



**Governing Board  
Regular Public Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sunn, Governing 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 Principal  
Dr. Dru Barisich, Dos Rios Assistant Principal*

*Norma Pacheco, Human Resource Director  
Melanie Block, Academic Services Director  
Michael Welsh, Union Elementary Principal  
Milton Collins, Dos Rios Principal*

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**III. GOVERNING BOARD ORGANIZATION MEETING**

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to nominate and approve Mr. Delson Sunn as Governing Board President for 2016. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the meeting dates, time and location for 2016 Governing Board Meetings. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the agenda posting locations for the Governing Board agenda for 2016. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. SUPERINTENDENT TOP HAPPENINGS**

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

- 1. Union School District is excited to celebrate the artistic work of our students. We have worked with our schools’ art teachers to collect a variety of art work that was completed in diverse media to demonstrate the high quality art skills our students possess. The art shown throughout the district office areas are representative of our students artistic ability and we are thrilled to be able to share a few of these with our community in the district office board room, district office entry way and hallway, the superintendent’s office, student services entry way, and the curriculum conference room all proudly display Union student art work.

2. Union School District is proud to announce our district spelling bee. Students from our schools have placed 1st or 2nd to qualify for the district spelling bee. We have six students whom will participate in our bee on Friday, January 15, 2016, at 9 am in the district office board room. We look forward to competing in the regional spelling bee through the E.W. Scripps Company and will let you know which Union School District student will be representing our district in the February competition.
3. Hurley Ranch Elementary School successfully wrapped up their AWIM (A World in Motion) for fourth grade. AWIM is a volunteer run program sponsored by GE and many other engineering companies that provide hands on, creative engineering projects for Elementary Students. The point of the program is to encourage engineering in children from a young age to inspire them to pursue a career in mathematics and other science based professions. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have been actively building skimmers in small groups. The students built these skimmers and tested them with fans to determine how far they would travel. During the process, the students collected data and determined which variables they needed to change to make their skimmer more successful. The final contest was held on December 15, 2015, and the winning group created a skimmer that traveled 367 cm. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade AWIM session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. They will be creating a Jet Toy Car (a balloon powered car) that allows students to work with Forces and Motion in an interactive program. We look forward to the interactive learning experiences this program provides.
4. Union Elementary School held their first of six nutrition classes on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-3:15 p.m. These are free to our Union Elementary School District families and are taught by Mr. Jose Gamiz from the University of Arizona, Maricopa County Cooperative Extension. Class topics include: My Plate, Key Nutrients, Food Safety, Stretching the Food Dollar, Calories and Fats, & Osteoporosis Prevention. The classes will be each Thursday from 2:15-3:15 p.m. at Union Elementary School. The last of the six classes will take place on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Healthier individuals make healthier families, and healthier families make healthier communities.
5. Union Elementary School will have their Monthly Student Assembly on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium. That is tomorrow! Students are recognized for being Student of the Month, having Perfect Attendance, and being on the Honor Roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. One hundred twenty four students had perfect attendance for the month of December and 39 students had perfect attendance for the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Thirty eight students in first grade were on the Honor Roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. We are very proud of our Union Cougars!
6. Dos Rios is hosting a Space Science Night on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Kids and parents will have an opportunity to look through telescopes for star and planet viewing, The Arizona Science Center will be there with science experiments, a chance to see real meteorites, and an amazing rocket display. This sounds like it will be fun night for the Dos Rios community.
7. Before the holiday break, Dos Rios held their annual student vs staff basketball game. The teachers defeated the boys and girls basketball team and the whole Dos Rios student body was in attendance. Dr. Barisich and Ms. Greaves led the way for the staff.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None**

**VII. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

**A. Summary of Current Events**

1. Mr. Milton Collins, Dos Rios Principal gave a presentation on the AZMerit data for Dos Rios. Mr. Collins showed what the school scores was in comparison to the district score and State scores. He also went over the plan to improve scores.

2. Mr. Adam Klingelhoets, Hurley Ranch Principal gave a similar presentation on the AZMerit data for Hurley Ranch. Mr. Klingelhoets showed what the school scores was in comparison to the district score and State score. He also went over the plan to improve scores.

## **VIII. 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 Gifts and Donations

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### **2. New Business**

- A. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the removal of equipment from the District's Fixed Assets and Stewardship listing per article 10 of the School Procurement Code, R7-2-1131. The items that are being removed is a copy machine, an electric stove, and stainless steel sink with counter. All items are obsolete and cannot be repaired. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the Teacher on Assignment Outreach Coordinator Position at Hurley Ranch Elementary School. The position will be paid on the current teacher salary schedule and include a \$2,500 stipend. This is a new position that will be available through the balance of the current school year. The job was posted internally at Hurley Ranch Elementary School and all Hurley Ranch teachers had an opportunity to apply. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the additional Qualified Evaluators for the Union Elementary School District. Per A.R.S. § 15-537, the Governing Board shall designate the Qualified Evaluators upon recommendation from the Superintendent. Per statute training was completed by the additional evaluators. The following people are being added, Mrs. Latoya Daugherty, Mrs. Lynda Gompert, Mrs. Lori Garcia, and Mrs. Aimee Humphrey. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

## **X. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Requests for future agenda items.  
A presentation on the GEIT program was requested.

### **B. Upcoming Board Presentations**

February 11, 2015- Transportation Presentation  
Union Elementary School Presentation

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli, to adjourn the Public Meeting at 5:49 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

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