



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

**Governing Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER THE SPECIAL MEETING**

Mrs. Doucet Governing Board President at 5:02 p.m., called the meeting to order.

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Susan Doucet & Mrs. Nubia Briceno were in attendance.

Administration Present:

*Kristine Morris, Superintendent*

*Melanie Block, Director of Academic Services*

*Michael Welsh, Union Principal*

*Ana Avalos, Director of HR*

*Tonia Immel, Executive Director of Business 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. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

**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. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS:**

A. Alexa Perez- Science Fair Winner, Dos Rios

B. Juan Cardoza- Spelling Bee Winner, Dos Rios

C. Abram Acuna- Acceptance to University High, Hurley Ranch

D. Kaylee Doucet- Acceptance to University High, Hurley Ranch

**VII. RECOGNITION OF THE PRIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

- A. Cherish Anderson, Hurley Ranch, Softball Coach
- B. Justin Doucet, Hurley Ranch, PTO President
- C. Marisela Carrion, Hurley Ranch, Teacher
- D. Leticia Cuevas, Union, PTO Vice President
- E. Rebecca Rop, Union, Speech Language Pathologist
- F. Stephanie Marshall, Union, PTO President
- G. Morgan Teigh, Dos Rios, Teacher
- H. Renee Estrella-Chavez, Dos Rios, Principal
- I. Luis Vasquez, HR Analyst
- J. Raquel Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Services
- K. Richard Moreno, Bus Driver Sub

**VIII. RECOGNITION OF THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2022-2023:**

- A. Dos Rios Elementary -Tina Cowan
- B. Union Elementary School- Helen Carbajal
- C. Hurley Ranch -Erik Johnson

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:**

- A. UESD Current Events Summary

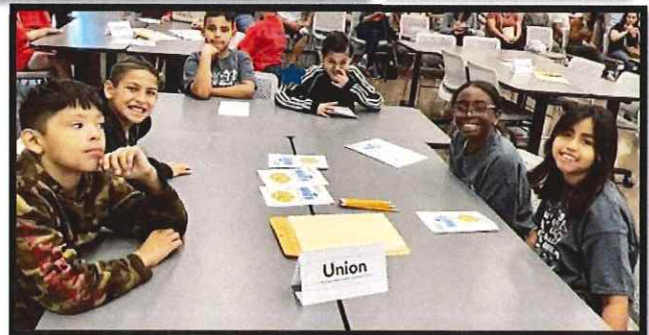
Good evening Ms. Briceno and Ms. Doucet,

What a fantastic evening. To get to celebrate our students, staff, and parents for what they do to inspire hope and empower our children to courageously pursue their goals and dreams, is touching and heartwarming. Congratulations again to our awardees!

I'll be sharing current events as they relate to our District Goals.

In Goal Area 1: Today was the Westside Impact Math Challenge. Teams from across the West Valley competed in the annual Math Challenge. This is the first time since COVID that we have been able to bring teams together to compete against one another. Congratulations to our three teams for competing well. Thanks to our coordinator Dr. Kim Miller, Ms. Gargano, and Ms. Wahls for helping to make the event a success.

In Goal Area 2. Hurley Ranch hosted the Spring Cinco De Mayo festival last week, and it was a success. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Doucet, Hurley PTO, the Tolleson High JROTC, HR teachers, support staff, child nutrition and Student Council for bringing the community together for this spring event.



In Goal Area 3: High Quality Caring Staff: This week was teacher and education staff appreciation week! Throughout our schools, PTO's, families, students, and community partners gave their time, resources, and made the week special. Thanks to our Child Nutrition team who hosted our District-sponsored breakfast on Wednesday. Our team provided amazing breakfast burritos, fruit



salad and beverages. It is just one week, but these events give us all a chance to thank those who teach and support education in a special way.



It's only fitting that we also had the Westside Impact Teacher of the Year Breakfast celebrating our three teachers of the year. Thanks to Grand Canyon University for hosting and to Westside Impact for making the event happen.

It is Benefits Open Enrollment week. Thanks to our Human Resources team for supporting our staff in selecting the benefits package that works for each employee and their family.

Goal 4 Stewardship of Resources. The State Legislature has approved, and the Governor will be signing the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024 State budget! This is the first time in many years that we are mid-May and have an agreed upon budget. Although awaiting final details and budget forms, there appears to be an increase in the per/weighted ADM of about \$139.00. There is also an increase in the multiplier for student poverty, a small increase in transportation mileage, and a \$10 million increase to District Additional Assistance to be divided out on a per pupil basis throughout the state. In addition to the budget work, they also waived the Aggregate Expenditure Limit (AEL)! This exciting development means we will actually be able to spend the money that is allocated, without fear that it will be cut in March. We look forward to final forum and preparing the FY 2024 budget for preliminary approval at June's meeting.



On Tuesday, Union PTO hosted a family night at Peter Piper Pizza. Our partners at DLR took the opportunity to gather community input on the future classroom expansion at Union. Architects were on site with a board that shows the future placement of buildings, and they had photos of different types of spaces that people could vote on their favorites! This is the first of many opportunities to vision what the new space can be. Thanks to Mr. Welsh, the teachers and the PTO for a nice event and for welcoming DLR into the community.



Next week is our final week of the school year. Eighth-grade promotion ceremonies at Hurley and Dos are on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and Kindergarten promotions on the evening of Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Our End of Year Celebration will be at Union Elementary on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to these milestone celebrations to bring our community together to celebrate the accomplishments of our students.

Thanks to our team, community, and Board for another great year!

**X. 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

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2023
- B. Approval of Personnel Consent List
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- D. Approval of Payroll Vouchers
- E. Approval of Student Activity Accounts
- F. Approval of Gifts and Donations
- G. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Greater Phoenix Educational Management Council (G.P.E.M.C)
- H. Approval of UESD/YMCA Summer Camp Agreement
- I. Approval of Union Roof Leak Repair Award # SFB-ERR-03975
- J. Approval of Disposal of District Equipment
- K. Approval of Resolution for the Bank Accounts FY 2023-2024
- L. Approve the Resolution for the Student Activity Revolving Bank Account
- M. Approve the Resolution for the Credit Card Account at Alhambra Credit Union

**XI. PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT PERSONNEL:**

- A. Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Expenditure Budget Final Revision- Presented by Ms. Tonia Immel

Q: Mrs. Doucet asked for an explanation of what EL Supplement means.

A: Ms. Block responded that the state department sends us a ratio that calculates per English Learner population that they will fund us for. Union (UESD) then sends back an updates ratio that matches our English Learner population. This is the amount of money we were able to agree on was needed to receive to support our English Learners.

A: Ms. Morris added this is not nearly enough to provide the services but its what the state provides.

**XII. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the 2022-2023 2022-2023 Expenditure Budget Final Revision. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- B. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve Teacher and Leader Evaluation System 2023-2024 Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) 2024 Political Agenda. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

Q: Mrs. Doucet asked if these topics are brought to the Law Conference.

A: Ms. Morris responded yes, this is the start of building out the new agenda, they probably will take this and add or delete it, this is the foundation of that work.

**XIII. ITEMS ONLY – NO ACTION REQUIRED:**

- A. Governing Board Financial Report
- B. Business and Personnel Transportation Services Regulation Exhibits

**XIV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- A. June 8, 2023- Public Hearing-2024 Preliminary Budget
- B. June 8, 2023- Extension of Vendor Contracts
- C. June 15, 2023- Study Session- Superintendent Pay for Performance, Superintendent Evaluation Tool

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mrs. Doucet seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Doucet, Mrs. Briceno

  
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Governing Board Member

Date 6/8/23

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