

WICKENBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Joe Maglio, President, Mr. Curtis Arnett, Member, Ms. Amy Brown, Member, Ms. Sandee Gill, Member, Mr. Daniel Scott, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Howard Carlson, Victoria Farrar, Lynn Greene, Marcia Hespen, Jeremy Courliss, Adam Bub, Carissa Hershkowitz, Christina Strauss, Derek Streeter, Rose Garcia, Valarie Shumway, Patti Jares-Slattery

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Maglio called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Ms. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adoption of the Board meeting agenda for September 10, 2015

A motion was made to adopt the agenda for September 10, 2015

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| Motion | Mr. Arnett | Aye |
| Second | Ms. Brown | Aye |
| Vote | Ms. Gill | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Maglio | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Scott | Aye |

Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATION

Updates on SkoolLive and Synergy

Ms. Marcia Hespen, Mr. Jeremy Courliss and Mr. Adam Bub presented the Board with updates on SkoolLive and Synergy.

SkoolLive

The SkoolLive Company underestimated the number of entities who have purchased their product. As a result, they had many more installations than anticipated, so are not installing the kiosks as soon as initially thought. The SkoolLive Company will contact Ms. Hespen in January to discuss installation.

Synergy

To explain the different stages to have the Synergy program up and running, Ms. Hespen showed the Board a timeline. This included training for staff and making the program assessable to parents.

Mr. Bub demonstrated the calendar, Teacher Vue, Parent Vue and Student Vue modules of the program, demonstrating the accessibility for teachers and parents to view student assignments, grades etc.

Parent Vue: Parents will have one login for access to data concerning all of their students. They can see assignments, missing assignments, grades, and notes made by the teacher.

Teacher Vue: Teachers will log in to see student information, including seating charts, alerts about a certain student (allergies or special needs), assignments, notes, etc. Teachers have the ability to input notes concerning individual students. They also have access to contact information for parents. Special Education teachers who need to be able to check on their students in other classes are able to see information that was input by other teachers. This enables them to work with a student's other teachers to keep him/her on track.

Student Vue: Students will have the ability to log in to check items such as their grades, gradebook, graduation status and schedules. They are also able to email their teachers.

Ms. Gill asked if a parent who logged on to the program would only have access to their children. She was told a parent they would only be able to see information related to their children.

Third Party Connections: Mr. Courliss spoke of Third Party Connections, which allow communication with many different programs, such as NutriKids. In the past, updating the program was a manual task; downloads can now be scheduled with Synergy, making updates very easy. Benchmark testing will now be pre-build in the system, which will save time.

Connect 5i will be used for communication with parents, enabling messages to be sent via telephone, text and email. This can also be used for automated attendance telephone calls to parents.

Interface with Special Education will be coming soon. The IT Department is working with the Transportation Director to set up transportation communications containing bus routes, rosters and the ability to call parents if the need arises.

Ms. Brown noted the phone number she received a message from was an 888 number and asked if this would be the normal number. Mr. Courliss told her it will probably be the one used.

Mr. Arnett asked how Synergy was being received by the teachers. Ms. Hespen told him the IT Department is working with the teachers, who have been fabulous. She also noted there will be a 1 to 2 year learning curve.

Mr. Maglio commented that he loved the program.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Maglio wished to recognize Mrs. Hershkowitz for publishing the dates of the board meetings in her newsletters. He also commented he is seeing the dates for the meetings on all calendars on the website. He noted that Ms. Teshka has Facebook posts announcing Board Meetings, and suggested promoting the meetings at the principal coffees.

Dr. Carlson commented that Ivonne Acero will again be on "The Voice". The Blind Auditions are scheduled for September 21st and 22nd.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

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. Christina Strauss, Principal
- B. Hassayampa Elementary School, Ms. Carissa Hershkowitz, Principal
- C. Vulture Peak Middle School, Ms. Jennifer Teshka, Principal
- D. Wickenburg High School, Mr. Derek Streeter, Principal
- E. Wickenburg Virtual Academy, Ms. Rose Garcia, Principal

Mr. Maglio wished Ms. Strauss luck for Festival Foothill’s Grandparents’ Lunch. He commented that he noticed Hassayampa’s Grandparents’ Lunch had been held that day. Ms. Hershkowitz told him they had 155 grandparents in attendance. He congratulated Ms. Teshka on the anti-bullying piece and the forming of the task force. He noted the high school’s open house and the homecoming events were coming up. He told Ms. Garcia he enjoyed the redesigned report for Wickenburg Virtual Academy.

Mr. Maglio expressed his appreciation to the principals for all of the information included in the reports.

Mr. Arnett commented he appreciated the structure of the reports, the way things came together, the information and the time it takes the principals to do the reports.

BOARD REPORT

Progress Report on “The Bases Loaded Home Runs Project”, Mr. Curtis Arnett, Board Member

Mr. Arnett stated “The Bases Loaded Home Runs Project” was moving forward. He provided a handout outlining the progress of the plan, financial information and a schedule of events for the completion of the project.

