

**WICKENBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9**  
**REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 8, 2016**

**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, Erin Johnson, Lynn Greene, Derek Streeter, Carissa Hershkowitz, Julie Case, Rose Garcia, Patti Slattery, Jim Missel, Paul Ulan

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Maglio called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Adoption of the Board meeting agenda for September 8, 2016

A motion was made to adopt the agenda for September 8, 2016.

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**

Mr. Paul Ulan of Primary Consultants presented the results of the community survey regarding the bond election. The survey was conducted from June 8 to June 13, 2016 with registered voters of Wickenburg Unified School District. Overall, the results were very positive, showing support for the passage of the bond.

Demographic information of voters surveyed included age groups, education, length of residency, gender and their involvement with the district. Questions were initially asked without additional information given. Following this, additional information was given and the questions asked again. Support rose after the additional information was given.

There was a good mix of Wickenburg and Festival residents polled; 1/3 of the people polled live in the Festival Foothills area. Support in the Festival area was 61% positive on the original questions and rose to 63% after additional information was given.

Ms. Brown commented that as 95% agreed about extra-curricular activities support, it might be a good thing to get a message out that buses are breaking down and kids are getting home late from sports trips and have to attend school the next day.

Mr. Scott asked about the percentage of those surveyed were voting no because of property taxes. Mr. Ulan told him they were working on the 15 to 20 % that will impact the results of the election, and it is up to District to communicate with the voters concerning what money will spent on and what the impact will be.

Ms. Gill commented that because a lot of the homes at Festival are second homes, those people may not even be able to vote. Mr. Scott told her there are least 50% of the residents who are not able to vote. Mr. Ulan told the Board there are approximately 2,800 registered voters in that precinct. Mr. Scott asked how many voted two years ago. Mr. Ulan told him 3,884 voted in the general election of 2014 throughout the district.

A sample of the first pamphlet to be mailed to all registered voters in the District was handed out to the Board. Mr. Arnett complimented Mr. Ulan on the pamphlet.

### **RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

Dr. Carlson showed the video taken of the Governor's visit to Wickenburg High School.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no response to Call to the Public.

### **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

- 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

Monthly school reports from the principals of Wickenburg Unified School District No. 9, which include enrollment figures, Safe & Orderly (Student Discipline) Reports, 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.

#### **Festival Foothills Elementary School**

Mr. Maglio noted there were no discipline referrals. Ms. Case told him they were working very hard on intervention. He also commented on the donations of a washer/dryer and a defibrillator.

#### **Hassayampa Elementary School**

Mr. Maglio asked about the adjustments being made to the Walkthrough Instrument. Ms. Hershkowitz told him each year the instrument gets tweaked just a bit to align to what the principal is looking for when observing the classroom and to remove any redundancy. He asked if the adjustments had not been made, would the scores from the Galileo Test be any different. Ms. Hershkowitz told him there would be a significant difference. Cut scores have been adjusted so the scores are more realistic and real growth can be seen. He commented on the number of new staff members (11 new staff). Ms. Hershkowitz told him they had gained some good people. She also commented that the HES Preschool had received their DPS Certification.

Ms. Brown asked if the additional donated backpacks were for the students who had missed the Rotary backpacks. Ms. Hershkowitz told her Wickenburg Ranch had donated backpacks. They also had an anonymous donation of backpacks. Also, two families donated brand new athletic shoes. To date, the counselor has given out 6 or 7 pairs. Mr. Maglio also commented on the signage that is displayed at the school.

#### **Wickenburg High School**

Mr. Scott commented on the difference in discipline between last year and this year. The suspensions had doubled from last year. He asked if there is a cop on campus. Mr. Streeter told him they only have a security person, but the police are quick to respond when called. Mr. Scott asked if there was a way to have the police on campus for about a week to help things calm down. Mr. Streeter told him the players

are all gone for the next week and some probably longer. Although retaining as many students as possible because of funding, the solution is to take this group of students and begin the discipline process; the school will probably lose about half of the problem kids. He further stated that it is his belief that all kids can pass and the school's job is to get them there.

