

**WICKENBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9  
SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 2016**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Howard Carlson, Lynn Greene, Patti Jarres, Mike Riggin, Chuck King of RWC

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Adoption of the Board meeting agenda for December 13, 2016

A motion was made to adopt the agenda for December 13, 2016.

Motion	Mr. Arnett	Aye
Second	Ms. Brown	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 and allowing an opportunity for the Board to recognize groups or individuals publically by issuing of a proclamation in recognition of events and/or persons for special occasions.

Mr. Arnett wished to recognize the organization of the Open House, the organization of the Ribbon Cutting for the Hassayampa Elementary School parking lot and the student artwork display in the Board Room.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no response to Call to the Public.

**GOVERNING BOARD REPORT**

Report on Concussions – Mr. Curtis Arnett, Board Member

Mr. Arnett presented material to the Board and followed up on the issues brought forth a year ago concerning concussions. He stated he found it interesting that children who are getting banged around a bit are showing signs of damage from concussion. Ms. Brown commented that Texas is doing an in-depth study on concussion. Ms. Gill commented it would be really great to come up with a blood test that would show damage before showing signs of a concussion.

## **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, 2016
- B. Payroll Voucher Summary – \$931,489.46
- C. Expense Voucher Summary – \$665,205.09

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. Personnel

- 1. Certified Substitute Teachers

### B. Financial

- 1. School Facilities Board (SFB) Preventative Maintenance Report
- 2. School Facilities Board (SFB) Capital Plan

### C. IGA's/Agreements

- 1. School Health Implementation Plans (SHIP) Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Health Department
- 2. School Health Index (SHI) Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Health

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda for December 13, 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**

### Buses – Presentation and Action Item

Mr. Chuck King of RCW Group and Mike Riggan, Wickenburg Unified School District Transportation Director gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board with information pertaining to the buses recommended for possible purchase by the District.

Mr. King told the Board there are 4 types of school buses. The bus the District is considering is the IC Conventional bus, which is a Type C bus. The Type C bus is the number one selling bus in the nation. Of approximately 30,000 buses manufactured a year, 24,000 are the Type C bus. This bus has the lowest up front cost, the best mileage and is the most durable.

Ms. Gill commented that, from looking at the picture of the bus, it seemed like there was a lot of bus behind rear tire. Mr. King told her there are four seats behind the rear wheel. Bumper to bumper the bus measures 35 feet. Dr. Carlson told her the bus is a 77 passenger bus.

The Type C bus is being considered for the following reasons.

- Best fuel mileage of all models of buses
- Lowest life-cycle Maintenance cost of all models of buses
- Lowest up front cost of all models of buses
- Upgraded air condition system, Transit style ac compressor
- Leave no Child Behind Feature
- 3-piece front hood, do not have to buy entire hood if in accident
- Most economical front windshield, flat glass and rope installed
- Widest bus entrance, decreases risk injury to entry/exit the bus
- Upgrade camera system
  - This is an 8 channel 4 camera system
    - Able to add both interior and exterior cameras
    - The 4 camera system are placed to show front to rear and rear to front. One camera is located in the middle and one camera is located over the driver showing the view going out the door
  - 500 gig hard drive
- The best value for our taxpayers money

Mr. King spoke of the Leave no Child Behind Feature. This requires the driver to walk all of the way to the back of the bus and press a button within one minute of parking. If the button is not pressed, the horn goes off. This enables the driver to be sure there are no children left on board.

Mr. Maglio asked why there was a one minute timer for this action. Mr. King told him it must be on a timer to ensure the system is working properly. After one minute, the horn goes off; after 5 minutes, the headlights begin to flash. This ensures the driver has all possible opportunity to be sure there are no children left on board.

Safety Features include:

- Matted hood – driving into sunlight with a matted hood means the sun does not reflect into the driver's eyes
- Entry way 36 inches wide to allow entering and exiting the bus safer and easier. When in an emergency situation, two people can exit bus at same time
- One piece flat windshield – very economical with rope installed. This means the windshield is installed with a rubber rope around windshield. This is very economical and is the cheapest and easiest to replace. It can be replaced by the local glass company.
- Steering wheel and door control
  - The steering wheel and door controls are located on the steering wheel. This design is exclusive to IC buses.
  - Putting the controls on the steering wheel reduces the number of times the driver must look by 8 motions. It is very advanced and works very well.

