

**WICKENBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9  
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 12, 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, Derek Streeter, Carissa Hershkowitz, Jennifer Lougee, Brian Stradling, Stephanie Lucas, Chris Odam, Jacquie Cleys, Caitlyn Schaefer, Mr. Schaefer

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Maglio called the meeting to order at 6:53 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Adoption of the Board meeting agenda for November 12, 2015

A motion was made to adopt the agenda for November 12, 2015, moving New Business Item “Hassayampa Elementary School Fifth Grade Field Trip to Prescott Pines in Prescott, Arizona” to take place following the Presentation.

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. Brian Stradling, Director of Southwest Food Service introduced himself, Stephanie Lucas and Chris Odom, both of Southwest Food Service, to the Board. He spoke of opening day, new concepts upgrades promotions upcoming events and program improvement. Mr. Stradling commended the WUSD Maintenance Department for their prompt attention to any problems reported. He gave percentages for sales in the month of September and October, showing steady increases.

**New Concepts**

Several new concepts have already been incorporated into the program, with more to come. One of the new concepts that is very popular with students in The Blended Concept, which includes smoothies and a graham cracker.

**Upgrades**

Curbside Breakfast – Each day a food cart is brought out and serves items such as smoothies, cinnamon rolls and breakfast burritos. Curbside Lunch is done every Friday.

**Roving Chef** – Southwest Foods sends a chef to the District, who comes in and works with students, teaching them proper cleanliness and how to cook. The students have a great time with this activity.

**Upcoming Events**

A Thanksgiving Event is planned for November 23; all district parents are invited to join the fun

A “Date with a Dietitian” event has been planned; this event will help educate parents about nutrition

Hassayampa Elementary School Fifth Grade Field Trip to Prescott Pines in Prescott, Arizona

Ms. Hershkowitz requested the Board to consider approval for Hassayampa Elementary School change the annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade AstroCamp trip to Prescott Pines in Prescott, AZ. She told the Board a class dojo had been sent out asking parents their opinions on changing camps. Overall, parents were in favor of the change.

Ms. Hershkowitz introduced Ms. Jacquie Cleys, who gave the Board a presentation on the subject.

Ms. Cleys informed the Board that both camps offer many of the same activities. Both camps are a 3 day/2 nights. The camp in Prescott will cost less, allow more students to participate and is much closer. One big advantage will be the distance, enabling parents to pick their child up from camp in needed.

Some of the differences between AstroCamp and Prescott Pines are as follows:

<u>AstroCamp</u>	<u>Prescott Pines</u>
Limited to 30 students to participate	A minimum of 40 students
5 ½ hour bus trip	1 ½ hour bus trip
Cost per student: \$275.00	Cost per student: \$175.00

Mr. Scott asked what was different in the area of activities. Ms. Cleys told him one major difference is that AstroCamp is focused more on space; while Prescott Pines focuses on many areas of science, they do not focus as much on space. He asked what would happen if the minimum number of 40 students was not met. Ms. Hershkowitz told him if that happens, they may attend at the same time as another school. Mr. Scott asked if Festival Foothills had been contacted to see if there was interest in the camp, suggesting they may make up any numbers shy of the minimum of 40 students.

Mr. Maglio asked if money had already been paid for AstroCamp for the year. Ms. Hershkowitz told him no. He asked if the price this year was an introductory price for the first year. He was told it was the cost quoted on Prescott Pine's website. Also, there will be a savings in travel costs. Mr. Maglio asked how long Prescott Pines has conducted the camp. Ms. Hershkowitz told him she did not know, but would find out.

Ms. Gill asked if the school would have the option to return to AstroCamp in the future if the Board approved the trip for Prescott Pines for this year. Ms. Hershkowitz told her the school would not be bound to anything, and if the camp at Prescott Pines did not come up to expectations, they could go back to AstroCamp.

Mr. Scott asked what parents have to pay for the trip. Ms. Hershkowitz told him the parents were responsible for the full cost of the trip, but can write it off of their taxes for a tax credit donation.

Ms. Gill asked if the majority of parents wanted to go to Prescott. She was told yes, the majority of parents like the idea of their children attending camp close to home.

Mr. Arnett commented this would be more affordable for parents.

Ms. Brown asked Ms. Cleys if the students still participate in activities leading up to the camp. Ms. Cleys told her yes, the school will still conduct various activities prior to going to camp.

A motion was made to approve the Hassayampa Elementary School Fifth Grade Field Trip to Prescott Pines in Prescott, Arizona scheduled for May 9 through May 11, 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.

## **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 complimented Hassayampa student and expressed his appreciation for the artwork displayed in the Board Room.

Dr. Carlson told the Board Ivonne Acero was eliminated from the Voice but stated she had done an outstanding job and accomplished an amazing thing. He also stated the District was very proud of her.

Ms. Brown congratulated the Wickenburg High School Girls Soccer Team for raising the needed funds to form their team.