Mr. Scott asked if Cambridge is used by other districts in Arizona. Mr. Streeter told him it is used worldwide. The high school is looking at using Cambridge instead of ACT. ACT's track record is not good; they have lost student tests, do not send out the scores from the EOC's (End of Course Exam) in a timely manner and there is not a strong alignment between ACT and AzMERIT. Dr. Carlson commented that people have had great success with Cambridge; the district will transition over the next 3 years. Cambridge is the most well established curriculum in the world. Mr. Scott asked why the District went with ACT in the first place. He was told the test dates were right and the language was similar and understandable, so it was logical to go with ACT at the time. If ACT had continued to support their product, the District would probably still continue with it.

Mr. Arnett asked what test instruments were being used for Cambridge. Mr. Streeter told him they will try to do benchmarking testing for students with Galileo to see where they are. Mr. Arnett asked if there was an end of course assessment for every course with Cambridge. Mr. Streeter told him yes, there was, but results would not be available until the following September.

Mr. Scott asked how the District would know when a student had earned the Grand Canyon Diploma (GCD) if the scores do not come in until the following September. Dr. Carlson told him the student would likely graduate in December. He also told him that US Cambridge was working with International Cambridge to align dates with the US. Mr. Scott asked how many students had earned the GCD. Mr. Streeter told him 5 students.

Dr. Carlson told the Board the state is in transition, with ACT going away. A possible solution would be to look at the AzMERIT as EOC. Students would then be able to be completed by the end of their sophomore year. He will be working with the legislature to consider the AzMERIT as the EOC.

Mr. Arnett asked if ACT bowed out of the curriculum business. He was told they did.

Ms. Brown asked how Power Hour was going. Mr. Streeter told her so far they are very happy with it. Administration has been preaching to teachers, "this is your group of students, call parents, own the list". By attaching a group of students to a teacher, they are looking at greater success.

### Wickenburg Virtual Academy

Mr. Maglio complimented Ms. Garcia about her engagement with parents by offering coffee/tea time with her.

## **BOARD REPORT**

### Barrows Neurological Report on Concussions, Mr. Curtis Arnett, Board Member

Mr. Arnett expressed appreciation for the Board taking time for the presentation of the Barrows Neurological Report on Concussions.

Barrows conducted a poll of 304 male and female teens between the ages of 14 and 18 to determine concussion awareness among Arizona teens and to learn how or where students are in concussions and what they are doing about it. He commented this had not been talked about very much before, but it suddenly became the top of the agenda. Concussion became topic of student safety.

Although Arizona athletes are required to take Barrow Brainbook training before participating in sports, about one quarter polled said they did not receive information about the signs and symptoms of concussion.

Mr. Arnett spoke of highlights on page 3 of the report. The first bullet stated almost 1/3 of high school seniors reported sustaining a concussion. Bullets 2 & 3 showed some students seem to be refraining from participating in high school football and soccer. Bullet 4 outlined what students said they would do with a suspected concussion. Mr. Arnett commented the information found under Bullet 6 bothered him. It stated that 42% of athletes with concussion say they are not afraid of the long term impact, although there is evidence that repeated concussive blows to the head can cause permanent damage. The last 2 bullets reflect increasing knowledge.

#### Update from WHS Athletic Director Jim Missel on Current Concussion Programs and Protocols

Mr. Missel told the Board this was a big thing to him. He gave the Board a handout with information on concussions. What the school is doing about concussions was outlined on the first page.

The protocol during the football games is to have a certified doctor present to determine if kid has a concussion or is able to go back into play. If no doctor is present, the officials will remove the player and not allow him/her back into play. Mr. Missel commented Wickenburg has the best team doctor, Dr. Jeremy Bramwell, who is trained to deal with concussions. Dr. Bramwell will be the only physician who is allowed to release a player to return to play.

