



**Governing Board  
Public Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2018**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Sunn, Governing Board President at 5:00 p.m., called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Mr. Delson Sunn, Mrs. Nubia Briceno and Mrs. Stacie Marchelli were in attendance.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Administration Present:

Lorah Neville, Superintendent

Melanie Block, Director of Academic Services

Annamarie Dowling-Garrott, Dos Rios Principal

Susan O’Rielly, Executive Director of Business Services

Dr. Randy Watkins, Hurley Ranch Principal

Carrie Brandon, Director of Academic Services

Ana M. Elizalde, Director of Human Resources

Michael Welsh, Union Elementary Principal

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.** *(This is the time for the public to comment.*

*Members of the Governing Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of public comments will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date)*

1. Mr. John Romain read a statement, in which he is excited about great changes that are taking place at Dos Rios and invited the Board members to stop by the classrooms and take a look.
2. Mrs. Winnie Gbemudu stated that she wanted to commend the progress that is taking place at Dos Rios she mentioned there was significant improvement with professional development and appreciates the constructive criticism as this helps with improving teaching skills.
3. Mrs. Grace Campbell stated that she is extremely proud of the kids at Dos Rios as they are excelling and feels that this is because of the entire team at Dos Rios is working together.

**V. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS** The Superintendent and/or Governing Board members may present a brief summary of current events. The Governing Board will not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action at the meeting on any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Lorah Neville, Superintendent presented the Governing Board with the top happenings around the district, which included: A busy week with Field Days and parent conferences. We also continued our Read Across America celebrations at Dos Rios and Hurley Ranch. Many thanks to everyone who came out to read!

We also made a connection with Detective Paul Stebbins and Officer Terry Laaker who will be assisting the district with a risk assessment of our facilities. As part of our commitment to ensuring school safety, we will work with Phoenix PD and Homeland Security to learn what more we can be doing to prevent and deter unsafe situations on our campuses and at the district office. Our first review will begin next week. We will keep you updated as the process progresses.

- Dos Rios had an exciting week! First, we are celebrating that three (3) West Side Impact Science awards went to Dos Rios. On Monday, we had a nice turnout at our Donuts for Dads and then we started our Dr. Seuss Spirit Week. Dos Rios was awarded a Certificate of Participation by the Arizona Dept. of Education in recognition of our artwork submitted to the “We Are AZ” Collaborative Visual Art Competition. Ms. Gbemudu submitted some 4<sup>th</sup> grade artwork that depicted Arizona.
- Hurley Ranch Elementary School hosted a Spring Festival on Saturday. Students, family, and friends enjoyed the many activities offered at the festival including a climbing wall, inflatables, and the ever-popular dunk tank! Food, prizes, and the amazing volunteers insured that all who attended left satisfied! We are so grateful for the many PTO members, staff, and parents who gave their time to make this event fun for all!
- Union Elementary held Parent-Teacher Conferences; the parents took a Parent Satisfaction survey. The survey addressed parents' satisfaction with school safety, school administration, school staff, curriculum, instruction, communication, office staff, support staff, and their overall satisfaction rating with the district and school. This is valuable data as we strive to provide the best education for our families & community. The kindergarten teachers recently received professional development from our reading coach, Ms. Ryann Miller on how to more effectively utilize the Reading Street curriculum. It is crucial to have our kindergartners reading decodable text daily!
- Student Services Department ensured parents were offered a parent teacher conference from both the general education teacher as well as the special education service provider. During these conferences, we are also providing information to parents regarding how to complete the Arizona State Parent Survey for families of students receiving special education services.
- Academic Services would like to congratulate all the hard work put in by these students: K-2: Javier-Dos Rios 1st Place! 3-4: Jacob-Dos Rios 1st Place!, 5-6: KC-Dos Rios 2nd Place! Writing Assessment K – 8, our Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students took the Q3 writing assessment the focus of the test was argument/opinion. Students were seen annotating the reading text, creating a pre-write and delving into their rough draft or final copy. We look forward to scoring the student writing assessments to determine growth from Q1 to Q3 in our argument/opinion writing.

## **VI. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the consent items.

- A. Approval of Regular Public Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2018
- 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 made to the Union Elementary School District No. 62

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**VII. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PERSONNEL –**

- A. Mrs. Melanie Block presented the District’s middle of year (MOY) Galileo data and site principals presented their site’s middle of year (MOY) Galileo data. Each site presented specific steps that are being taken in professional learning communities, planning and student goal setting to ensure students will be ready for AzMERIT. We increased in 15 of 18 areas, decreased in 2 and had no change in 1. Sites shared how coaches, mentors, district staff and administrators are working together to improve instruction and student achievement in any areas where regression occurred.
  - Q. Mr. Sunn asked about students being filmed while filming teacher methods?
  - A. Mr. Welsh responded with no, the camera is focused on the teacher the entire time.
  - Q. Mrs. Nubia Briceno asked are all students eligible for Rising Rockets?
  - A. Mrs. Dowling-Garrott responded that yes they are eligible.

**\*Please, note that there was a short 5-minute break at 6:23 pm**

- B. Monthly spreadsheet of the Financial Report Budget & Expenditures as of February 21, 2018. (Informational item only.)
- C. 2018-2019 Kindergarten readiness packet (Informational item only.)

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

**2. New Business**

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the 2018-2019 Educational Support Personnel (ESP) work agreements. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the 2018-2019 notice of appointment/rehire list for classified exempt employees. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
  - Q. Mr. Sunn asked about staff getting 1.25% and .625%.
  - A. Mrs. Neville explained that returning employees get 1.25% and new hires get .625% on the placement schedule.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the 2018-2019 offer of contract/rehire for certificated staff. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the 2018-2019 offer of contract/rehire for administrators. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Marchelli to approve the revised Related Services placement schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
  - Q.) Mr. Sunn asked why isn’t there a list attached.
  - A.) Mrs. Neville responded the item is a salary schedule not a list for employment.
- F. Motion by Mrs. Marchelli, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the School Psychologist salary placement schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**IX. AGENDA ITEMS / PRESENTATION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS –**

- 1. April 12, 2018 – Transportation cost update
- 2. April 12, 2018 – Emergency Plan update

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

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