

J.O. COMBS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

A public meeting of the J.O. Combs Unified School District #44 Governing Board convened on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:33 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 6:00 p.m.); Bob D'Elena, Member; and Dr. Gary Kemp, Member. Administrators, Directors, and Coordinators present were Marcus Berkshire, Tammy Stimatze, Bradley Shepstead, Sue Kruse, Mark Mauro, Brenda Mayberry, Karla Slovitsky, Jane Rupard, Jack Wallbrecht, Shannon Weber, 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 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Dr. Kemp made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. D'Elena, and the motion carried 4-0. Ms. Pinckard arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Call for Executive Session – Ms. Hargis called for executive session at 5:34 p.m., seconded by Ms. Bourgeois, and the motion carried 4-0.

Reconvened into regular session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Welcoming of Guests

Pledge of Allegiance – President Hargis invited CHS student Racquel Carpenter to lead the pledge.

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

- Current District enrollment is 4,489 students, an increase of 50 students from last month's enrollment data
- Combs Middle School fall sports game highlights
- Simonton Elementary Habit Hero lunch with Principal Shepstead
- Grandparents Day events and activities planned at school sites
- Combs Traditional Academy Flag Ceremony taking place September 11
- Combs High School Homecoming Parade and Tailgate/Bonfire as well as Trunk or Treat, October 29
- Bond Informational Meeting at Combs Traditional Academy, Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteer Recognition – Ms. Mayberry, Principal at Combs High School recognized Ms. Chevaun Craven stating she has been significant in the development of the booster organization. Ms. Mayberry thanked Ms. Craven for her help with Combs High School bookstore days as well as her commitment to the high school.

Staff Recognition – Ms. Mayberry also recognized Mr. Nicholas Smith, Drama and Agriculture teacher. Ms. Mayberry remarked that the drama program is growing by "leaps and bounds." She referred to the production "All in the Timing" which is set for September 24-26, 2015 at Combs High School Library.

Focus on Students/Programs – After recognizing staff and volunteer, Ms. Mayberry put a spotlight on the drama students. Mr. Smith said he is excited about the direction the drama students are heading and invited the community to the fall production "All in the Timing" by David Ives, a collection of short comedies. Students performed one of the comedies, the drama skit "Sure Thing."

Student of the Month – Ms. Tracy French, Chief Financial Officer from Banner Ironwood Medical Center (BIMC) was present to assist with the Student of the Month recognition. Ms. French said Banner is proud to be a neighbor and partner in the community as well as a partner for student of the month recognition. She mentioned that Banner has expanded their OB-GYN services/prenatal care, adding two new doctors Dr. Lowe and Dr. Danielson, noting Banner Ironwood was first in pioneering midwife services here in San Tan Valley.

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 the representative from Banner Ironwood, the Governing Board, and Superintendent Blanchard.

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. Hargis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. D’Elena, and the motion carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Minutes

- i. Regular Meeting August 12, 2015

B. Business and Finance

- i. Monthly Financial Report August 2015

- ii. Student Activities Financial Statement August 2015

iii. Expense Vouchers

#	6065	\$	24,218.05	#	7005	\$	326,061.41
#	6066	\$	2,783.34	#	7006	\$	206,777.74
#	6067	\$	240,351.09	#	7007	\$	845.87
#	6068	\$	216.61	#	7008	\$	175,880.00
#	6069	\$	14,501.98	#	7009	\$	272,200.50

iv. Payroll Vouchers

#	6	\$	129,859.36	#	9	\$	586,805.66
#	7	\$	527,735.60	#	10	\$	292,568.26
#	8	\$	859.10				

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

vi. Bid Request(s)

- a. Recommendation for Proposal Preparation for Purchase/Adoption of Textbooks and Supplemental Materials and Services for Math K-8 Special Education; Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry

vii. Bid Approvals(s)

- a. None

viii. Purchase(s)

- a. None

ix. Grants, Gifts and Donations

- a. Donation of school supplies from Encanterra Community Service League, coordinated by Debra Zalansky, valued at \$800 dollars to the District
- b. Donation of school supplies from anonymous donor to be used where needed
- c. Donation of ten (10) Lenovo N21 Chrome Books from anonymous donors (DonorsChoose.org) valued at \$1,994.80 plus tax to Combs High School
- d. Donation for a portion of shade structure for playground valued at \$14,533.96 from Combs Traditional Academy PTO
- e. Donation of use of two evaporative misting coolers for Combs High School athletic program, coordinated by ARCADIS and supplied by Matrix Plumbing & Mechanical
- f. Grant from University of Phoenix and Arizona Cardinals Donate to Educate program for Anti-Bullying Curriculum and Assembly in the amount of \$3,000 to Ranch Elementary
- g. Grant from University of Phoenix and Arizona Cardinals Donate to Educate program in the amount of \$5,000 for Chrome Books to Combs High School

x. Overnight and/or Out-of-State Travel Request

- a. ACOVA Fall Conference, Professional Development, Prescott, AZ, John Scrogam - CTE Coordinator, November 4-6, 2015 (Grant Funded)
- b. OELAS Conference, Professional Development, Tucson, AZ, Jamie Haugland - ELL Teacher, December 8-10, 2015
- c. Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, Professional Development, Julie Trent, CHS Band Teacher, Chicago, IL, December 15-20, 2015