Mr. Maglio asked what the likelihood was of the driver hitting the control and the door coming open going down the highway. Mr. King told him the bus must come to a complete stop to work the controls.

The seats are lap belt ready. There are 3 additional seat backs that could be purchased, one for a 2-belt seat, one for a flex seat with a 3 point harness and one for an integrated child seat.

Mr. Arnett asked what the national trend for seat belts on buses was. He was told five states now require seat belts. He asked about any incidents. Mr. King told him it was difficult to judge; he had not seen

where a child would have been affected on way or another. The biggest fear and concern would be how to free children from seatbelts if a bus were to go into a canal or into deep water. He pointed out that a school bus is one of the safest vehicles made, as the collision point would be beneath the seating area if a bus were hit. He also stated it would be a lot of money for seatbelts.

Ms. Gill asked, because so many things being automatic, if something breaks, could the doors be opened manually? She was told yes front door has a red handle that releases power going to the door and there are two breakout windows.

The buses will come with a deluxe AC system. The difference between this and the regular air conditioning system would be that the bus would have three blowers, one in front, one in back and one in the center. In addition, there is a separate compressor for the driver's dashboard air. It comes with a transit compressor, which fits under the hood and increases the efficiency of the air conditioning. The transit compressor, as long as it is well maintained, will last the life of the bus. Dr. Carlson added the regular air conditioning system cannot keep up with our weather; the idea behind this is to have a system that will cool all of the kids on the bus.

Ms. Brown stated she assumed the bus would have heat. Mr. King told her it has a separate heater, which is the same system in the current buses. Mr. Riggin told her it is quite adequate and keeps the kids and driver warm.

### **School Bus Route and Travel Bus**

This bus will be brought to the Board for approval in January

- Significant increased safety over coach buses
- School bus construction with 14 gauge steel roof and side bows
- IC school bus construction standard 16 gauge steel side and roof skin
- Students generally above impact zone of most cars and trucks
- Front and rear air ride for comfort for long trips
- 52 passenger capacity with upgraded upholstered bucket seats for long trips
- Will be able to use as a route bus
- Meets or exceeds FMVSS for travel buses
- Significant storage on both sides of the bus
- Ducted cooling system and individual AC control for each seat
- Reading lights for each seat
- Cameras that will show traffic on the left and the right for safety.

Mr. Maglio asked what the longevity on the upholstery was. He was told it was designed for commercial use and lasts at least 7 years.

The District plans to purchase two Type A buses. One will act as a special needs bus and will be equipped with a lift. Two of the seats will be able to be removed and tie downs placed in the bus to enable a wheelchair to be loaded on the bus. One of the largest pluses for this size of bus is that a driver does not need to have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) to drive it. Mr. Riggin commented the Type A bus already owned by the District is very popular; they are less expensive for the various teams as they allow the coach to drive and it is easier for the Transportation Department, as they do not always have an available driver.

Mr. Maglio expressed his appreciation for the presentation.

Mr. Arnett asked if any of the current buses would be left after purchasing the new ones. Mr. Riggin told him the District will retain, four of the newest buses. He asked if the buses would be purchased on a state contract. He was told they are purchased on a Mohave Contract, which is a consortium contract.

A motion was made to approve the to approve the purchase of fourteen 77-passenger buses, one 77-passenger athletic/activity bus, one 36-passenger special needs bus, and one 15-passenger bus and one 15 passenger “special needs” bus from bond monies.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Superintendent Evaluation**

A motion was made to convene into Executive Session.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Executive session began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 8:32 p.m.

Once back in regular session Mr. Arnett offered the following “final comments” regarding his tenure on the Board. He thanked the board for working together and noted that, although they are a team, they are clearly individuals with varied opinions and thoughts. He appreciated that there were no special agendas observed by board members. He commented they were tying back to our vision and mission statement, that every child has hope. He stated “We are oftentimes forced through the state to focus too much on test scores, but need to instead focus on people.” He also encouraged the Board to keep hope alive in our students and thanked the board for their service.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, CALENDAR**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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

Mr. Joe Maglio, Board President