

**J.O. COMBS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015**

A public meeting of the J.O. Combs Unified School District #44 Governing Board convened on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the J.O. Combs Middle School. Members of the Governing Board present were Shelly Hargis, President; Kathy Bourgeois, Clerk; Pat Pinckard, Member (arrived at approximately 6:00 p.m.); Bob D'Elena, Member; and Dr. Gary Kemp, Member. Administrators, Directors, and Coordinators present were Marcus Berkshire, Tammy Stimatze, Angie Beauchene, Bradley Shepstead, Laura Ridge, Jane Rupard, Jack Wallbrecht, Santa Dunker, Kelly Guerra, and Karla Slovitsky, Dr. Patty Rogers, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Gayle Blanchard, Superintendent, and MaryLou Martinez, Administrative Assistant.

Call to Order – Governing Board President Ms. Shelly Hargis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. (Ms. Pinckard arrived at approximately 6:00 p.m.)

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Ms. Bourgeois made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. D'Elena, and the motion carried 4-0.

Call for Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03A (7) for discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property by President Hargis, seconded by Mr. D'Elena, and motion carried 4-0.

Reconvene into regular session at approximately 6:02 p.m.

Welcoming of Guests

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Blanchard presented regarding the many activities taking place around the district and community. She shared a few items from the Superintendent's Update:

- Current District Enrollment 4,583 students
- J.O. Combs Unified School District Business Department received its "A" long-term rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Services
- Combs High School Boys Varsity Basketball team placed 2nd in State Playoffs
- J.O. Combs Community Education Department hosting Combs Kids Spring Break Camp and Young Coyotes classes
- Tuition-Free All Day Kindergarten Program for 2015-2016 and the "Kindergarten Roundups"
- Simonton Elementary 2nd graders attended the stage production of *Slim Goodbody* supporting health education
- J.O. Combs Middle School Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math Club competed in the Rube Goldberg competition and received 2nd place award

Student of the Month – Ms. Amy Yates, Women and Infants Services (WIS) Director, from Banner Ironwood Medical Center (BIMC) was present to assist with the Student of the Month recognition. She shared some Banner happenings and new services highlights such as expanding on cardiology and pulmonary with a urologist joining the team this summer. WIS now has midwives that deliver at BIMC, offering tours, birthing options, and will be hiring two OB/GYNs at the Banner Clinic located at Ellsworth. Ms. Yates shared that BIMC will be setup at the Town of Queen Creek Roots and Boots event.

The J.O. Combs District continues to partner with BIMC recognizing one student every month from each of the schools where students are recognized for the various pillars of character, which include Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, Caring, Respect, and Fairness. Dr. Patty Rogers, Assistant Superintendent read a brief paragraph about each student and presented certificates to all recipients and they then had a photo taken with Superintendent Blanchard and the Governing Board.

Focus on Students – Mr. Mark Mauro Principal at J.O. Combs Middle School was not present. Ms. Laura Ridge, Dean of Students recognized the middle school Jazz Band and their teacher Mr. Scott Lloyd.

Ms. Julie Yonge discussed the STEAM competition and recognized the students who participated in the Rube Goldberg competition. She showed a video that highlighted the students’ creative and complicated machine and its chain reaction. Ms. Yonge explained that the task was to erase a chalkboard in 28 steps.

Staff Recognition – Ms. Ridge recognized the Fine Arts team consisting of Julie Yonge, Earl Thornton, Scott Lloyd, and Nicholas D’Arcangelo. She noted their tremendous contributions to the middle school campus. Mr. D’Arcangelo, Drama teacher, said there are over 80 students in the drama club and that students performed perfectly with approximately 60 students in the play. The performance sold out all three nights. Mr. Lloyd shared the highlights of concert dates over the past week.

Volunteer Recognition – Ms. Laura Ridge, J.O. Combs Middle School Dean of Students, recognized Ms. Mariann Sunita, PTO Treasurer. Ms. Ridge commented that Ms. Sunita is really the backbone of the middle school and they are thankful for her level of commitment for her service is invaluable.

Citizen’s Comments – None

The Governing Board invites the viewpoints of citizens throughout the District under guidelines as presented in Policy BEDH. (Policy BEDH—Public Participation at Board Meetings is posted in the Governing Board Room or available at the District Office.) State statutes prohibit the Governing Board from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but they do listen to compliments / concerns and request that staff follow up on any questions.

Approval of Consent Agenda Action Items – Ms. Pinckard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Kemp and the motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Beauchene, newly appointed Principal at Harmon Elementary, addressed the Board. She shared that she is very honored and excited to be the new principal at Harmon and that it has been a good experience over the past three months serving as interim principal. She was thankful for the opportunity and is very excited, grateful and fortunate to grow in her profession. Ms. Beauchene said she will continue to build relationships in the Harmon community, as well as with staff and students. President Hargis commented that the transition was an easy one for the parents and students and that her own children are very lucky.

