

**WICKENBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9  
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 9, 2017**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Joe Maglio, President, Member, Ms. Amy Brown, Member, Ms. Sandee Gill, Member, Ms. Susan Webster, Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Howard Carlson, Erin Johnson, Lynn Greene, Jennifer Lougee, Matt Johnson, Derek Streeter, Carissa Hershkowitz, Julie Case

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Maglio called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Ms. Webster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Adoption of the Board meeting agenda for February 9, 2017

A motion was made to adopt the agenda for February 9, 2017.

Motion	Ms. Brown	Aye
Second	Ms. Webster	Aye
Vote	Ms. Gill	Aye
Vote	Mr. Maglio	Aye

Motion passed 4-0.

**RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

This is a time set aside for any recognition the Board or the Superintendent may wish to make to an individual, group or organization for services and/or contributions made to the District. This is also a time allowing an opportunity for the Board to recognize groups or individuals publicly by issuing of a proclamation in recognition of events and/or persons for special occasions.

Mr. Maglio congratulated the Hassayampa Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for twice exceeding the expected growth. He recognized Mrs. Terry Macias, Hassayampa Elementary School Art Teacher for being chosen the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no response to Call to the Public.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Monthly school reports from the principals of Wickenburg Unified School District No. 9, which include enrollment figures, Safe & Orderly (Student Discipline) Report, how the school is moving each student to the “Next Level” academically, how the school is focusing on providing Quality First Instruction and a general school update.

- A. Festival Foothills Elementary School, Ms. Julie Case, Principal
- B. Hassayampa Elementary School, Ms. Carissa Hershkowitz, Principal
- C. Vulture Peak Middle School, Ms. Jennifer Lougee, Principal

- D. Wickenburg High School, Mr. Derek Streeter, Principal
- E. Wickenburg Virtual Academy, Ms. Rose Garcia, Principal

Ms. Brown asked about the formation of the “Academic Avengers” at Vulture Peak Middle School. Ms. Lougee told her it was a 21<sup>st</sup> Century program and had been developed by Meghann Courliss Jennie Zimmerman. She commented the kids all love it.

Ms. Brown told Ms. Garcia she like Wickenburg Virtual Academy’s withdrawal summary, commenting that it helped the Board see what is happening. Ms. Garcia told her they will have 13 seniors who will graduate this year and are working with 23 more seniors. Dr. Carlson asked if 13 graduates was an increase or if it was a typical number. Ms. Garcia told him they typically have 12 to 13 seniors graduate. She also commented they are seeing more students returning from programs such as Primavera.

Ms. Gill told Ms. Case she noted the times of the PTA meetings at Festival Foothills Elementary school varied, one time at 3:00 pm and one time 6:00 pm. She said she thought that was great as many schools seemed to think parents were not interested; the varied times gives them a chance to attend. Ms. Case told her there was an incentive with pizza and activities for children at the 6:00 pm meetings. Ms. Webster asked if they had a big turnout for PTA meetings. Ms. Case said it varies. The PTA puts out an agenda before the meeting so that affects the turnout. Ms. Gill also commented on the young girl who won the District Spelling Bee.

Ms. Gill asked Ms. Hershkowitz if she saw a difference in kids who have attended pre-school vs. kids who come into kindergarten from home. Ms. Hershkowitz told her there was no data at this point. Ms. Gill felt that if there were data to back this up, it would increase the pre-school population.

Ms. Gill commented she was always honoring sports, but in looking at DECA winners, she wished to recognize them and tell them how good they are doing. Mr. Streeter commented DECA is a great program and Ms. Denise Rogers is an awesome teacher. She has had winners at the state level since 2010 and has taken kids to national competitions. Wickenburg is becoming known as one of the school to beat in DECA competitions.

Mr. Maglio asked Ms. Case if there was anything her school or staff was doing to get so many volunteers. Ms. Case told him they are fortunate with Sun City Festival residents who like to volunteer. Gail Welsh goes to different clubs and talks about the school and its needs. Many volunteers come in and read with kids. Other volunteers come in and do copying, decorating and help with programs. A lot of volunteers typically help from October to May. Mr. Maglio asked if there were parents who volunteer. Ms. Case told him quite a few, mostly in grades K-5.

Mr. Maglio asked Ms. Hershkowitz how Hassayampa Elementary School’s Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings were going. Ms. Hershkowitz said the last one, which was held in January, had a good turnout and went well. There are still learning curves for teachers and many pieces still need to be identified as to what would be an individual conversation or a group conversation. Mr. Maglio asked where the idea for the APTT Meetings came from. Ms. Hershkowitz told him they came out of 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Mr. Maglio asked if she and her staff liked the APTT meetings. Ms. Hershkowitz told him yes they do.

Mr. Maglio noticed, when going through the Galileo Math scores for Vulture Peak Middle School, all three grades struggle with the math. He asked what was affecting this. Ms. Lougee told him they have been looking into this and are working at being at an appropriate pacing level and improving scores. They hope to see growth in the next benchmark. Mr. Streeter commented that approximately 30 of the top Vulture Peak Middle School students attend math classes at the high school. He said this was an enormous bite and would affect the math scores at Vulture Peak.

Ms. Webster asked what courses the Vulture Peak students were taking. She was told Algebra I and Geometry. Ms. Lougee said another point is that Algebra students have exceeded growth; there were only 2 classes that did not show growth. Dr. Carlson commented there is growth that does not show in the scores, as they do not yet bump into the next grouping – there are 4 groupings in Galileo. He felt it might be good to show some of that proficiency and growth in the reports. When you start with a new test, you will have kids making gains but who have not yet bumped into the next level. Mr. Maglio commented that he felt Peer Tutoring has been very beneficial. Ms. Lougee is in favor of the Peer Tutoring.

