

**WICKENBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
HOLIDAY SOCIAL GATHERING
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2015**

HOLIDAY SOCIAL GATHERING

The Holiday Social Gathering for the Governing Board began at 5:30 PM. No official business was discussed.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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 (via conference phone), Lynn Greene, Derek Streeter, Carissa Hershkowitz, Rose Garcia, Yucari Torres, Christina Strauss, Randi Joe Bowser

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Maglio called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adoption of the Board meeting agenda for December 10, 2015

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

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

Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Champions for Children – Ruben Madrid

Mr. Madrid was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Carlson stated that Mr. Madrid has been with District for 10 years, and is one of those individuals who dedicates himself beyond the job to help students and staff. He is involved in Cops who Care, the Wickenburg Town Council, plus many other activities. Mr. Streeter commented that he did not know how the school would function without Mr. Madrid. Mr. Maglio commented that he will run into Mr. Madrid on a Saturday, supervising kids who have community service and ensuring they are doing what is required and doing it well.

Wickenburg High School Update

Mr. Derek Streeter gave a presentation to the Board on updates occurring at Wickenburg High School (WHS). He told the Board the administration was developing a 5-Year Plan for the advancement of WHS. The plan involves Curriculum, Assessments, Instruction, The Grand Canyon Diploma (GCD), American College

Testing (ACT), End of Course Exams (EOC) Results and Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) information.

To obtain the desired result, a number of tools will be used, including:

- Pacing calendars (All courses must have pacing calendars)
- Benchmarks
- ACT Quality Core End of Course interventions
- AzMERIT
- WHS leaning system
- Professional development
- Essential Elements of Instruction (EEI)

Ms. Brown asked if the school had most of the kids who did not pass the EOC's retake them in the fall. Mr. Streeter told her kids can be required to retake the test only if it is a part of the classroom curriculum. She asked about AzMERIT. Mr. Streeter told her students experience burn out by time they get to AzMERIT testing. Testing fatigue is real and is a challenge, but you cannot have instruction without assessment. She asked how the school planned to motivate the students. Mr. Streeter said he did not know if you can; one challenge is to get teacher motivated, as you need enthusiastic teachers to get the importance of tests across to the students.

Dr. Carlson commented that the District is working with the Arizona State Board of Education to change spring testing; at this point AzMERIT is tied to the A-F Rating. They are attempting to get the state to say EOC's are tied to the rating and trying to go back to state and say make one test, not more. There are some directions we may be able to take in the future but right now we are in the same mode.

Dr. Carlson informed the Board that they are building an entire website dedicated to this, explaining concepts with videos and explanations. The goal is coming back to EOC and retesting. In looking at the job market in 2020, 60% of jobs will require a higher education. Looking at the data (obtained from the state) may give a student a reason to want to retest to show they are at that level. Dr. Carlson commended Mr. Streeter on moving forward with the 5-Year plan, stating they were now meeting weekly with the team and trying to lay it all out.

Mr. Arnett expressed appreciation for the report, commenting it helps the Board to put things into perspective. He also commented the school is moving in a positive direction and was pleased with requiring parents to come in and sign off on their student's 4-year plan. He felt this would increase communication between the school and parents, as well as between the parent and their student. He expressed appreciation to Dr. Carlson, Mr. Streeter and the high school staff.

Ms. Brown commented communication is much better this year, and it has helped to let her know what is going on at the school.

Ms. Gill asked about what subjects were taught during reteach. She was told English, social studies and split English and music teachers were involved in reteach. She asked how long these teachers have been with the District. Mr. Streeter told her they are newer teachers and have been at the District between 1 and 3 years.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Recognitions - 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 any contribution made to the District.

Proclamations - This provides the opportunity for the Board to recognize groups or individuals and/or publically issue a proclamation to recognize events and/or persons for special occasions.

Mr. Maglio gave Ms. Cori Ferguson, Director of Transportation, a big accolade on the article she wrote for the Wickenburg Sun.

Mr. Maglio commented he had attended the anti-bullying parent meeting at Vulture Peak Middle School. He commended Ms. Lougee on the program, commenting that she has taken on a problem that exists in every grade level. This was the second parent meeting and she is planning on doing the same presentation for students in a “kid format”, which he thought would be very helpful.

Ms. Brown said she had attended the choir and band concert. She commented it was amazing how many kids are involved and that they gave a wonderful performance.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

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 Summaries as of November 30, 2015
- B. Payroll Voucher Summary – \$685,370.08
- C. Expense Voucher Summary – \$260,755.83

Mr. Arnett asked about the income from the Adjacent Ways levy. He wanted to know when the remainder of the funds would be paid to the District, and if it was paid at the same time as the property taxes.

Ms. Farrar told him the payment is based on levy and the cash payments are received in November and April. There is also a 5% delinquency rate, which has to be pursued by the County. These funds and are paid to the District sporadically.

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.

