

**WICKENBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 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, Lynn Greene, Debbie Hodgkiss

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 January 12, 2016

A motion was made to adopt the agenda for January 12, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

2015 AzMERIT Data Update by Debbie Hodgkiss, Director of CAILL Initiatives

Ms. Hodgkiss gave a presentation on the results of the 2015 AzMERIT testing, which is Arizona's standardized test. 2015 was the first year students took the AzMERIT test.

Ms. Gill asked how often students test during the testing window, which is from the last week of March through the first week of May. She was told the principals determine when students test during the testing window.

Ms. Brown asked if the high school students take the End of Course (EOC) test one week and AzMERIT test the next week. She was told they do. Dr. Carlson commented they are working with the state to possibly have high school students take only one test. He commented they would like to have them take the AzMERIT test, as the ACT EOC's cost approximately \$24,000 a year and the AzMERIT costs nothing.

Mr. Scott asked if a strategy has been worked out for when students take the different parts of the tests. Ms. Hodgkiss told him there is a recommended schedule to follow.

Ms. Gill asked what happens if one class is taking the exam one day at a certain time but a student is absent. Ms. Hodgkiss told her students are able to take a makeup test, as long as they are in the stated window of time. Ms. Gill asked what prevents students from looking at each other's work. Ms. Hodgkiss told her test questions are issued at random on each student's screen, so it is more difficult. However, the purchase of privacy screens is being looked into.

Mr. Arnett asked what the District has used the test results for internally. Ms. Hodgkiss told him they use the results in looking at curriculum and deciding where, if results are low, the need is to align the curriculum.

Mr. Arnett asked if there were any surprises with the test results. Ms. Hodgkiss said she was very pleased with Algebra II results. She was surprised to see Math look a little higher than English Language Arts, as students have done so well in reading. Dr. Carlson noted the Algebra II scores for WUSD were 30% above the state average.

Mr. Scott asked if AzMERIT was much more difficult or is the District just to the point of teaching to the test. He was concerned that if students are just taught to the test, they would no longer be able to figure out how to approach a question that was not taught on the test and if kids were being taught in such a way as to be able to deal with other related issues they will encounter later in life.

Dr. Carlson commented that, with Common Core, kids can learn how to address situations. The idea of Common Core is how to translate it to life.

Mr. Scott commented he felt the problem is when a student takes home a worksheet, they have to figure out the problem of the week, but in the end they were just taught another formula, and there were no thinking skills learned, just formulas. They don't necessarily learn to figure out the problem.

Dr. Carlson told him the District is using a program called Math 20/20. He commented when a District is looking at this big of a shift, you have to teach the teacher and look at growth, not only on the student side, but on the teacher side as well. Hopefully, with training such as Math 20/20, there will be less of this kind of teaching.

Ms. Gill asked if there were certain school districts or schools that scored really high on the tests. Ms. Hodgkiss told her she had no data on this.

Mr. Maglio asked if some students tested with audio and some with reading for the AzMERIT Test, and if so, why was that. Ms. Hodgkiss told him audio pieces were imbedded in the English Language Arts testing for all students. Students who have an Individual Learning Plan (IEP) in reading that provides for this accommodation will have the questions read to them.

Mr. Arnett commented that he was taught the concept of validity; the test item is valid only to the extent to which the test truly measures what the test makers think is being measured. Presumably all these questions/items have been checked for validity. He commented he is a real believer in testing, but is getting concerned in how much testing is happening and how much interpretation is being put on the results.

Mr. Scott asked if there is an example test he could see. Ms. Hodgkiss will email the link to Mrs. Greene and she will send it out to the Board.

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.

Dr. Carlson noted that Doug Clementz received the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Award and Mr. Curtis Arnett, Board Member, received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of service to the community.

Mr. Maglio recognized Lynn Greene for all she does in assisting the Board.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response Call to the Public.

BOARD REPORT

Bases Loaded Home Run Project Report – Mr. Curtis Arnett

Mr. Arnett gave an update to the Board on the progress of the project, which is going quite well. He said there are three parts to the project.

