



**Governing Board
Regular Public Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Briceno, Governing Board Member 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. SUPERINTENDENT TOP HAPPENINGS

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

1. On Wednesday, March 16th Union Elementary will host their first annual Grandparents/Grand-Friends Day. Our special visitors will enjoy a morning of project making, book reading, and refreshments. Grandparents are encouraged to bring their favorite childhood book and picture of themselves when they were in school to share with their grandchild’s class. Preschoolers will celebrate this event on Friday, March 18th.
2. On Thursday, March 3rd, Hurley Ranch Elementary School held their Title 1 reading night at Hurley Ranch. Our wonderful teachers put together seven different Dr. Seuss-themed reading activities that students could participate in with their parents and family members. Hurley had a very nice turnout of parents and family members and their students really had a wonderful time traveling to the different activities and participating with their parents. They look forward to next year’s event so we continue to build and grow on this wonderful experience!
3. Boys Baseball and Girls Softball tryouts have started at Dos Rios. The first game is scheduled to start on March 28th for softball and March 31st for baseball. Good luck to our student athletes and for a winning season.
4. We are excited to announce that Reading Interventionist have completed the three district training sessions and are in our schools preparing their classrooms for students, ordering supplies and getting

groups arranged for intervention support. We look forward to communicating with families at the March Parent – Teacher conferences if their student will qualify for intervention services starting after Spring Break.

5. Eight candidates have been identified to interview for the Union Elementary School District Superintendent position. The screening interviews will be held next week by the Superintendent Interview Screening Committee. This committee is made up of three parents; three teachers; one principal; director of human resources; and the superintendent. The committee will recommend three to five candidates to be interviewed by the governing board and select a superintendent to begin July 1, 2016.
6. At Dos Rios Elementary School Mr. Collins and Dr. Barisich shared teacher lessons that had high levels of student engagement.
 - A. Ms. Greaves (kinder) did a cooperative learning activity in math where students sorted two-dimensional and three-dimensional objects onto a graphic organizer.
 - B. The 3rd grade team did a Dr. Seuss themed day where they did numerous hands on activities, read alouds, silent reading, discussions, and research on Dr. Seuss.
 - C. Ms. Morley had her 8th grade students create a Dr. Seuss themed book based on the characteristics of Dr. Seuss's books and the research the students completed on Dr. Seuss. Once the books are completed, they are going to read the books they created to our kinder - 3rd grade students! They are looking OUTSTANDING!!!
 - D. Ms. DeRosier was asked to be video-taped by Mary Matheson, during her math learning station time because of her ability to complete learning stations and the discourse her students execute in her classroom. Mary Matheson is the consultant coach who has been working with district administrators to improve their techniques to observe and coach teachers.
 - E. Mrs. Solky's Cognitive Abilities class was engaged in a lesson that involved them in determining what mean, median, mode and range meant and how to solve each calculation while using posted charts and fold-able notes. Students also participated in Mix Pair Share groups where they shared their answers and explained how they solved for each.
7. The Examining Data to Improve Student Achievement (EDISA) team completed a staff survey and received a number of positive comments about the efforts Patrick Meyers, special education teacher at Dos Rios has been making, to increase his communication with general education teachers to support students in the general education classes.
8. A World In Motion (AWIM) was successfully completed for 5th grade students and teachers yesterday at Hurley Ranch. Fifteen groups of students competed to see whose jet toy could go the farthest. Students made changes based on multiple weeks of testing and analysis. In the end Ms. Eddy's students were victorious with a distance of over 12 meters! Students had a great time exploring the engineering profession in a hands on way.
9. Mrs. Lynda Gompert purchased a Samsung Smart Schools with Title 3 dollars that support our English Language Learner students. This is a digital classroom solution designed to run on Android tablets. This solution was built around interactive teaching and learning management. Features like screen sharing and device tracking are all available on the tablets. The teacher device is able to control and track any student device in the classroom. When a student presents her work, the content of her device is broadcast to the projector while other student devices lock. The teacher is able to share her own screen while students follow along or share content like videos, documents, and quizzes to get live feedback. Students can explore or be restricted to the assigned content.