- xi. Instrument Rental Fee
- 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. Facility Ranger
- 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

Accountability and Achievement Update – Ms. Santa Dunker, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction led the presentation by sharing the district goals focusing on reading and math. She discussed strategies to achieve the goals having worked with District Leadership to set goals. Ms. Dunker pointed out science will be shared later. Each principal addressed their efforts towards increased achievement in reading and math as well as increased community engagement and staff retention strategies.

Ms. Hargis asked Mr. Berkshire, CTA Principal about the A+ school application process. Mr. Berkshire shared CTA would know by the end of February if they qualify for a site visit and would be notified in April if accepted.

Dr. Rogers recognized and thanked Ms. Kelly Guerra, Coordinator of Community Education and Mr. Berkshire, CTA Principal for assisting principals with Facebook and Twitter accounts over the summer.

Ms. Hargis shared her thoughts on community engagement strategies mentioning two activities/events such as the farmers market at the high school and PolarFest at the middle school. Ms. Guerra indicated that she is helping facilitate the PolarFest event. Ms. Guerra mentioned an upcoming Home and Garden show at Ellsworth Elementary.

Governing Board Approval of J.O. Combs Unified School District’s Parent Organizations for the 2015-2016 School Year – Ms. Hargis abstained from voting on this agenda item.

- Combs High School, J.O. Combs Middle School, and Ranch Elementary

Dr. Blanchard explained this is an annual requirement in which applications are brought to the Board for approval. It provides for official recognition as a parent support group and therefore Arizona Risk Retention will recognize. Dr. Blanchard noted that Ms. Karla Slovitsky will continue to provide training to the parent/teacher organizations.

Dr. Kemp made a motion to Approve the J.O. Combs Unified School District’s Parent Organizations for the 2015-2016 school year as listed: Combs High School, J.O. Combs Middle School, and Ranch Elementary, seconded by Ms. Pinckard, and the motion carried 4-0.

Policy Second Read – Dr. Blanchard presented these items noting they were discussed at the August board meeting. The majority of information reflects changes in language because of the legislative session.

FCB	Retirement of Facilities
GBI	Staff Participation in Political Activities
GCBA	Professional Staff Salary Schedules
GDQA	Support Staff Reduction in Force
IKE-RB	Promotion and Retention of Students
IKF	Graduation Requirements
JFAB	Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students
JFABC	Admission of Transfer Students
JK	Student Discipline
JK-RB	Student Discipline
JLIA	Supervision of Students
JQ-R	Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
JQ-EB	Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
JRCA-R	Request for Transfer of Records
KDB-R	Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Information
LH	Relations with Education Accreditation Agencies

Mr. D'Elena made a motion to Approve the Second Read Policies as presented, seconded by Ms. Bourgeois, and the motion carried 5-0.

School Facilities Board Capital Plan – Ms. Karla Slovitsky, Director of Business Services recommended approval of the capital plan as presented. Ms. Slovitsky explained District must submit a capital plan to the School Facilities Board annually. She explained the process of contacting developers in the area to get a feel of what is happening with local development in the area and does not anticipate building any facilities.

Mr. D'Elena inquired about the enrollment for design capacity data which shows a negative in 2021-2022. Ms. Slovitsky explained the District has to be over capacity for more than a year before the process starts.

Mr. D'Elena made a motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2016 School Facilities Board Capital Plan as presented, seconded by Dr. Kemp, and the motion carried 5-0.

Call for Executive Session – Ms. Hargis made a motion to call for executive session at 7:13 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. Pinckard, and the motion carried 5-0.

Reconvene into regular session at 8:07 p.m.

Approval of Addendum to Superintendent's Contract to Address Inconsistencies in Contractual Language – There were no questions or discussion on this agenda item.

Dr. Kemp made a motion to Approve the Addendum to Superintendent's Contract as presented, seconded by Ms. Pinckard, and the motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment – Ms. Hargis made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. D'Elena 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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Superintendent / Governing Board
September 9, 2015