

J.O. COMBS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

A public meeting of the J.O. Combs Unified School District #44 Governing Board convened on Wednesday, September 14, 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 (absent); Kathy Bourgeois, Member (departed at 7:30 p.m.); Dr. Gary Kemp, Member; and Pat Pinckard, Member. 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, Kelly Guerra, 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 – Ms. Pinckard made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Bourgeois, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. D'Elena was not present.

Welcoming of Guests

Pledge of Allegiance – Combs Middle School student Naryah Lipford led the pledge.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Blanchard shared a few items from the Superintendent's Update:

- District enrollment is 4,683 students, which includes community Pre-K through Grade 12.
- Congratulations to Ms. Santa Dunker, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction on receiving the Arizona Cardinals grant to provide math training to teachers. J.O. Combs Unified School District received \$5,000 of the total to Arizona schools.
- Congratulations to Ellsworth Eagles on their Combs Family Football Night win! Approximately 400 canned food donations were collected and all proceeds go to the Combs Food and Clothing Bank. Ellsworth Elementary had the largest turnout and most canned food donations. They will receive a visit from the Combs High School Football players, Cheerleaders, Band, Student Council and Mascot for a pep rally.
- The Combs Education Foundation hosted its first annual board meeting on July 28 and elected the first Executive Board. Combs is very proud to have Sharon Lind, CEO of Banner Ironwood, serve as the President, Charles Newman, Pastor of Crossroads Church, serve as Vice President, Ed Boot, Board Member of the School Facilities Board, serve as Secretary, and Karla Slovitsky, Director of Business Services, serve as the Treasurer. In addition, Dr. Kemp, J.O. Combs Board Member, and Lester Chow, Pinal County Development Planning, are members at large. The Combs Education Foundation's mission is to support educational opportunities for students, staff, and families by funding the development and implementation of quality programs, establishing strong community partnerships, and supporting the goals of the J.O. Combs Unified School District.
- Simonton Elementary celebrates their second year as a *Leader in Me School*. On the last Friday of the month, Simonton honors their student of the month from each classroom with a Stallion Stampede. At the end of the school day, all students line the sidewalk and cheer for the students of the month. A certificate is awarded to them to take home.

Dr. Kemp shared information concerning the Arizona Schools Boards Association Law Conference and Delegate Assembly he recently attended. Dr. Kemp explained that most of the school districts of the state voted on 22 items as it relates to the political agenda. He invited community members to look up the information and to encourage the legislature to do something too. Dr. Kemp provided an overview of the various sessions he attended during the two-day conference.

Focus on Students/Programs – Ms. Brooke Davis, Combs High School Principal, introduced Ms. Melanie Weinstein and this year's student government leaders (StuGo). Ms. Weinstein and student leaders Beatriz Nevarez - Senior Class President, Genesis Lawlor - Senior Class Historian, Kyle Solomon - Junior Class Vice

President, Stefani Camacho - Sophomore Class President, and Melody Borjon - Class Treasurer spoke about the importance of leadership. Student leaders talked about building the Combs High School culture and shared their experiences about participating in StuGo. Ms. Weinstein commented they are an amazing group of kids and she is honored to sponsor StuGo.

Staff Recognition – Ms. Davis acknowledged Career and Technical Education teacher Ms. Alice Goodrick for the amazing work she does. Ms. Goodrick is the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club sponsor. Over the summer, Ms. Goodrick chaperoned a high school student to the National Conference in San Diego where the student earned a silver medal for her event. Additionally, Ms. Goodrick was named FCCLA Adviser of the Year for the state of Arizona. Congratulations to Ms. Goodrick for leading our students and now leading the state as national champion.

Volunteer Recognition – Ms. Davis recognized Ms. Chantel Mower stating how much she means to Combs High School. Ms. Mower is an active parent volunteer at Harmon and Combs Middle School as well. Ms. Davis thanked Ms. Mower for spending multiple days at the high school taking ID pictures and helping with bookstore days.

Student of the Month – Ms. Tracy French, Chief Financial Officer from Banner Ironwood Medical Center was present to assist with the Student of the Month recognition. Ms. French shared a few updates concerning Banner Ironwood. She is very happy to partner with the school district, serve the community, and help manage the health care of residents.

The J.O. Combs District continues to partner with Banner Ironwood Medical Center 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 the representative from Banner Ironwood, the Governing Board, and Superintendent Blanchard.

Ms. Martha McNair of the Greater Valley Area Health Education Center (GVAHEC) presented the Combs High School Medical Professions program with a \$3,400 grant. Ms. Susan Belshe and two medical professions students were on hand to accept the funds.

Ms. Belshe reminded those in attendance about the upcoming second annual Community Health Fair at Combs High School on September 20.

