

**J.O. COMBS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016**

A public meeting of the J.O. Combs Unified School District #44 Governing Board convened on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the J.O. Combs Middle School. Members of the Governing Board present were Shelly Hargis, President; Bob D'Elena, Clerk; Kathy Bourgeois, Member; Dr. Gary Kemp, Member; and Pat Pinckard, Member (absent). Administrators, Directors, and Coordinators present were Marcus Berkshire, Tammy Stimatze, Angie Beauchene, Sue Kruse, Chasity Cruz, Mark Mauro, Brooke Davis, Karla Slovitsky, Jane Rupard, Shannon Weber, Jack Wallbrecht, Santa Dunker, and John Scrogam; 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 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Mr. D'Elena made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Kemp, and the motion carried 3-0-1.

Welcoming of Guests – Ms. Hargis welcomed everyone and stated that the school year is off to an awesome start. She thanked the transportation department for their efforts in bussing students (no major issues).

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Report – Dr. Blanchard shared a few items for the superintendent's update. An official report was not prepared since we are just completing the seventh day of school. She thanked President Hargis for recognizing a smooth start of the school year and thanked leadership and district staff for their efforts.

- District enrollment is 4,680 students, which includes community Pre-K through Grade 12. That is 244 more than last year at this same time.
- Students were very busy over the summer with academic programs and extra-curricular activities such as summer band camp, leadership camp, and sports camps.
- Parent meeting and instrument rental event at Ellsworth Elementary on August 9th highlighting the Fine Arts program.
- Schoolmessenger as it relates to the November 8, 2016 Bond Election Informational Meeting at Combs Traditional Academy on August 23.

Staff Recognition – Dr. Blanchard acknowledged the accomplishments of the Business Services Department, the Special Education Department, and the Maintenance Department. Dr. Rogers presented the Special Education Department and the Maintenance Department, along with their staff, a certificate of recognition. The Business Department received an award.

- Business Services Department received the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award. Additionally, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFAO). This is the sixth year of receiving the ASBO award. Ms. Bourgeois acknowledged Ms. Slovitsky and the Business Services Department stating Ms. Slovitsky really holds the standard of excellence. Dr. Blanchard shared that a press release (including photo) was distributed to the media. Dr. Blanchard thanked Ms. Slovitsky for all her hard work.
- Special Education Department – the Special Education team met 100% compliance as it relates to the Public Education Agency Determination and all of its components. Dr. Blanchard clarified that District has always met compliance however this year we met 100%. She remarked, "Kudos to you and your team for all your hard work."
- Maintenance Department – the facilities are annually inspected by the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc. (the Trust). Ms. Weber received a great compliment from Brian Burback, Loss Control Consultant for her role. Dr. Blanchard thanked Ms. Weber for all that is done to keep our facilities in tiptop shape.

Focus on Students/Programs – Ms. Sue Kruse, Principal at Ranch Elementary, described how they are incorporating the summer Olympics into their curriculum over the next few weeks. Suitably named *Road Runners Road to Rio*, a variety of activities centered on the Olympics will take place throughout the week. Ranch will also tie activities to the character counts program. *Rockin’ with Character*, a friendly competition wherein students are provided a ticket with their winning character trait and names that are drawn are given an opportunity to carry the Olympic torch and to keep the torch in their classroom until the next winning student’s name is drawn. Several Ranch Elementary students presented on the topic of their winning character trait and were awarded a gold medal.

Ms. Bourgeois stated that she loves the teachers, administration, and the staff. She also commented that as a parent and as a board member, she is blown away by the excellence in our district. Ms. Bourgeois said, “to see such joy on their faces is not about them, the dedication is truly to our students and I, as a mother, will be forever grateful to you.”

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 – Mr. D’Elena made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Kemp and the motion carried 4-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting July 13, 2016
- B. Business and Finance
 - i. Monthly Financial Report July 2016
 - ii. Student Activities Financial Statement July 2016
 - iii. Expense Vouchers

	#	7063	\$	72,799.33		#	8000	\$	345,114.92
	#	7064	\$	102,517.27		#	8001	\$	399,064.90
	#	7065	\$	3,172.71		#	8002	\$	136,227.47
	#	7066	\$	18,352.87		#	8003	\$	37.28
	#	7067	\$	96,226.54		#	8004	\$	101,248.71
	#	7068	\$	13,643.78		#	8005	\$	249,105.35
 - iv. Payroll Vouchers

	#	1	\$	46,173.73		#	4	\$	137,506.25
	#	2	\$	10,445.67		#	5	\$	1,548.11
	#	3	\$	84,239.90		#	6	\$	2,936.76
 - v. Intergovernmental Agreements
 - a. Intergovernmental Agreement between Pinal County Community College (D.B.A. Central Arizona College) and J.O. Combs Unified School District No. 44, Dual Enrollment Courses
 - b. Field Placement Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents, the University of Arizona and J.O. Combs Unified School District No. 44
 - vi. Bid Request(s)
 - a. Recommendation for Approval to Issue and Release a Supplemental Request for Proposal for T-Shirt and Polo Shirt and Other Related Promotional Materials Providers
 - vii. Bid Approval(s)
 - a. None
 - viii. Purchase(s)
 - a. None
 - ix. Grants, Gifts, and Donations
 - a. Donation of books from James Glihsmann, valued at \$516.38
 - x. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Travel Request
 - a. Arizona Interagency Farmworkers Coalition Annual Conference, Prescott, AZ, Elizabeth Kloehr-Migrant Liaison, September 26-28, 2016 (Grant Funded)

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: Employment, Transfer, Leave of Absence, Resignation, Termination
- iii. Certificated Staff: Employment, Transfer, Leave of Absence, Resignation, Termination
- iv. Support Staff: Employment, Transfer, Leave of Absence, Resignation, Termination
- v. Substitute Staff: Employment, Transfer, Leave of Absence, Resignation, Termination

ASBA Proposed 2017 Political Agenda and Delegate Assembly Process — Dr. Blanchard spoke about the upcoming Delegate Assembly on September 10 and explained that this agenda item allows the board to review the information, discuss, and provide guidance to the official delegate regarding voting at the assembly. Dr. Kemp agreed to serve as delegate and the Board discussed the political agenda saying that J.O. Combs is represented and that its interests/issues are covered.

Ms. Bourgeois made a motion for the Delegate to vote on each item as discussed, seconded by Mr. D'Elena, and the motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment — Ms. Hargis made a motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m., seconded by Ms. Bourgeois, and the motion carried 4-0.

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

Bob D'Elena, Clerk

Kathy Bourgeois, Member

Gary F. Kemp, Ed.D., Member

Patricia J. Pinckard, Member

Respectfully Submitted by:
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Administrative Assistant
Superintendent / Governing Board
August 10, 2016