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting February 11, 2015
- B. Business and Finance
 - i. Monthly Financial Report February 2015
 - ii. Student Activities Financial Statement February 2015
 - iii. Expense Voucher
 - # 6038 \$ 149,954.21 # 6040 \$ 131,731.58
 - # 6039 \$ 84,561.88
 - iv. Payroll Voucher
 - # 44 \$ 269,913.60 # 46 \$ 638,595.88
 - # 45 \$ 529,032.70 # 47 \$1,031,872.28
 - v. Intergovernmental Agreements
 - a. Memorandum of Understanding between J.O. Combs School District #44 and Pinal-Gila Community Child Services, Inc./Head Start Program for the period of August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015
 - b. Affiliation Agreement between J.O. Combs Unified School District and Mountain Vista Medical Center, LP
 - c. Data Processing Service Program Agreement 2015/2016 between Pinal County School Districts and the Office of the Pinal County School Superintendent
 - vi. Bid Request(s)
 - a. Recommendation for Proposal for Purchase/Adoption of Textbooks, Supplemental Materials, and Services for French I, AP Language Composition, TV Production, and Fundamentals of Information Technologies
 - vii. Bid Approval(s)
 - a. None

- viii. Purchase(s)
 - a. None
 - ix. Grants, Gifts, and Donations
 - a. None
 - x. Fee Schedules for 2015-2016
 - a. Young Coyotes, Kindergarten Prep, Peer Model Preschool, Combs Kidz Before and After School Program for Elementary Students, Combs Kidz Camps, Summer School for Elementary and Secondary Students
 - b. Food Service School Breakfast and Lunch
 - c. High School and Middle School Athletic/Activity Fees and Transportation Field/Sports Trip Fees
 - d. Elective Course and Other Fees for Combs High School
 - e. Community Use of District Facilities
 - xi. Overnight and/or Out-of State Travel Request
 - a. Combs High School, 2015 State Leadership Conference FBLA, Tucson, AZ, April 8-10, 2015 Grades 9-12
- C. Personnel
(A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) the Governing Board may go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.)
- i. Job Descriptions
 - a. None
 - ii. Administrative Staff: Resignation, Termination, Transfer, Leave of Absence, Employment
 - iii. Certificated Staff: Resignation, Termination, Transfer, Leave of Absence, Employment
 - iv. Support Staff: Resignation, Termination, Transfer, Leave of Absence, Employment
 - v. Substitute Staff: Resignation, Termination, Transfer, Leave of Absence, Employment
 - vi. Administrators, Coordinators, Certificated and Support Staff Renewal of Employment for 2015-2016

Proposal for Adoption of Google Apps for Education – Dr. Blanchard introduced this agenda item mentioning that at the Governing Board retreat last summer, technology was discussed in relation to where we are and where we want to be. Mr. Wallbrecht Director of Technology, then presented a PowerPoint with information regarding the service from Google, called Google Apps for Education, which includes web applications, email, calendar and documents/file sharing options. He discussed the background benefits to students and staff, deployment and transition.

Mr. Wallbrecht shared a video highlighting how teachers could use “google classroom” to distribute projects to students and for students to turn in their work, maximizing time in the classroom. He mentioned that Google Apps for Education is used by major universities such as ASU, Georgetown University, Brown, and Westminster University. Google Apps is also used in Arizona K-12 school districts in Maricopa, Scottsdale, Sunnyside, Mesa, Florence, Apache Junction and Paradise Valley.

Mr. Wallbrecht discussed unlimited storage options on a google drive and access to information wherever users are. He noted that email is very secure being one of the most secure systems in the world. It has a very efficient spam filter and built in archival system (Google vault), easy retrieval of email and the cost is free.

Mr. Wallbrecht discussed phase I, phase II, and III stating that District has completed phase I and are at phase II. He explained that phase III is the transition with a roll out to staff first. Google mail would be used exclusively come June 1.

Ms. Bourgeois asked if students would be using electronic devices in the classroom. She further asked if we have a policy on the use of devices. Dr. Blanchard explained that this is the first step of “bring your own devices” (BYOD) starting with staff first. Dr. Blanchard stated that before implementation of BYOD with students, procedures and policies would be presented to the Governing Board.

Mr. D’Elena inquired about the ability to hack into another person’s work. Mr. Wallbrecht stated the only way for that to happen is for the student to have another student’s name and password. Mr. Wallbrecht said hacking usually occurs from the outside.

Dr. Kemp spoke about the Google for Education website and the tremendous amount of information available online.

Dr. Kemp made a motion to approve the Proposal for Adoption of Google Apps for Education as presented, seconded by Mr. D'Elena and the motion carried 5-0.

Supplemental Instruction Materials Review for Combs high School English Language Arts and K-8 Writing

– Ms. Santa Dunker, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the three instructional materials that are being recommended for 60-day review. She mentioned that as we continue to align our courses with Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards (ACCRS), English Language Arts (ELA) Department in conjunction with the Curriculum Department are recommending the supplemental literature books. The additional supplemental writing program is being piloted by select K-8 teachers. The materials will be on display in the District's Curriculum area for the required 60-day review.

Dr. Kemp asked how soon the materials would be on display. Ms. Dunker confirmed that the materials would be on display starting tomorrow.

Adjournment – President Hargis made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Ms. Pinckard and the motion carried 5-0.

One or more Governing Board members will / may participate by telephonic or video communications. The Governing Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, unless a specific time is listed on the agenda.

The Governing Board reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorneys, in person or by telephone, for any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

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Governing Board Members

Shelly Hargis, President

Kathy Bourgeois, Clerk

Patricia J. Pinckard, Member

Gary F. Kemp, Ed.D., Member

Bob D'Elena, Member

Respectfully Submitted by:
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Administrative Assistant
Superintendent / Governing Board
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