Mr. Maglio gave Mr. Streeter a thumbs up concerning the PowerHour at Wickenburg High School, which he felt was a killer. Mr. Streeter commented changes being made with PowerHour and weekly eligibility are big. Mr. Streeter said he is proud of his staff, who are working very hard.

Mr. Maglio commented that he really like the charts showing comparisons of curriculum and assessment. Mr. Streeter explained the pie charts on his principal report.

The Board thanked the Principals for their reports.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Business Account Summaries as of January 31, 2017
- B. Payroll Voucher Summary for the amount of \$1,021,861.75
- C. Expense Voucher Summary for the amount of \$503,068.68

A motion was made to approve the Financial Reports, as submitted.

Motion	Ms. Brown	Aye
Second	Ms. Webster	Aye
Vote	Ms. Gill	Aye
Vote	Mr. Maglio	Aye

Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Maglio asked if there were any surprises. Ms. Brown asked if the District was in compliance. Ms. Johnson said there were no surprises and the District is in compliance to the best of her knowledge. She told the Board a couple of athletic accounts have a negative balance; a check will be deposited and bring the balance up. There was a football coding error, which was corrected.

Ms. Brown asked about an athletics \$500 transfer. Ms. Johnson told her she would look into that and get back with Board

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Governing Board Meeting Minutes
  - 1. Regular Board Minutes for January 12, 2017
- B. Personnel
  - 1. Approval of Restructured Positions
    - a. Assistant High School Principal
    - b. High School Athletic Director
    - c. Assistant Athletic Director
  - 2. Personnel Action Reports
  - 3. Substitute Teacher Approval
  - 4. Authorization to Pay Faithful Service Benefit
- C. Curriculum
  - 1. Revision of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

D. Donations

1 Festival Foothills Elementary School, Ms. Julie Case, Principal

- Donation of technology items and office supplies from Mr. and Mrs. Braye
- Donation of a TV and base from Mr. Fishman

2 Wickenburg High School, Mr. Derek Streeter, Principal

- Donation of miscellaneous brass by Todd Beal for reloading ammunition to the WHS Rifle Team
- Donation in the amount of \$150 by Support My Club to the WHS Choir Program
- Donation of an acoustic guitar and case by Hope Tighe to the WHS Choir Program
- Donation in the amount of \$250 by J. Kliewer to the WHS Golf Team

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda for February 9, 2017.

Motion	Ms. Brown	Aye
Second	Ms. Gill	Aye
Vote	Mr. Maglio	Aye
Vote	Ms. Webster	Aye

Motion passed 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Contract Amendment to the Master Agreement between Orcutt/Winslow Architectural Services and Wickenburg Unified School District for Paving Projects as Identified in the Bond Scope.

Dr. Carlson informed the Board this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> contract with Orcutt Winslow Architectural Services and was for paving. The District is trying to use the remainder of the Adjacent Ways monies for paving. They are trying to do some work at Vulture Peak Middle School, which covers a grading plan and initial components in the area where they are planning to put the transportation buildings. The contract will cover a lot of areas and will also cover design. Ms. Gill asked if it included a consulting fee. She was told yes; they develop specs so bidders know what is needed when you go for pricing. Orcutt will then manage the projects. Ms. Gill asked how much the consulting fee would vary. Dr. Carlson told her it would not vary, but price of projects can vary. Other issue will be timing for the HVAC replacement, roof repairs and paving projects. One thing the District does not want is to have trucks driving over new parking lots, so they are trying to orchestrate the work to where paving is at the end.

Ms. Webster asked for an update on roofing repair projects with The School Facilities Board (SFB). Dr. Carlson told her three grant applications had been submitted. The roof of the Round Gym (Wrangler Event Center) was taken off SFB's roles when the new high school was built and the high school moved. An attempt is being made to put it back on SFB's roles, but Dr. Carlson does not feel it will be allowed.

Ms. Gill asked why it was removed from SFB's roles. Dr. Carlson told her when the high school moved, it was taken off of the roles. When the elementary school was built, they used the square gym. SFB said the round gym facility was not seen as being used on a daily basis. Mr. Moran has attempted to argue the point, but as it had already been removed, it must be brought up to specs to be put back on SFB's roles. The roof is included in the bond and will be replaced, but can't be put out for a grant.

A motion was made to approve and authorize administration to sign the amendment to the Master Agreement between Orcutt/Winslow Architectural Services for Paving Projects and Wickenburg Unified School District, as submitted.

Motion	Ms. Brown	Aye
Second	Ms. Gill	Aye
Vote	Mr. Maglio	Aye
Vote	Ms. Webster	Aye

Motion passed 4-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board May Vote to Move into Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-843(F) to Consider and Possibly Act upon the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Expel a Wickenburg Unified School District Student

A motion was made to convene into Executive Session

Motion	Ms. Brown	Aye
Second	Ms. Webster	Aye
Vote	Ms. Gill	Aye
Vote	Mr. Maglio	Aye

Motion passed 4-0.

Executive Session convened at 6:29 PM. Regular Session reconvened at 7:36 pm.

Mr. Maglio made the following statement: "The Board convened in Executive Session to consider the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to expel a Wickenburg Unified School District student. The Hearing Officer's recommendation of expulsion of the student was approved by the Wickenburg Unified School District Governing Board."

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, CALENDAR**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion	Ms. Brown	Aye
Second	Ms. Webster	Aye
Vote	Ms. Gill	Aye
Vote	Mr. Maglio	Aye

Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Joe Maglio, Board President