attend Union Elementary Grade School for the 2015-2016 school year to relieve the overcrowding at Dos Rios and Hurley Ranch. We had 18 committee members present which included parents, teachers, principals and district office staff. The committee will consider student safety, cost factors, and minimize family disruptions as much as possible making this recommendation to the Governing Board. The committee brainstormed many options, and came up with six scenarios to be researched and reviewed prior to the committee’s next meeting to be held on Tuesday January 20, 2015.

We are still seeking members to be a part of our Technology committee. The committee will establish a technology plan for the district.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None**

**VII. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

A. Summary of Current Events

Mr. Collins, Dos Rios Principal and Tommie Dyer, Hurley Ranch Principal presented to the Governing Board the emergency response plans. That included the duck and cover, evacuation, fire, hostage, intruder, lock down, missing student, serious injury/death.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve consent items A-E.

- A. Approval of Regular Public Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of Personnel Items as presented.
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- D. Approval of Payroll Vouchers
- E. Approval of Student Activity Accounts
- F. Approval of Gifts and Donations

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried

**2. New Business**

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve policy revisions for the evaluation of professional staff members (GCO) on the first reading. Statutory changes in Title 15 require the addition of incentives for teachers based on their performance classification in the evaluation policy GCO. Current policy only reflects the system will include incentives for teachers in the highest classification. Other categories requiring incentives are absent from current policy. These include incentives for teachers in the two highest performance classification to work at schools that are assigned a letter grade of D or F; protections for teachers who are transferred to schools that are assigned a letter grade of D or F; and protections for teachers if the principal of the school is designated in the lowest performance classification. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
  
- B. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the instructional day change from a half day on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 to a full day. The Arizona Department of Education has released the official window for the 2015 Arizona Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching (AzMERIT). After a review of the Union Elementary School District school calendar, the half day on April 22, 2015 needed to be changed to a full instructional day. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**IX. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS-None**

**X. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Requests for future agenda items-None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the Public Meeting at 6:08 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

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