The district currently has one complete cart. This includes 30 tablets, a wireless printer, a wireless display module and the management software. This will be installed in Mrs. Leticia Barret's room at Hurley Ranch. Our plan is to install the Samsung Smart Schools over spring break.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

VI. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

A. Summary of Current Events

1. Courtney Morrill, Hurley Ranch Student Council Sponsor introduced the Hurley Ranch Student Council to the Governing Board. The student council president introduced the rest of the members and gave a summary of their fundraisers and activities this year. For example they sold Smencils and are taking pictures for the year book.
2. Charity Nightingale-Horton, District ELA Coach introduced the Governing Board the students that placed in the Westside Impact Regional Science Fair. A third grader at Hurley Ranch placed in second place, a three person team in the fourth grade at Dos Rios placed first in their category. The winners were presented with a certificate and posed for a picture with the Governing Board.
3. Carrie Brandon, Director of Student Services gave a presentation on the EDISA program. EDISA stands for Examining Data to Improve Student Achievement. EDISA replaces the state six year special education monitoring system. The past system was based on paperwork compliance. Now it is based on the performance of students with disabilities on statewide reading assessments and the performance of their non-disabled peers.
4. Rick Brammer with Applied Economics gave a presentation on the development and enrollment trends for the Union Elementary School District through 2025-2026. Union's enrollment has doubled over the past ten years, adding nearly 1,040 students since our fastest growth year in 2004-2005. The district is currently leveling out in enrollment, due to no large home construction in the area, although houses that were empty during the recession have been reoccupied.

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 Gifts and Donations

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. New Business

- A. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the administrative and special services contracts for the 2016-2017 School Year per A.R.S. §15-502 and A.R.S. §15-503. The approved Administrators are: Dr. Dru Barisich, Melanie Block, Carrie Brandon, Milton Collins, Adam Klingelhoets, Susan O'Rielly, Norma Pacheco, Michael Welsh, Rachel Bustos, and Jared Casady. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the first reading of policy advisories number 536-547. Policy advisories include: No. 536-BEC-Executive Sessions/Open Meetings, No. 537- BEDA- Notification of Board Meetings, No. 538- BEDH- Public Participation of Board Meetings, No. 539-EBBB-E-Accident Reports, No. 540-GBEB-R-Staff Conduct, No. 541-GCCC-ED-Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay, No. 542-GCQF-Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Member, No. 543-IKE- Promotion and Retention of Students, No. 545-JFAB-Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students, No. 546-JK-Student Discipline, No. 547-KDB-R-Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the removal of the listed equipment from the District's General Fixed Assets and Stewardship listing. The items are removed because they are obsolete and cannot be repaired. The list of equipment includes Dell Optiplex 745 Desktop Computers from Hurley Ranch and Dos Rios, youth size fitness equipment, and CRT Television from Union Elementary School.
- D. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the Administrative Salary Placement Schedule Plan A and B for the 2016-2017 school year. Plan A is contingent on the passing Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 1% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 2% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Plan B is contingent on the failure of Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 0% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 0% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Assistant Principal Salary Placement Schedule Plan A and B for the 2016-2017 school year. Plan A is contingent on the passing Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 1% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 2% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Plan B is contingent on the failure of Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 0% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 0% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the Support Staff Wage Placement Schedule Plan A and B for the 2016-2017 school year. Plan A is contingent on the passing Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 1% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 2% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Plan B is contingent on the failure of Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 0% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 0% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- G. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Classified Exempt Salary Placement Schedule A and B for the 2016-2017 school year. Plan A is contingent on the passing Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 1% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 2% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Plan B is contingent on the failure of Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 0% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 0% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- H. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the Certified Support Services Placement Schedule A and B for the 2016-2017 school year. Plan A is contingent on the passing Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 1% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 2% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Plan B is contingent on the failure of Proposition 123. The schedule reflects a 0% increase to base level placements. With the intent of returning staff to receive a 0% salary increase in the 2016-2017 year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- I. Motion by Mrs. Marchelli, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the grade level configuration at the three district schools for the 2016-2017 school year. Dos Rios will remain a K-8, Hurley Ranch will be a 3-8, and Union will become a K-2. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS-None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Requests for future agenda items.

- B. Upcoming Board Presentations
 - April 14, 2016 – GEIT Presentation
 - Human Resources Presentation

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sunn seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the Public Meeting at 6:14 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

Date