



**Governing Board  
Regular Public Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2015**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Briceno, Board Member at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Nubia Briceno, and Stacy Marchelli were in attendance. Delson Sunn was absent.

II. **BOARD PRESIDENT SINGLE MEETING NOMINATION**

Motion by Mrs. Marchelli, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to nominate Mrs. Briceno as governing board president for the meeting.

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  
Michael Welsh, Dos Rios Assistant Principal  
Eric Atonna, Hurley Ranch Assistant Principal*

III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

V. **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Norma Pacheco, Executive Director of Business gave the Governing Board a presentation on the second revision to 2014-2015 expenditure budget. With the recent changes the state's budget revision has caused the district budget to be recalculated.

VI. **SUPERINTENDENT TOP HAPPENINGS**

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

1. Dos Rios students and families attended a literacy night in the Dos Rios gym. Grade level teachers shared with our families' literacy games/activities, literacy websites, information about our upcoming AZMerit testing, student literacy projects, and much more. They even had a representative from the Phoenix Public Library to answer questions and provide information. A big thanks to Ms. Wood and all our teachers for their hard work and dedication to provide this opportunity for our Dos Rios community.
2. Students are getting ready for the first AzMERIT assessment. Testing will be Tuesday, April 14 through Thursday, April 16, 2015 for grades 4 and 8. We are looking forward to getting our results from the ADE next year to continue to make the best instructional decisions for our students. ADE released a brochure to help inform parents.
3. In celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America, Dos Rios students in K-2nd grade participated in a variety of activities in the library on Monday, March 2nd. Mrs. Nightingale-Horton, Mrs. Hutson, and our 8th graders entertained our younger students in a variety of activities. Face painting, read alouds, cookie decorating, literacy games/races, and much, much more.

4. The Base Level State Support for students will increase 1.59% from \$3,373.11 to \$3,426.74. Also, part of the proposal is an additional \$54.31 to the Base Level Support which is part of the resolution to the lawsuit for the legislators not funding the inflation factor as mandated by Proposition 301. It is not clear how this amount will be distributed, but it is clear that it will be kept separate from the 1.59% increase. More information will be forthcoming.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None**

**VIII. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

A. Summary of Current Events

1. Ms. Vail, fourth grade teacher at Dos Rios gave a presentation to the Governing Board to request that they approve the Grand Canyon field trip. Three students read letters that described the lessons they would learn by going on the field trip.
2. Dr. Rice, Superintendent gave the Governing Board a presentation on the election process of increasing the Governing Board membership to five.
3. Dr. Rice, Superintendent gave the Governing Board a presentation on the possibility of having a Bond election in November 2015. The presentation included a list of the preventative maintenance that needs to be done to the schools and how to deal with the student growth currently happening at the schools.

**IX. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli 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 Mrs. Marchelli to approve the field trip to the Grand Canyon on May 8, 2015. Students will leave Dos Rios at 6:00 a.m. and will return at 10:00 p.m. The cost of the field trip is approximately \$2,450 which will be paid from Student Council and PTA funds and includes charter bus and train costs for the twenty-nine (29) students and fifteen (15) chaperones. Per Governing Board policy IJOA, the Governing Board must grant approval for longer field trips that are the outside of the school day. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the Grade Level Configuration Committee's recommendation to open Union Elementary School in the 2015-2016 school year with grades K and 1. Pursuant with A.R.S. § 15-341 administration requested that the Union Elementary School District Governing Board approve the grade level configuration as recommended by the committee. The grade level configuration committee met on 3 separate occasions to determine the best course of action to open space for all three schools. There were 3

community forums to garner community input and answer questions about the recommendation. Two forums were held at Hurley Ranch Elementary School and one at Dos Rios Elementary School. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the removal of the attached listed equipment from the District's General Fixed Assets and Stewardship listing. The item include a bus camera system, Lap top, Fijutsu Fi-Scanner and are being removed because they are obsolete and cannot be repaired. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mrs. Marchelli, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the second revision to the fiscal year 2014-2015 district expenditure budget. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli approve to proceed with the request for qualifications process for Architect Services. The architect contract has expired and the District is in need of this type of expertise. The RFQ will require, that after proposal have been received, and an evaluating panel interviews the prospective vendors. The final recommendation will be brought forward to the Governing Board for final approval of the architect contract. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve teacher stipends to be paid for from the Student Success Fund. The Student Success Fund was appropriated this fiscal year to reward schools for student achievement in AIMS scores. There were no restrictions on how the funds were to be used. The district was awarded \$27,736. The employer benefits portion was removed and each teacher working two semester will receive \$265. Teachers who worked only one semester will received \$132.50. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

**XI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Requests for future agenda items-None
  - Dr. Rice informed the Governing Board that Stifle Bonding Consultants will do a presentation on a bond election at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli, to adjourn the Public Meeting at 5:38 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

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