



Inspiring Hope and Empowering All Students To Courageously Pursue Their Goals and Dreams

**Governing Board
Executive Session, and Regular Meeting Minutes
August 08, 2019**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER OF MEETING:** Mr. Sunn, Governing Board President, at 4:31 p.m., called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Mr. Delson Sunn, Mrs. Nubia Briceno and Mrs. Susan Doucet were in attendance.

- II. **CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3), to obtain advice from the attorney for the public regarding the potential settlement of claims as initiated by parents of student AG).

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to enter into executive session. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

- III. **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:17 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

- IV. **CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING:** Mr. Sunn, Governing Board President, at 5:22 p.m., called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Mr. Delson Sunn, Mrs. Nubia Briceno, and Mrs. Susan Doucet were in attendance

Administration Present:

Kristine Morris, Superintendent

Ana M. Avalos, Director of Human Resources

Susan O’Rielly, Executive Director of Business Services

Carrie Brandon, Director of Student Services

Matthew Haley, Network Administrator

Melanie Block, Director of Academic Services

Michael Welsh, Union Elementary Principal

Dr. Randy Watkins, Hurley Ranch Principal

Jonathan Stewart, Dos Rios Principal

- V. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- VI. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

- VII. **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) - None*

VIII. **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. –

On August 5, 2019, we welcomed 1676 students and their families to the first day of the 2019-2020 school year. Students arrived by bike, foot, bus, and car, and were filled with anticipation and welcomed warmly by all Union ESD's caring adults. First day attendance was 43 students higher than the opening day of school last year, and we are optimistic that the early upward enrollment trends will continue. As of today, current head count is 1712.

We credit the strong early showing to the efforts of our outstanding team. From our strong registration and enrollment push, personal phone calls home inviting families to meet the teacher night, to our use of mailers and social media, the word got out that school started on August 5th. Each site also followed-up with personal calls for the families who enrolled but have not yet arrived. We will keep the strong push and update the board weekly on enrollment trends.

The first week of school has been smooth for our teachers and students. Our classrooms and campuses were clean and inviting, and teachers were ready for students. The school day has run like clockwork as teachers and students spent time learning about one another and understanding school expectations. We encountered a few challenges at Dos Rios with the new drop-off and pick-up process on the first day, however, by the second day, all students were picked-up by 3:20, and each subsequent day is getting better!

Our strong start could not have occurred without the great work of the entire central office and site-based teams over the summer. Summer projects, purchasing, technology, maintenance, curriculum work, deep cleaning, registration, recruiting, hiring, payroll, and benefits are all integral parts of the work that helps set us up for success. Additionally, the stewardship and care of our district buildings, grounds, equipment, and resources shows our students, families, and staff that we care about them and take pride in making our schools great places to learn and work.

We have hired each of our classroom positions, our class sizes look OK, and we have room for added growth in various grades across the district. The Board inquired about class sizes, so I have attached current headcounts for your information. We have a few grade levels with small numbers, and Hurley Ranch 8th grade has larger class sizes we need to watch. We have already assigned additional paraprofessional hours to support 8th grade. We will finalize a report on our classroom positions and update the board early next week.

We have an amazing team and wonderful community. Kudos to the entire team, we are off to a great start!

IX. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consent Agenda Items

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

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2019
- B. Approval of the Personnel Consent List as presented
- C. Approval of the Accounts Payable Vouchers
- D. Approval of the Payroll Vouchers
- E. Approval of the Student Activity Accounts

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

X. **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT PERSONNEL**

A. Ms. Melanie Block gave a presentation on the AzMerit Results.

Q. Mr. Sunn asked if there is curriculum or materials in mind that we may be going with?

A. Ms. Melanie Block responded with No. We will engage in a research-based process when looking at curriculum materials.

XI. **ACTION ITEMS**

2. New Business

A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the approval of settlement agreement with parents of student AG. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

B. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Tolleson Elementary School District. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

Q. Mr. Sunn asked if we have any students? How many are attending there?

A. Mrs. Carrie Brandon responded yes; we have 4.

C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County School Superintendent's Office. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

D. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the draft 2020 Delegate Assembly presented by the Arizona School Board Association. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

Q. Mr. Sunn asked if there is a deadline to register if we are going to do it?

A. Mrs. Kristine Morris responded early September.

Q. Mr. Sunn asked if this is for all of Maricopa County?

A. Ms. Kristine Morris responded this is for the state.

Q. Ms. Kristine Morris asked if anyone had interest? If you don't have interest, we can say we do not have a delegate. We can also send word that you do support their political agenda. You can still support the platform but not have anyone represent.

A. Mr. Sunn responded we will go that way.

E. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the Qualified Evaluators for the 2019-2020 School Year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

F. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the removal of the attached listed equipment from the District's General Fixed Assets and Stewardship listing. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

G. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the Million Dollar Teacher Project as a sole source for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

Mrs. Susan O'Rielly noted that Ms. Kristine Morris has disqualified herself from action item 2G.

Q. Mr. Sunn asked if this is like it says? We are going to use this when we get the bid?

A. Mrs. Susan O'Rielly responded that the dollar amount put it in the threshold of a quote, didn't require a formal bid process. Even with a formal bid process you can consider a vendor a sole source.

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

1. September 12, 2019 – Presentation on the 2019 Grand Canyon Trip
2. September 12, 2019 – Presentation on Move on When Reading (MOWR) plan and budget

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mr. Sunn, Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board

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