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 – Dr. Kemp made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Pinckard, and the motion carried 4-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting August 10, 2016
- B. Business and Finance
 - i. Monthly Financial Report August 2016
 - ii. Student Activities Financial Statement August 2016
 - iii. Expense Vouchers

#	7069	\$	8,553.79	#	8006	\$	185,784.33
#	7070	\$	5,088.50	#	8007	\$	1,282.02
#	7071	\$	32,558.40	#	8008	\$	281,518.28
				#	8009	\$	115,611.91
				#	8010	\$	283,202.80

- iv. Payroll Vouchers

#	7	\$ 578,630.94	#	9	\$ 627,964.78
#	8	\$ 149,412.82	#	10	\$ 296,995.40
- v. Intergovernmental Agreements
 - a. Arizona State University Student Placement Agreement
 - b. Student Placement Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University and J.O. Combs Unified School District
 - c. Pima County Joint Technical Education District and J.O. Combs Unified School District concerning the Arizona CTE Curriculum Consortium
- vi. Bid Request(s)
 - a. None
- vii. Bid Approvals(s)
 - a. None
- viii. Purchase(s)
 - a. None
- ix. Grants, Gifts and Donations
 - a. Donation of six (6) Lenovo Ideapads 100S Chromebooks from Ms. Jacqueline Cross for Ranch Elementary School, estimated value at \$1,186
 - b. Donation of 20 HP Laptop Computers and 17 Docking Stations from Mr. Wayne Koback for Combs High School, estimated value at \$3,900
- x. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Travel Request
 - a. Schoolmaster Conference, Professional Development, Prescott, AZ, Deanna Craine - SAIS Coordinator, October 3-4, 2016
 - b. Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training, Professional Development, Tucson, AZ, Cathy Lolley - Campus Security and Brendan Stynes - Program Specialist, October 10-14, 2016 (Grant Funded)
 - c. ACOVA Fall Conference, Professional Development, Prescott, AZ, John Scrogam - CTE Coordinator, November 2-4, 2016 (Grant Funded)
 - d. ASPAA Conference, Professional Development, Prescott, AZ, Dr. Patty Rogers - Assistant Superintendent, November 16-18, 2016
 - e. Heritage Festival, Anaheim (hotel) and Fullerton (festival site), CA, Combs Middle School and Combs High School Orchestra, Band, and Choir students, Gr. 7-8 and Gr. 9-12, May 12-14, 2017
- xi. Disposal of Outdated Capital Items and Technology Equipment
 - a. *itemized list available for review at District Office*

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. Kinder Prep Assistant
- 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

Student Achievement Goals — Ms. Santa Dunker, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction as well as Principals presented a PowerPoint to discuss AzMERIT Math, English Language Arts, and AIMS Science goals including action steps and strategies to achieve said goals.

Ms. Dunker indicated that by May 2017, district-wide math and ELA will have an average increase of 6% passing proficiency, as measured by AzMERIT and district-wide science will have an average increase of 4% passing proficiency, as measured by AIMS.

Ms. Dunker stated that the instructional resource review committee will look at units of study (align academics) and identify resources for future. She also noted that the recently received Arizona Cardinals grant would be used for math training to teachers.

Ms. Hargis commented that she appreciates Leadership taking the time to set the goals and present them to the board. The Board looks forward to hearing more about this topic at a future meeting.

Governing Board Approval of J.O. Combs Unified School District's Parent Organizations for the 2016-2017 School Year —

- Ellsworth Elementary, Ranch Elementary, and Combs High School Booster Club

Dr. Blanchard presented Ellsworth, Ranch, and Combs High School parent group applications for the Board's official approval. This is a requirement so that Arizona Risk Retention Trust will recognize and include these parent support groups. Additional applications received will be brought to the Board for approval.

Dr. Kemp made a motion to Approve the J.O. Combs Unified School District's Parent Organizations for the 2016-2017 school year as listed: Ellsworth Elementary, Ranch Elementary, and Combs High School Booster Club, seconded by Ms. Bourgeois, and the motion carried 4-0.

Policy First Read — Dr. Blanchard presented the ASBA policies for a first read. She mentioned that many of the policy changes are due to House Bill 2190 as it relates to the new law and the policies were shared with Leadership.

Dr. Blanchard highlighted a few of the changes such as:

- Weapons in School--does not change what we do in the school district. This policy reflects the law and right-of-ways.
- Student Wellness--it is okay if we have a school garden, we can wash and eat those foods
- Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions--in the state of Arizona under Title 36, smoking is prohibited in public places. This policy does not change our practice in the school district.

No action is required at this time. These policies will be brought back to the Board for a second read.

EBA	Reporting of Hazards/Warning Systems
IKE-RB	Promotion and Retention of Students
JC	School Attendance Areas
JFABD	Admission of Homeless Student
JFB	Open Enrollment
JICI	Weapons in School
JJJ	Extracurricular Activity Eligibility
JL-RA	Student Wellness
KB	Parental Involvement in Education
KFAA	Smoking on School Premises at Public Functions

School Facilities Board Capital Plan — Dr. Blanchard explained District must submit a capital plan to the School Facilities Board (SFB) annually, however we must first present to the Board for official approval. She noted that Ms. Karla Slovitsky, Director of Business Services collects data as it relates to building and housing development in relation to new schools. Dr. Blanchard pointed out the SFB's K-5 and 6-8 configurations and presented District's K-6, 7-8, and 9-12 configuration documents. In looking at K-6, based on new construction and yield numbers provided by SFB, there is no need for a new elementary school beyond 2025-2026. In looking at grades 7-8, the facility need is beyond 2025-2026 and 9-12 no need beyond 2025-2026. This data is updated annually and with continued conversations with developers and builders, any changes would be brought back to the Board.

Ms. Pinckard made a motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2017 School Facilities Board Capital Plan as presented, seconded by Dr. Kemp, and the motion carried 4-0.

Call for Executive Session — Dr. Kemp made a motion to call for executive session at 7:17 p.m. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for the Purpose of Discussion or Consideration of Reviewing the Superintendent's Performance Plan and Goals, seconded by Ms. Hargis, and the motion carried 4-0.

Reconvene into regular session at 7:43 p.m.

Adjournment — Dr. Kemp made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Ms. Hargis, and the motion carried 3-0.

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
September 14, 2016