



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

**Governing Board
Regular Meeting and Study Session Minutes
September 14, 2023**

A. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING AND STUDY SESSION:

Mrs. Doucet Governing Board President at 4:00 p.m., called the meeting to order.

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

Administration Present:

Kristine Morris, Superintendent

Tonia Immel, Executive Director of Business Services

Renee Estrella-Chavez, Dos Rios Principal

Melynda Martin, Director of Student Services

Michael Welsh, Union Principal

Melanie Block, Director of Academics

Ana Avalos, Director of HR

C. STUDY SESSION INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Energy Cost Savings Study Session

Ms. Tonia Immel collected questions that the board had for the 3 vendors.

D. MOTION TO CONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING:

Mrs. Doucet Governing Board President at 4:20 p.m. called the meeting to order.

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

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes.

H. SUPERINTENDENT SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS:

A. UESD Current Events Summary

Good evening, President Doucet and Ms. Briceno,

We are already finishing our sixth week of school! Progress reports are out, and students and staff have settled into a regular routine. Student enrollment numbers have picked up since our last Board meeting, we are now at a total of 1,682 students. Our Average Daily Membership (ADM) of 1,655.70 is close to the 1,662.11 ADM around the same time as last year.

	Dos Rios	Hurley Ranch	Union Elementary	Total
Pre-K			31	31
Kindergarten	65		85	150
First	63		126	190
Second	70		113	185
Third	68	93		162
Fourth	82	120		202
Fifth	72	114		187
Sixth	68	119		188
Seventh	69	109		179
Eighth	93	112		208
Totals	650	667	355	1682*

*Includes Students in Private Placement

Fourth, fifth and sixth grades at Dos Rios, fourth, sixth and eighth grades at Hurley Ranch, and first grade at Union, are all grade levels we are watching and have closed to open enrollment.

Athletics has started and the first sport of the year is soccer. We are looking forward to seeing the growth in our athletes as they enjoy the competitive season for the second year in a row, after a hiatus during Covid. So many of our students and families enjoy the fitness gained and skills enhanced, as well as cheering on their sons and daughters as they compete against other valley schools. Wishing our teams good luck, and I look forward to seeing them play! Thank you to our coaches, athletic directors, purchasing, transportation and maintenance teams for all their work to make this possible.

Based upon our work as a leadership team this summer, we committed to a few key strategies through our playbook.



- Use effective instructional strategies to deliver research based comprehensive math and literacy instruction. (Academic Services, Principals, Student Services)
- Implement AZ Structured English Immersion (SEI) model. (Principals, Academic Services)
- Implement effective student management strategies using Well-Managed Schools training. (Academic Services, Principals)

- Provide regular, meaningful feedback, and professional development opportunities for all employees. (All Supervisors)



This week's professional development was another opportunity to see each of these strategies moving forward! Each site developed their training focused on instructional strategies and routines that engage students. At Hurley, members of the leadership team provided small group training and conversations around assessment data, strategies to

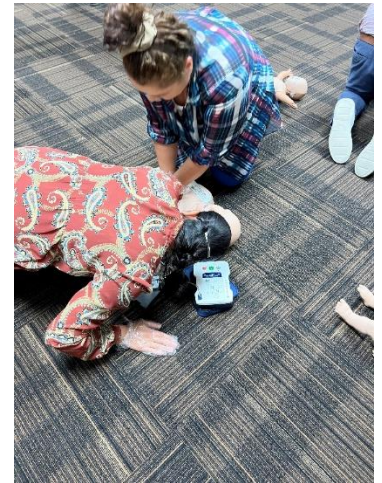


build relationships with students, and supporting students with special needs.

Union focused on their playbook goals and connected their professional learning to our teacher evaluation tool, and Ms. Devine supported the staff with utilizing “Sentence Frames” to not-only support English Language Learners, but all students in building their Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening competencies. Dos Rios utilized their teacher expertise to provide practical strategies for creating routines that engage learners. Teachers were then able to have the afternoon to plan as teams, for the application of what they learned. Thank you to our principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches, and teachers who all created these meaningful learning opportunities for our staff relative to SEI, Effective Instructional Practices, and Effective Student Management. Each campus was delivering on this action step, thank you to all who assisted!



