



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

**Governing Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2023**

A. CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to convene into Executive Session at 4:34 p.m.: Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Doucet, Mrs. Briceno

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*EXECUTIVE SESSION paused at 4:55 p.m.

B. HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE BY HURLEY RANCH

C. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:

Mrs. Doucet Governing Board President at 5:35 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

D. ROLL CALL

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

Administration Present:

Kristine Morris, Superintendent

Renee Estrella-Chavez, Dos Rios Principal

Michael Welsh, Union Principal

Ana Avalos, Director of HR

Tonia Immel, Executive Director of Business Services

Melynda Martin, Director of Student Services

Melanie Block, Director of Academics

Rany Watkins, Hurley Ranch Principal

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,



As we close the first semester, our schools are filled with cheer. Spirit weeks across our schools bring fun and excitement to our campuses. We are also celebrating student success at assemblies, spelling bees, science fairs, and student performances like we enjoyed this evening. Thank you to everyone who makes these days and moments special for our students and their families.



In December we also completed the Middle of Year (MOY) DIBELS assessment. Thanks to our SEI reading intervention team for ensuring all our students were assessed to show their growth and progress.



We completed the annual summer project walks with the final visit to Dos Rios. It is great to see our lists get smaller each year as we work to have a regular schedule for updates and refreshing our campuses. We will begin pricing and prioritizing so we can identify which projects will be happening this summer. Thank you to our principals, head custodians, front office staff, Mr. Moreno, and Ms. Immel who came together to make plans and were ready for our visits!

Our Union and Central Office staff and families transitioned to the new pick-up and parking flow with quite a bit of ease. Thank you to our CORE team, for printing signs, and to Mr. Stanek, and Mr. Welsh for ensuring regular communication. Thanks also to our transportation team for navigating the challenges of an active construction site as they safely drop off and pick up the Union students!



Great progress was made in the first week, with all sidewalk cuts made, and demolition nearly complete! The loud thunder booms that we experienced Monday & Tuesday should be a thing of the past. So far, despite the rain, our project is on schedule for completion by the time we return from break. We look forward to this first step that makes the expanded campus at Union a reality!



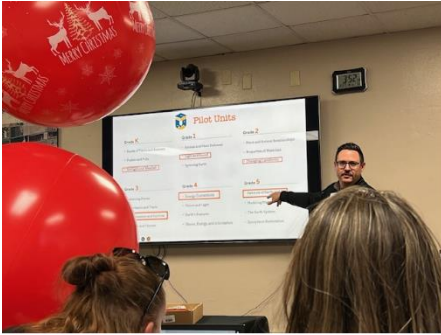
CORE and DLR visited our historic schoolhouse on Wednesday and did some exploratory demo. They pulled up floors, cut into walls, and got a closer look at what remains. We were excited to see windows still intact, and although the floor will have to be redone, the quality of the materials for the wood floor was fantastic and we hope to incorporate them into the future re-design.



As we explored the building and looked at the structure, we came across some evidence of what looked to be fire damage. I was able to go through some archival photos and came across the photos below. You can see we have been around for a while and are an important part of West Valley history. I want to thank our Board



and community for investing in this project through our 2022 Bond. We are hoping to restore this historic space of pride for our community while we also modernize and move our district into the future.



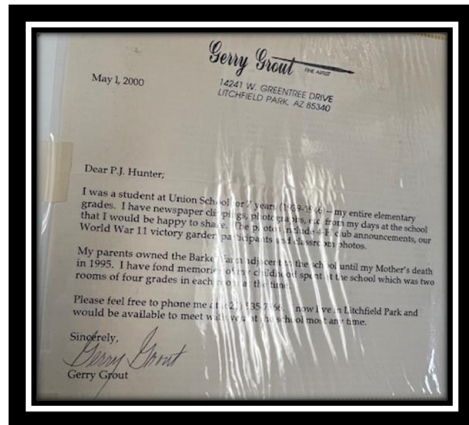
Our science adoption pilot committee was active this week learning about our pilot programs. Amplify was on hand to train on the pilot modules, so that come January 8th, our pilot teachers are ready to try out a unit. Thank you to our adoption committee for their energy, engagement, and commitment to finding quality programming for our next curriculum adoption. We are excited to bring this important content to all our students in 2024-2025!



I want to thank our Union ESD employees for a great first semester! They have made learning a priority and provided opportunities for our students to be successful.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a restful and recharging winter break!

Archival photos/documents



I. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for November 9, 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 revision to Student Fees 2023-2024
- G. Approval of Terms and Conditions for Union Cafeteria Drain Repair BRG-005317
- H. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for ETC Synergy User Conference

J. PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT PERSONNEL:

- A. Integrated Action Plan for Hurley Ranch- Presented by Dr. Randy Watkins

K. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the Second Reading of Policy Advisories 748-752 and 754-762. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- B. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement 24-10-ED-1 with the Arizona Department of Education for Achievement Tutoring LEAs Public Schools. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mrs. Doucet to approve the maximum capacity of 2378 students for 2024-2025. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet
- A. Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Education for Arts Consumables. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Briceno, Mrs. Doucet

L. ITEMS ONLY – NO ACTION REQUIRED:

- A. Governing Board Financial Report

M. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

- January 11, 2024- Integrated Action Plan- Union
- January 11, 2024- Governing Board Organizational Meeting
- January 11, 2024- 2024-2025 Contract and Notice of Appointment Language
- February 8, 2024- Counselor Program Update

N. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:58 p.m.
Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Doucet, Mrs. Briceno

O. RECONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mrs. Doucet, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to reconvene into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.:
Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Aye: Mrs. Doucet, Mrs. Briceno

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Governing Board Member

Date