## **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no Call to the Public.

## **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 Lougee, Principal
- D. Wickenburg High School, Mr. Derek Streeter, Principal
- E. Wickenburg Virtual Academy, Ms. Rose Garcia, Principal

Mr. Maglio complimented the principals for doing a fine job on the principal reports.

Ms. Brown commented that she noticed Festival Foothills had a 94% participation in parent conferences. Ms. Schafer told her this reflected actual face to face meetings with parents. Mr. Maglio asked what method was used to achieve this result. Ms. Schaefer told him the middle school used a "Meet the Teacher" event, while the lower grades sent messages and email blasts to parents. They all worked to make the meetings convenient for parents.

Ms. Brown commented on Hassayampa's parent teacher conferences for Kindergarten students, commenting that sharing funny tidbits about the students showed the teachers knew something about their students. She also commented on the AR pizza party (pizza provided by the PTA).

Mr. Scott asked about the reteach and enrich for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Festival Foothills. He noted both were quoted as being 56% in reading and math. He asked if this class was that way last year in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Schafer had done research on this subject and was showing 100% for reading and 56% for math. This class has traditionally struggled with math. They are now working in small groups plus aids are working with students. Dr. Carlson commented the standard for math has increased and the bar has been raised.

Mr. Maglio commented concerning Hassayampa Elementary School's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program having helped over 200 students. He felt this was awesome. He wanted to clarify that tutoring classes were scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with Extra Support being offered on Wednesdays. Ms. Hershkowitz commented "Power Hour", which begins at 7:00 am, was really working well and worth observation. Kids are coming, doing work and getting ready for school with good attitudes.

Mr. Maglio asked Ms. Lougee if the Vulture Peak Middle School Highway Cleanup Project was on Hwy. 74, and what mode of transportation was being used. She told him yes, it is on Hwy 74 and students are being transported via the little van.

He commented on the awesome numbers at Wickenburg Virtual Academy, commenting this is a win/win situation as these students are still enrolled in the District. He expressed appreciation to the administration for the reports.

### **BOARD REPORT**

- A. Update of the on “The Bases Loaded Home Runs Project”
- B. Voting Records of Legislators – Legislative Session Ended 2015
- C. Article on Concussions

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Business Account Summaries as of October 31, 2015
- B. Payroll Voucher Summary for the amount of \$1,007,798.88
- C. Expense Voucher Summary for the amount of \$544,120.01

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

Motion passed 5-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

- Study Session I Minutes for October 8, 2015
- Regular Board Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2015
- Study Session II Minutes for October 8, 2015

#### **B. Personnel**

- Approval of New and/or Restructured Positions
- Personnel Action Reports
- Substitute Teacher Approval

#### **C. Financial Items**

- Approval of Tax Credit Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs
- Renewal of Tax Credit Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs
- Annual Preventative Maintenance Report – School Facilities Board

#### **D. Donations**

- 1 Donation from Bob Moore to the Wickenburg High School Theatre Department
- 2 Donation of \$320.00 to the Wickenburg High School Musical Production Program by Wickenburg Performing Arts Boosters.
- 3 Donation of \$1,800.00 to the Wickenburg High School Rifle Team by US F-Class Open Rifle Team/Mr. Richard Jensen

- 4 Donation of \$200.00 to the Wickenburg High School Rifle Team by Brazil Co., Inc.
- 5 Donation of \$500.00 to the Wickenburg High School Rifle Team by The Wickenburg Sportsmen Club
- 6 Donation of \$1,000.00 to the Wickenburg High School Girls Soccer Team by Mrs. Carolyn McDonald
- 7 Donation of \$2,500.00 to the Wickenburg High School Girls Soccer Team by Precision Blasting Services, Inc.
- 8 Donation of \$5,500.00 to the Wickenburg High School Girls Soccer Team by Mr. Craig W. David

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda for November 12, 2015.

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**

#### Second Reading of Policy Advisories

1. IKF – Graduation Requirements
2. JFAB - Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students
3. JFABC – Admission of Transfer Students
4. JK – Student Discipline
5. JLF – Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection
6. JLIA – Supervision of Students

A motion was made to approve the second reading of Policy Advisories IKF, JFAB, JFABC, JK, JLF and JLIA, as submitted.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### First Reading of Policy Advisories

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

No Motion Required

#### Scheduling of a Special Teleconference Meeting - November 19, 2015

Administration is requesting a scheduling a Special Teleconference Meeting for November 19, 2015, at 9:00 am to discuss the 301 Performance Pay Plan, the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the Wickenburg High School roofing project and the change of attorney for the suit concerning construction defaults at Festival Foothills Elementary School.

A motion was made to approve the scheduling of a Special Teleconference Meeting for November 19, 2015 at 9:00 am.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

### **POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personnel Matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.1) - Evaluation of Wickenburg Unified School District Superintendent.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:57 PM

### **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. Brown	Aye
Second	Mr. Arnett	Aye
Vote	Ms. Gill	Aye
Vote	Mr. Maglio	Aye
Vote	Mr. Scott	Aye

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

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

Mr. Joe Maglio, Board President