Part one - Financing

Construction to visitors' dugouts is budgeted at \$10,000. The amount of \$7,600 is currently on deposit in the Bases Loaded Home Run Project account at the District. The Wickenburg Rotary Club gave another \$2,500, making a total \$10,100. The total cost of the project is \$16,000 so another \$6,000 is needed. There are a couple of prospects that may come in, including a possible anonymous donation.

Part 2 and 3 consist of installation of the "Wrangler" and signage.

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Election of Board President

A motion was made to elect Joe Maglio as the Wickenburg Unified School District Governing Board President for the year 2016.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Setting Date, Day and Time of Regular Board Meetings

A motion was made to select the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM as the day and time of the regularly scheduled Board Meetings, and to approve the 2016/2017 Board Meeting Schedule, which begins July 2016 and ends June 2017.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the Board Operating Protocol

A motion was made to approve the Board Operating Protocol, as submitted.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Authorization/Re-Authorization of Signatures for Vouchers

A motion was made to approve the authorization of the use of Governing Board Member Signature Stamps from Amy Brown, Sandee Gill and Joe Maglio for the approval of Expense Vouchers and Payroll Vouchers.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Adoption of Carryover Items for Future Agendas

Mr. Arnett commented he would like to carry over the item of “Meeting with Legislatures”, taking out “November”.

A Motion was made to approve the carry over the following items from the previous year’s Items for Future Agendas list: 1.) Financial Calendar; 2.) Accounting of Tax Credit monies; 3.) Discussion concerning the grade point average to establish eligibility for extracurricular activities; 4.) Meeting with State Legislators

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Governing Board Conflict of Interest Statements

Wickenburg Governing Board Policy BCB – Board Conflict of Interest outlines the situations that Board Members may have a conflict of interest. Each Board Member was requested to sign a Conflict of Interest Statement for the coming year.

No Motion Required.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports include a monthly summary of business accounts, a summary of 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 Account Summaries as of December 31, 2015
- B. Payroll Voucher Summary for the amount of \$855,953.27
- C. Expense Voucher Summary for the amount of \$379,182.66

Due to Ms. Farrar being absent on maternity leave, the business account summary for December 31, 2015, will be presented at the February Board Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Payroll Voucher Summary and the Expense Voucher Summary, as submitted.

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. Study Session Minutes for December 10, 2015
2. Regular Board Minutes for December 10, 2015
3. Special Telephonic Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2016

B. Personnel

1. New/Restructured Positions
2. Personnel Action Reports

C. IGA's/Agreements

1. Agreement with the Town of Wickenburg – Parking Lots
2. Agreement with the Maricopa County Health Department and Wickenburg Unified School District School Health Implementation Plans

D. Travel

1. Out of State Travel Request for Staff to Attend Recruiting Fair in Michigan
2. Out of State Travel Request for Staff to Attend Recruiting Fair in Las Cruces, New Mexico

E. Donations

1. Anonymous Donation of \$100 made to the Wickenburg High School Bases Loaded Homerun Project
2. Mr. William Bircher has donated funds totaling \$200 to needy students in the Wickenburg Unified School District.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Rescheduling of February 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

Administration is requesting to change the date of the Regular Board Meeting from Thursday, February 11, 2016, to Thursday, February 18, 2016, as Dr. Carlson is scheduled to attend the AASA National Convention February 11 – 13, 2016. As he serves as an AASA Governing Board member, he is obligated to attend the conference, so would be unavailable to attend the regularly scheduled board meeting of February 11, 2016.

A motion was made to approve rescheduling the February 11, 2016 Board Meeting to February 18, 2016, as submitted.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Moving Location of March 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting to Festival Foothills Elementary School

Administration is requesting changing the location of the March 10, 2016 Board Meeting from Wickenburg to take place at Festival Foothills Elementary School.

A motion was made to approve moving location of March 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting to Festival Foothills Elementary School in Buckeye, AZ, at 6:45 PM.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- ❖ Financial Calendar
- ❖ Accounting of Tax Credit monies
- ❖ Discussion concerning the grade point average to establish eligibility for extracurricular activities
- ❖ Meeting with State Legislators

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
Vote	Mr. Scott	Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Mr. Joe Maglio, Board President