



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

**Governing Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER THE SPECIAL MEETING

Mrs. Briceno Governing Board President at 5:04p.m., called the special meeting to order.

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

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Susan Doucet was in attendance Mrs. Nubia Briceno & Mr. Delson Sunn joined telephonically

Administration Present:

Kristine Morris, Superintendent

Melanie Block, Director of Academic Services

Ana M. Avalos, Director of Human Resources

Michael Welsh, Union Principal

Carrie Brandon, Director of Student Services

Renee Estrella-Chavez, Dos Rios Principal

Randy Watkins, Hurley Ranch Principal

Brent Hall, Network Administrator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

The call to the public will be restricted due to social distancing guidelines, therefore, limiting the number of participants at the meeting. 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.

No public comments.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:

A. UESD Current Events Summary

Good evening, President Briceno, Mr. Sunn, and Ms. Doucet,

Tomorrow marks the close of our first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year! Thanks to our students, families, and employees for their dedication to building relationships and connections with one another. Through our purposeful commitment to Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), opportunities for extracurricular and cocurricular activities such as Student Council, Art, Foreign Language, Music, PE, Dance, Soccer, etc. we are providing a well-rounded experience for our students that focuses on not only the importance of education and career, but also the tools to succeed in life, including hobbies & recreation; home & family; and community & service. Next quarter we are looking forward to seeing student performances and opportunities to showcase the various talents our students possess!

I previously shared with the Board, and also want to share publicly, that our DIBLES results are showing that our commitment to accelerating learning is making an impact. I want to celebrate the following teams: First, Second, Third, Sixth, and Seventh grades are already performing better than students at the same grade level when compared to Middle of the Year (MOY) in 2021-22 and our Fourth and Fifth grade students are nearing last year's MOY 21-22 levels. We are optimistic that this increase is due to 1) our new Reading adoption being used with fidelity; 2) a focus on adherence to our schedules & routines; 3) getting started with our reading program before testing; and 4) reading interventions starting the second week of school. Congrats to all who helped make this happen, from purchasing, receiving, and academic services for ensuring materials were in classrooms, to leaders and staff who are ensuring our focus remains on accelerating learning. Shout out also to our team last year who helped us pick this adoption. Progress is looking hopeful!

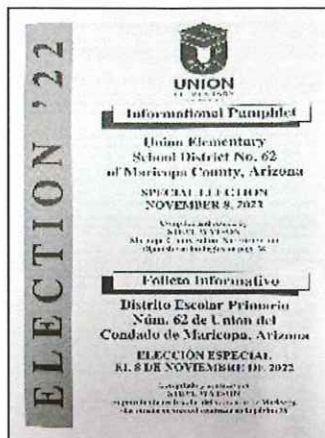


Enrollment continues to hover around 1700 and our class sizes are remaining manageable with a few exceptions highlighted below. We still struggle with substitute coverage when individuals need to be off for illness. Our administrators are encouraging staff to think strategically about appointments and to plan for those opportunities during breaks. However, things come up and people and family members get sick. Despite the efforts, we continue to have vacancies occasionally that go unfilled and require administrator and staff adjustments/coverage. I want to celebrate our Office Managers and Administrators for their quick planning and adjustment. I also want to thank our paraprofessionals, counselors, coaches, administrators, office staff, maintenance, and teachers who all must pitch in when we are short.

	Dos Rios		Hurley Ranch		Union Elementary		Teacher Positions currently recruiting
	Enrollment	Class Size	Enrollment	Class Size	Enrollment	Class Size	
K	62	21			105	26**	1
1	74	24			109	22	
2	67	22			91	23	
3	82	27**	107	27			1
4	96	32**	109	27**			1
5	66	22	99	25			
6	78	26	111	22			
7	92	23	105	24			
8	88	22	134	26			
Special Areas							1 Band

** Currently has additional paraprofessional for class size reduction.

Each campus has also been assigned additional paraprofessional support 1-Union; 2-Dos Rios; 2-Hurley Ranch funded through ESSER III.



The 2022 election is already upon us! As you know Union ESD has two items on the Ballot, our Bond and Override increase. The Informational Pamphlets have been printed and mailed and voter registration ends October 11, 2022. Early voting begins October 12th. The District Office will be a polling site for early voting as well as an Election Day site on November 8th. By the next Board meeting, we may know the unofficial/un canvassed results. There is a PAC that is conducting neighborhood walks. Their first walk was on October 1st, and their next walk will be October 15th. Ms. Ryann Miller is the PAC leader.

Next week is Fall break. Soon after our return from break, we will be hosting Arizona Department of Education for our English Language (EL) Program on-site program monitoring October 24 - October 28th. Academic Services and our teachers have been diligently planning. We will also be holding parent-teacher conferences starting October 31st and there will be student assemblies to celebrate our students' progress and family events to bring the community together, including Trunk or Treat at each site. It's going to be a great Fall and Second Quarter! Until then, I wish everyone a relaxing and healthy break and the chance to 'recharge' for

VII. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion made by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the consent items. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Doucet, Mrs. Briceno & Mr. Sunn

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2022
- B. Approval of Personnel Consent List
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- D. Approval of Accounts Payroll Vouchers
- E. Approval of Student Activity Accounts
- F. Approval of Gifts and Donations
- G. Approval of the Revised Resolution for a credit card account at Alhambra Credit Union
- H. Approval of the Revision to the District's Bank Accounts for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- I. Approval of Revised Resolution for Appointment on the Student Activity Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- J. Approval of 2022-2023 Superintendent Goals
- K. Approval of the Revised School Calendar 2022-2023

VIII. **PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT PERSONNEL:**

- A. 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report Presentation-Presentation by Mr. Jeremy Callas

Q: Mrs. Briceno asked about what was the reason the Budget Balance increase?

A: Mr. Callas responded that the reason the budget balance was increasing was due to the ESSER funds being present there are no restrictions on covid funds so those are being used to help support the district expenditures. What you are seeing is you have slightly more revenue that was available this year than what was going on in expenditures and that is because some of these expenditures are being shifted to the ESSER funds. Yes, there is a slight increase but it's a decent balance to have when looking at your overall budget. Usually 20-25% is what's recommended by credit rating agencies.

Q: Mr. Sunn asked what can the Covid funds be spent on?

A: Mr. Callas responded that the Covid funds have little restrictions. These funds are flexible on what they can be spent on. On a national level Legislators are looking for examples on what they can't be spent on because they were intended to be flexible. There are requirements on how you spend the money only because the federal requirements on things such as construction are very different than state requirements. There are different restrictions in terms of the process but no limitations in use.

IX. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to adopt the Second Reading of Policy Advisories. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn
- B. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to adopt approve the Preventative Maintenance Report 2022. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn
- C. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to adopt approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Financial Report. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn
- D. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to adopt approve the Staff Compensation Adjustment. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Doucet seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet, Mr. Sunn



Governing Board Member

11.10.22

Date