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

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

Motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Study Session Minutes for November 12, 2015
 - 2. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2015
- B. Personnel
 - 1. Special Education Paraprofessional Job Description Revision
 - 2. Approval of New and/or Restructured Positions
 - 3. Personnel Action Reports
- C. Financial Items
 - 1. Sole Source for BrainPOP

D. IGA's/Agreements

- 1. Amended Church of Sun Valley Lease Agreement

E. Travel

- 1 Out of State Travel Request for the Hassayampa Elementary School Staff to attend the 21st Century Community Learning Center Best Of Out of School Time Conference

F. Donations

- 1. Donation of \$70 to Hassayampa Elementary School from Wells Fargo
2. Donation of \$200 to Hassayampa Elementary School from the Wickenburg Children's cultural Organization
3. Donation of Conga Drums and Bongos to the Wickenburg High School Band Department by Mr. Perry Hardy
4. Donation of Golf Clubs to the Wickenburg High School Golf Team by Mr. Tom Ployhart
5. Donation of \$400 to the Wickenburg High School Boys Soccer Team by McRann Excavating
6. Donation of \$500 to the Wickenburg High School Girls Soccer Team by Danny and Noemi Smith
7. Donation of \$500 to the Wickenburg High School Girls Soccer Team by ROC Equipment, Inc.
8. Donation of \$4,172 to the Wickenburg High School Rifle Team by Travis Tiner; Snap-Raise
9. Donation of a Paper Cutter, Laminating Machines and Electric Pencil Sharpeners to Festival Foothills Elementary School from Caring Neighbors of Sun City Festival

Consent Agenda Item D1 – Amended Church of Sun Valley Lease Agreement was pulled due to inaccuracies in the agreement. It will be brought back at a later date.

Mr. Arnett requested Consent Agenda Items 7-B3 – Personnel Action Reports and 7-E1 – Out of State Travel Request for the Hassayampa Elementary School Staff to attend the 21st Century Community Learning Center Best Of Out of School Time Conference be pulled for further discussion.

Ms. Gill request Consent Agenda Item 7-B3 – Personnel Action Reports be pulled, as she had a conflict of interest concerning the hiring of her daughter-in-law for the position of Classified Substitute.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda for December 10, 2015, with the exception of Consent Agenda Items B3 – Personnel Action Reports, D1- Amended Church of Sun Valley Lease Agreement and 7-E1 - Out of State Travel Request for the Hassayampa Elementary School Staff to attend the 21st Century Community Learning Center Best Of Out of School Time Conference.

Table with 3 columns: Motion, Name, and Response. Rows include Mr. Scott (Aye), Ms. Brown (Aye), Mr. Arnett (Aye), Ms. Gill (Aye), and Mr. Maglio (Aye).

Motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda Item 7-B3 – Personnel Action Reports – Mr. Arnett commented that he had noted the resignations of Christina Strauss, Festival Foothills Elementary School Principal and Vitoria Farrar, Executive Director of Business Services and expressed his appreciation to them for their service to the District.

Consent Agenda Item 7-E1 – Out of State Travel Request for the Hassayampa Elementary School Staff to attend the 21st Century Community Learning Center Best Of Out of School Time Conference – Mr. Arnett commented he would like to see a brief report on the conference, what it was about, what was learned and did it help.

A motion was made to approve Consent Agenda Items B3-Personnel Action Reports and 7-E1 - Out of State Travel Request for the Hassayampa Elementary School Staff to attend the 21st Century Community Learning Center Best Of Out of School Time Conference.

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

Motion passed 4-0, with 1 abstaining vote

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Policy Advisories

1. GDF – Support Staff Hiring
2. GDFA – Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements
3. JQ – Student Fees, Fines and Charges

A motion was made to approve the second reading of Policy Advisories GDF, GDFA and JQ, as submitted.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2016/2017 District Calendar

Dr. Carlson explained the reason for the later start date (August 9) for the 2016/2017 District Calendar was the rotation of start days; this will eventually work back to an earlier start date in August. He told the Board administration had considered several versions of the calendar, but determined it was best to go with the historical calendar.

A motion was made to approve the District Calendar FY 2016/2017, as submitted.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

First Reading of Policy Revision – FF – Naming Facilities

Revising Policy FF-Naming Facilities was discussed by the Board at the Board Retreat, which took place in November. Several samples of policies were included to provide information on guidelines from other school districts and towns.

Ms. Brown commented she did not think any of the policies provided approved of naming a facility after a current employee and it was rare for a facility to be named for a living person.

Ms. Gill commented the Board should not care if a person were still employed or living to name a facility after them. She also felt that it would be best to name a facility after someone while they still lived, thus conferring an honor on them. She felt the revision to the policy was making the process too complicated.

Mr. Arnett commented there was no need for this policy change, as the School Board had the discernment to do what felt proper. Future boards would have the same discernment, and he felt it would not be right to tell them how to proceed when taking action on this matter. While he had respect for the proposal, he would not like to see a yes or no vote on this matter. He respectfully made a suggestion to table the proposal, commenting he thought the current policy sufficient.

Mr. Scott asked why the Board should make the change to the current policy when future boards have the ability to change it at any time; whoever is on a board can discuss and decide if the situation arose.

Mr. Maglio agreed with Mr. Arnett and Mr. Scott, commenting the current policy has the latitude to allow the Board to say yes or no to any such proposal. He also agreed with Ms. Gill concerning naming a facility after someone had died. He also commented if the Board approved naming a facility after someone, and something negative surfaces at a later day, the Board would have the right to rename the facility

Ms. Brown commented there was no provision in the current policy to revoke the name of a facility if the person were found to be unworthy. She felt if that provision were placed into policy, it would be beneficial. Mr. Maglio felt it would be possible to insert the option to allow the Board to redact the naming of the facility if such a thing were to occur.

A motion was made to not consider revising Policy FF-Naming Facilities.

Motion	Mr. Arnett	Aye
Second	Mr. Scott	Aye
Vote	Ms. Brown	Nay
Vote	Ms. Gill	Aye
Vote	Mr. Scott	Aye

Motion passed 4-1.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- ❖ Financial Calendar
- ❖ Accounting of Tax Credit monies
- ❖ Discussion concerning the grade point average to establish eligibility for extracurricular activities
- ❖ Mr. Arnett would like to discuss a meeting with legislators prior to the legislative session at the November meeting.

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
Vote	Mr. Scott	Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Mr. Joe Maglio, Board President