



**Governing Board
Regular Public Meeting Minutes
April 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 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. Union School District is excited to announce the teachers of the year from each of our school sites.

The Dos Rios Teacher of the Year is Mr. Patrick Meyers.
The Hurley Ranch Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Rachel Shirey.
The Union Elementary Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Stephanie Sisson.

These teachers exude high professionalism, strong delivery of instruction and commitment to the Union community. We would like to join our district staff and congratulate these teachers for all that they do for our students.

2. AzMERIT assessment has been completed at both Dos Rios and Hurley Ranch. We look forward to getting our scores back on June 6, 2016 to be able to further analyze our instructional programs and plans. We would like to thank our students, teachers and administrators for their work.
3. Union School District is holding our district Math Challenge on Thursday, April 21, 2016. The students that score highest will move on to the west side impact math challenge and compete against the west side districts on Thursday, May 12, 2016. We look forward to letting our community know which students move on toward the next round.

4. Hurley Ranch will be recognizing two students from every classroom on Friday, April 15th during our Star Assemblies. Teachers select two students to recognize for their academic or behavioral strengths and then each student receives a certificate while their teacher shares with the students the specific strength they are being acknowledged for.
5. Union Elementary School held their Spring Carnival on Saturday April 9th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We had a large family turnout with several Union Elementary staff members volunteering. Our students and families enjoyed carnival games, inflatables, a rock climbing wall, sack races, balloons, snow cones, and delicious food and drinks provided by local community members. Forever Faithful Animal Shelter also had rescue dogs available for adoption. A big thank you to Mr. Moeses and our Union PAC for their dedicated service to Union Elementary and our community.
6. The Grand Canyon field trip that was approved by the governing board for the Dos Rios 4th grade class is just around the corner. The 4th graders are leaving on May 6th. We want to wish them a safe and fun trip and look forward to some pictures of their Grand Canyon adventure. Dos Rios had a great turn out at Peter Piper Pizza on Friday April 8 for family night. The theme was your favorite super hero. Dos Rios will be having field day events for K-8 grades April 20th & 21st. Students and staff are excited about the event.
7. Hurley Ranch recently held auditions for this year's talent show. About twelve acts were selected to perform at the talent show which will be held on April 28th. The talent show is a great way to showcase the amazing talents that our students possess.
8. Last month we announced that the reading interventionist had completed the required training sessions and were in the schools preparing their classrooms for students. That work has been completed and they are now hard at work. Mrs. Block was observing the Union class today and saw Mrs. Salamacha working in small group with 1st grade students on vowel consonant e. The students actively participated in waterfall, echo read and readers theater to build the skill. This is a great experience for our students.
9. Dos Rios and Union Elementary will be holding Kinder Round up on April 20th and 21st, then again on May 10th and 11th. Incoming kindergartners and their parents will get to take a tour of the school, visit classrooms, meet the teachers, and receive a kindergarten readiness packets. We look forward to seeing our new families and returning families.
10. We are happy to announce that the district office and schools have a designated computer in the front office to allow for online job applications to be filled out. Parents could also use the computers to register to vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

VI. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

A. Summary of Current Events

1. Melanie Block, Director of Academic Services gave a presentation on the General Education Intervention Team (GEIT) process. The presentation was requested by the Governing Board in January. Mrs. Block went over what students benefit from the process, what the steps are, and how parents are involved.
2. Norma Pacheco, Human Resources Director gave a presentation on the Human Resources hiring process, the many recruiting events the district has attended, the online application process, and the steps after a teacher is given a letter of intent. Melanie also gave information

on the teacher induction program. What resources new teachers to the district are given, the training that is given, the areas of focus, and online resources. Mrs. Briceno, Board member asked if they could do a survey at the end of the school year on what the new teachers thought about the training and if it helped during the school year. The results will be given at a future meeting.

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 Mrs. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of school improvement bonds. District administration requested the governing board to consider, and if deemed advisable, to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of school improvement bonds to the district and adopt certain post-compliance continuing disclosure policies. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the classified staff work agreements for the 2016-2017 school year. The list of employees was attached. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the first reading of the Revised Governing Board Policy Manual. In February 2016 administration, with the assistance of the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) did a comprehensive Governing Board Policy Manual review. Every policy was reviewed for accuracy, procedural changes were made, and an update with current and past policy advisories. The Governing Board was given the manual prior to the meeting for their review. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the second reading of policy advisories number 536-547. The following policy advisories were approved by the governing board for a first reading at the March 10, 2016 meeting. Policy Advisory No. 536-BEC-Executive Sessions/Open Meetings, Policy Advisory No. 537- BEDA- Notification of Board Meetings, Policy Advisory No. 538-BEDH- Public Participation of Board Meetings, Policy Advisory No. 539-EBBB-E-Accident Reports, Policy Advisory No. 540-GBEB-R-Staff Conduct, Policy Advisory No. 541-GCCC-ED- Professional/Support Staff Leaves of Absence Without Pay, Policy Advisory No. 542-GCQF- Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Member, Policy Advisory No. 543-IKE- Promotion and Retention of Students, Policy Advisory No. 545-JFAB-Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students, Policy Advisory No. 546-JK-Student Discipline, Policy Advisory No. 547-KDB- R-Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the Superintendent of the Union Elementary School District effective July 1, 2016. The Governing Board approved Lorah Neville as

the Superintendent effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Mrs. Neville was present at the meeting and thanked the Governing Board for the opportunity and looks forward to getting started.

VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS-None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Requests for future agenda items.

B. Upcoming Board Presentations

May 12, 2016- Public Hearing for Board Revisions

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sunn seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the Public Meeting at 5:35 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

Date