Ms. Gill asked if the group had talked to anyone concerning the design of the signs. Mr. Arnett told her the signs have been designed and the next step will be to write the specifications, followed by going out to bid for the production of the wrangler signs. To keep the signs from being pried off the walls and stolen, the thought is to set them into the walls of the dugouts.

Ms. Gill asked if the signs would be metal and if they would have to be painted constantly. Mr. Arnett said the signs would be made of metal and treated so they would not have to be painted constantly. The goal is to make them as low maintenance as possible.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports include a monthly summary of business accounts, which include a detailed Operating Statement with encumbrance for the Maintenance & Operation Budget, Unrestricted Capital Account, Soft Capital Account, and Cash Controlled Funds-Expenses; a summary payroll and expense vouchers; a detailed summary of credits, debits and expenditures for all student activity accounts and all student auxiliary accounts for the period stated.

- A. Business Accounts Summary as of June 30, 2015
- B. Business Accounts Summary as of August 31, 2015
- C. Payroll Voucher Summary – \$327,748.49
- D. Expense Voucher Summary – \$349,876.68

Mr. Arnett asked Ms. Farrar if the budget balances were positive, the cash balances were positive, if the District was in compliance, if the District was solvent, and was there anything that would question the Board's stewardship.

Ms. Farrar told him yes, the budget balances and the cash balances were positive, the District was in compliance and solvent, and no, there was nothing that would question the Board's stewardship.

Ms. Farrar mentioned the auditors had been in the District the past week and that, as far as is known, everything went well. Mr. Arnett expressed appreciation for all of the work involved in the reports.

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

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| Motion | Mr. Arnett | Aye |
| Second | Ms. Brown | Aye |
| Vote | Ms. Gill | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Maglio | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Scott | Aye |

Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Minutes for August 13, 2015
- B. Personnel
 - 1. Approval of New and/or Restructured Positions
 - 2. Personnel Action Reports
 - 3. Substitute Teacher Approval
- C. Financial Items
 - 1. Approval of Tax Credit Eligibility Clubs
 - a. WHS Skills-Culinary
 - b. WHS Baseball/Softball "The Bases Loaded Home Runs Project"
 - 2. Sole Source Agreement with Curriculum Associates for iReady Diagnostic and Instructional Reading & Math Site Licenses
 - 3. Sole Source Agreement for Moodlerooms
 - 4. Wickenburg Unified School District Bus Leasing Fee Schedule
 - 5. Approval of the RFP for the Procurement of Diesel and Gasoline Fuel
- D. IGA's/Agreements
 - 1. Approval of Lifetouch Publishing to Publish the 2015-2016 Hassayampa Elementary School Yearbook
 - 2. Approval of Lifetouch Publishing to Publish the 2015-2016 Vulture Peak Middle School Yearbook
 - 3. Approval of Jostens to Publish the 2015-2016 Festival Foothills Elementary School Yearbook
 - 4. Intergovernmental Agreement with Saddle Mountain Unified School District
- E. Curriculum
 - 1. Revisions to the Wickenburg High School Student Handbook
 - 2. Revisions to the Wickenburg Virtual Academy/Wickenburg Digital Learning Program Student Handbook

F. Travel

1. Approval of the Hassayampa Elementary School Fifth Grade Field Trip to AstroCamp in Idyllwild, California
2. Approval of the Vulture Peak Middle School Eighth Grade Trip to Catalina Island
3. Approval of the Festival Foothills Elementary School Eighth Grade Trip to Catalina Island

G. Donations

1. Donation from the Thunderbird Foundation of \$500.00 to the Wickenburg High School Golf Team
2. Donation of \$40,000 to Festival Foothills Elementary School from Tom and Tina Blaney

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda for September 10, 2015.

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| Motion | Ms. Brown | Aye |
| Second | Ms. Gill | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Arnett | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Maglio | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Scott | Aye |

Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Policy Advisories

1. BEDB – Agenda
2. ECB – Building and Grounds Maintenance
3. FCB – Retirement of Facilities
4. GBI – Staff Participation in Political Activities
5. GCCB – Professional/Support Staff/Personal/Emergency/Religious Leave
6. GDQA – Support Staff Reduction in Force

Dr. Carlson commented about the revision of Policy BEDB – Agenda. This policy revision requested changing the agenda item “Recognitions” to “Recognitions/Proclamations”. The addition of “Proclamations” will allow the Board to recognize special events and/or accomplishments by issuing a proclamation.

No motion was required.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- ❖ Possible Capital Override
- ❖ Financial Calendar
- ❖ Accounting of Tax Credit monies
- ❖ Discussion concerning the grade point average to establish eligibility for extracurricular activities
- ❖ Discussion concerning granting teachers remote access to their computers at school with concerns about control and confidentially issues when items such as Synergy was worked on from their homes or other locations
- ❖ Discussion of the creating procedures and looking at the Governing Board Policy on Naming of Facilities (Board Retreat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CALENDAR

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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| Motion | Ms. Gill | Aye |
| Second | Ms. Brown | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Arnett | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Maglio | Aye |
| Vote | Mr. Scott | Aye |

Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Mr. Joe Maglio, Board President