



**Governing Board  
Regular Public Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2015**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sunn, Board President at 5:00 p.m.

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

Administration Present:

*Dr. James W. Rice, Superintendent*

*Susan O’Rielly, Executive Director of Business*

*Carrie Brandon, Director of Student Services*

*Adam Klingelhoets, Hurley Ranch Assistant Principal*

*Norma Pacheco, Human Resource Director*

*Melanie Block, Academic Services Director*

*Michael Welsh, Union Principal*

*Dr. Dru Barisich, Dos Rios Assistant Principal*

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. SUPERINTENDENT TOP HAPPENINGS**

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

1. The Dos Rios boys and girls soccer season kicks off today. Girls are on the road at Kings Ridge and the boys are home against Kings Ridge. Good luck to them on the games today and for a winning season.
2. Union Elementary School District was excited to have a great content writing development opportunity for our teachers. Mrs. Nightingale taught staff about the importance of note taking to build student background and content knowledge which will help students retain the information they are learning and use the skills to help write or answer questions at a later time.

Our teachers participated in district professional learning communities by grade level, teachers discussed unit 1 of the curriculum maps, the common assessments that they built around the standards, objectives within their classrooms and learning checks as they check for student academic mastery.

3. Dos Rios and Hurley Ranch both offer after school enrichment programs that are paid for by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant. Dos Rios’s Blast Off afterschool program has 160 students participating. Students participate in classes such as a science lab, phonics, puppets, engineering, art, cooking, music, sports, math, and reading. Hurley Ranch has 150 students participating for their Soaring Stars program and currently have a wait list. Those students are able to join a reading club, writing club, science club, and math club, a class on social media, a no bake cooking class, drama, history club, girl scouts, computers, nail art, scrapbooking, and Lego Robotics. All of these classes give students a different perspective on learning.

4. This school year Hurley Ranch has started an advanced choir called Hurley Ranch Galaxy Choir. They have over 40 students audition for 25 spots in Galaxy Choir. The choir has started and is already singing 2 part harmonies. They are currently working on being able to sing The Star Spangle Banner and a song from the group Great Big World called Say Something. Star Choir has begun with a bang with over 70 students. They are working hard for their first performance at the Hurley Ranch Math Night Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Galaxy Choir will also be sing at Math night.

Both choirs will start to work on the Winter Concert Music very soon. They have even been invited to sing at the Arizona State Capitol Holiday Concert Series on December 11<sup>th</sup>. When they go, they will have the opportunity to sing holiday and winter related songs in the Executive Tower Lobby. The Governing Board will also have a chance to hear them and the newly formed choir at Dos Rios at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is a great example of how tax dollars from the override are being used.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None**

**VI. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

A. Summary of Current Events

1. Charity Nightingale-Horton, District Literacy Coach gave a presentation on the literacy program at Union Elementary School District. She went over the areas of focus to provide a balanced literacy program, which include working with words, teacher directed reading, independent learning, teacher read-a-loud, reading workshop, and structured programs.
2. Melanie Block, Director of Academic Services gave a presentation on the program components that meet the state requirements for Move on When Reading for K-3 students. The goal is to have all grade three students in Arizona reading proficiently at grade level.

**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve consent items.

- 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 Student Activity Accounts for End of Year 2014-2015
- G. Approval of Gifts and Donations

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried

## 2. New Business

- A. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the fiscal year 2015-2016 revenue budget. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the fiscal year 2016 K-3 Reading budget. A.R.S. § 15-211 requires school districts to submit a budget and plan for improving the reading proficiency of its student in Kindergarten programs and grades, one, two, and three to the State Board of Education by October 1 of each year. This plan also includes a budget for the use of K-3 and K-3 Reading group B weights (A.R.S § 15-943) and an annual financial expenditure report for the previous fiscal year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the fiscal year 2015 K-3 Reading Annual Financial Report. A.R.S. § 15-211 requires school districts to submit an Annual Financial Report for the expenditures of K-3 and K-3 Reading Group B weights (A.R.S. § 15-943). Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the agreement with Catholic Charities to provide Head Start services. Head Start has expanded their programs in order to provide more services to children. They will now hold classes at Dos Rios and Hurley Ranch campus. The agreement was to reflect those changes. Mrs. Marchelli abstained from the vote. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

## VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS-None

## IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Requests for future agenda items.-None
- B. Upcoming Board Presentations
  - October 8, 2015-Preventative Maintenance
  - November 12, 2015- Food Service and Human Resources

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the Public Meeting at 5:27 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

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Date