We also hosted CPR and First Aid training as a professional development opportunity. Thank you, Ms. Avalos, for coordinating this event that was engaging, informative, and supportive of the needs of our staff, and for all who actively participated. Well done team on aligning our arrows and delivering on our playbook!



Also aligned to our Playbook, next week we are beginning our 30-day check-ins on progress toward our leadership goals. All leadership team members will be reporting on their progress, and we will be preparing for our all-administrative team training with Studer consultants on October 4th. Our full-day professional development day was focused on our school’s Integrated Action Plans (IAP) and playbook goals.

The Union & Central Office Bond Project Planning Team are continuing work to identify programming for the spaces and have approved design for the transformation bus yard. Soil and engineering are both working on plans now that we have agreed on the design. It is going to be tight, but we are still aiming for the winter break to complete this first phase of the project. Regarding Union Campus addition and renovations, we are having a kitchen consultant work with Kala, Director of Child Nutrition Services, to see how we can increase space and functionality of the kitchen without moving walls. To help with this project, of course we will need additional funds and tonight will be taking action to call authorize the first sale from our 2022 Bond. We will continue to meet every other week and plan to bring a status update to the Board in November.



I. 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 August 10, 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 Community Preschool Expansion Grant, Valley of the Sun Way
- H. Approval of Hurley Roofing Project number change to # BRG-003567
- I. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Read Better Be Better
- J. Approval of 2023-2024 Superintendent Goals
- K. Approval of Disposal of District Equipment

J. PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT PERSONNEL:

- A. Achievement Update-Presented by Ms. Melanie Block
- B. Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan 2023-24 presentation- Presented by Ms. Melanie Block

K. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the Authorize Issuance and Sale of School Improvement Bonds, Project of 2022, Series A (2023). Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

Q: Ms. Doucet and Ms. Briceno asked for clarification on the documents.

Q: Ms. Briceno asked why the documents had amounts missing and sections uncompleted.

A: Jack Giel from Gus Rosenfield asked the board to review the Resolution attachment. The Resolution is the functioning document that will give the district the authorization to sell the bonds. The terms on which the bonds are sold, the form of the bonds, and who can sign all the bells and whistles are what is happening with this attachment. The amount that is authorized is \$5.5M and can't be greater than this. If we issue the \$5.5M you have \$19.5M remaining from the 2022 elections. The projects that you will be using the money for will be in alignment with the election that was approved by the voters last year. Section #1 of the resolution is the actual authorization. This is the board giving approval for the actual amount of the bonds along with the flexibility in the event of any situation that could come up. The second section has years, interest rates, limits on actual terms of the bond, and who can sign it. When can bonds be called, the terms will be referenced back in the future in the event of a refinance to see if we are allowed to do that by the original terms.

Q: Mrs. Doucet asked if this was standard.

A: Mr. Jack Giel answered by saying this is as standard as it comes. The other attachments that come after will also have blanks in them. A lot of those blanks are because we don't know the actual terms of the bonds but we're locking in all the details. The document blanks will be filled out with the actual numbers, but the actual documents will be the same as the ones in front of you. On attachment #6 Preliminary Official Statement you will notice a few blanks, most of those will stay blank until we go into the market and price the bonds that's when we get all the final numbers, add redemption dates, and bond interest rates. The resolution itself is just giving the green light on all the other processes. Once the resolution is approved, we are moving forward with selling the bond. Our team will work on preparing the documents.

- B. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve Safe Return to In Person Learning Plan (ESSER III) Revision Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the 2023-2024 Student Replacement Fee. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

- D. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the Facilities Use Fee Schedule. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- E. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Buckeye Union High School District. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- F. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the Resolution to sign School Facilities District SFB Terms and Conditions. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- G. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Proclamation of September 2023 as Attendance Awareness Month. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

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

- A. Governing Board Financial Report
- B. Update Regulation KF-RA Facilities Use

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

- October 5, 2023- Annual Financial Report Presentation
- October 5, 2023- Policy Advisories
- October 5, 2023- Construction update from Core
- November 9, 2023- Integrated Action Plan- Dos Rios
- Special Board Meeting March 21, 2024- Guarantee Maximum Price Presentation and Approval from CORE
- December 14, 2023- Integrated Action Plan- Hurley Ranch
- January 11, 2024- Integrated Action Plan- Union

N. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:07 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Doucet, Mrs. Briceno

Governing Board Member

Date