Mr. Missel spoke of football helmets, commenting the school purchased helmets through Riddell. He told the Board the helmets are good for 10 years. The cost of a helmet is between \$250 and \$450, with prices continuing to rise. Players also wear shoulder pads and other protective gear; none of this equipment will prevent concussion. Kids need to be coached correctly.

He spoke of Impact testing, which is a computerized test for concussions. An athlete will have a baseline test done prior to participating in athletics. If a concussion is suspected, the athlete would take another test. The tests would be compared and the results analyzed. Dr. Bramwell is trained in ImPACT testing.

Mr. Missel stressed the importance of coaches receiving training and taking a basic test about concussions. He also stressed the importance of getting information out to parents, stating an important part of this is a fact sheet for parents.

He spoke of secondary concussion, where a player does not sit out long enough after the first concussion. It is important that athletes let their coach or AD know they have sustained an injury.

Mr. Scott left the meeting at 8:54 PM.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Business Account Summaries as of July/August 2016
- B. Payroll Voucher Summary for the amount of \$870,980.70
- C. Expense Voucher Summary for the amount of \$1,719,921.33

Mr. Arnett stated that he understood there would be additional reports for July and August. Dr. Carlson said reports would be provided moving forward. Mr. Arnett asked Ms. Johnson if the budget balances were positive, the cash balances were positive, if the District was in compliance with financial regulations, if the District was solvent, and was there anything that would question the Board's stewardship.

Ms. Johnson told him yes, the budget balances are positive, the cash balances are not positive at this time, the District was in compliance and solvent, and no, there was nothing that would question the Board's stewardship.

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

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

Motion passed 4-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### A. Governing Board Meeting Minutes

- 1 Regular Governing Board Minutes for June 23, 2016
- 2 Special Telephonic Board Minutes for June 30, 2016
- 3 Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2016
- 4 Telephonic Board Minutes for August 11, 2016

#### B. Personnel

- 1 Personnel Action Reports
- 2 Substitute Teacher Approval
- 3 Qualified Evaluators for Wickenburg Unified School District

#### C. IGA's/Agreements

- 1 Intergovernmental Agreement with Beyond Textbooks
- 2 First Amendment to the Agreement between Western Maricopa Education Center and Wickenburg Unified School District
- 3 Intergovernmental Agreement with Saddle Mountain Unified School District
- 4 Agreement with Dobridge & Company PC for Annual Audit Services
- 5 Approval of Lifetouch to Publish the 2016/2017 Festival Foothills Elementary School Yearbook
- 6 Approval of Lifetouch Publishing to Publish the 2016/2017 Hassayampa Elementary School Yearbook
- 7 Approval of Lifetouch Publishing to Publish the 2016/2017 Vulture Peak Middle School Yearbook

#### D. Donations

- 1 Wickenburg High School, Mr. Derek Streeter, Principal
  - a. Donation of \$500 from the Thunderbirds Foundation to the WHS Golf Team

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda for September 8, 2016.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

First Reading of Policy Advisories

1. Policy EBAA – Reporting of Hazards/Warning Systems
2. Policy JICI – Weapons in Schools
3. Policy KFAA – Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions

Mr. Maglio stated he was not in favor of the deletion of Policy KFAA – Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions; the regulation found under Title 36, Public Health and Safety, does not identify all factors to be taken into consideration for the school. Policy KFAA does identify all factors. Mr. Maglio further stated that he sees ASBA’s point, but wants to have all situations identified. As Policy KFAA is not against state law, it is legal for the District to retain it.

Ms. Brown stated e-cigarettes are not discussed in legislation, and agreed the policy should be kept. This allows the District to react quickly regarding anything new that kids will smoke.

Dr. Carlson commented administration would look to be sure policy is aligned with state laws by looking at legal references. No existing references would be taken out, but new legal references would be added.

No Motion was required.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Financial Calendar
- Accounting of Tax Credit monies
- Mr. Arnett would like to add information for the Board’s knowledge of how much money and assets in total is the Board responsible for.
- Mr. Maglio would like an update on Skoolive.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, CALENDAR**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Mr. Joe Maglio, Board President