



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
FOUNTAIN HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98**

"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"

December 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Fountain Hills Unified School District #98, Maricopa County, was called to order at **5:30 p.m.** at the FHUSD Learning Center, 16000 E. Palisades Blvd., Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were: Jill Reed, President; Edith Stock, Vice President; Dr. C.T. Wright; Judith Rutkowski, and Dr. Wendy Barnard.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Reed called upon Dr. Patrick Sweeney to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session

Mrs. Stock moved the Board go into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. to conduct the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(1). Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

Informational Reports

- a. Superintendent Comments** – Dr. Patrick Sweeney
 - Dr. Sweeney visited the 6th grade science class and was impressed by the students' presentations and outstanding projects.
 - Dr. Sweeney thanked parents and board members for attending the Parent Forums. Each session went well and encouraged dialogue, questions and answers. Dr. Sweeney hopes to conduct a parent forum quarterly.
- b. STUGO Report** – No report
- c. Student Activity Accounts**
- d. Auxiliary Account Funds**
- e. Site Council Minutes** – Mrs. Reed requested that the High School Site Council Minutes report the members in attendance.
- f. Current Enrollment**

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

- a. Donations – approximately \$456.00
- b. Accounts Payable Vouchers – November 1 through November 30, 2015
- c. Payroll Vouchers – November 19 through December 3, 2015

- d. Personnel Actions – **Separations:** Gary Kay (HS Custodian), Lupe Browning (Aide), Lydia Smout (Library Tech), Cindy Mugford (Aide), Kaycee Hixson (Aide).
- e. Minutes of November 10, 2015

Mrs. Rutkowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Information/Discussion Items

The **Fountain Hills Middle School Earthquest Trip to Imperial Beach, San Diego, California** will replace the traditional 8th grade trip to Catalina Island. The YMCA Camp Surf is available for much less than Catalina but still offers science experiences without requiring a boat ride. The 8th grade students will participate in a variety of activities that are aligned to Arizona standards. Students will also have firsthand experience with estuary and beach life. Pending Board approval the trip will be scheduled for April 20-22, 2016.

The passage of the 2013 Bond Election authorized the district to spend \$750,000 on **Pupil Transportation vehicles**. The passage of the 2014 Capital Override allows the district to purchase \$62,000 in student transportation vans. The Transportation Department is proposing a purchase of vehicles in accordance with these two funding sources.

Action

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **STUGO State Convention trip** to Flagstaff (Coconino High School) on February 4-6, 2016. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **Intergovernmental Agreement between the East Valley Institute of Technology** and Fountain Hills Unified School District for 2015-2016. Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Stock moved the Board authorize Administration to issue a **Request for Quote (RFQ) for E-Rate Eligible Services**. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Future Action

- Earthquest Trip to Imperial Beach, San Diego, CA
- Purchase of Pupil Transportation Vehicles

Governing Board Reports

- Dr. Barnard attended the McDowell Mountain 3rd grade holiday concert. The students did an outstanding job and performed to a packed house. She also attended the Parent Forum and was pleased to hear all the good things happening in the district.
- Mrs. Stock attended the McDowell Mountain Fun Run and the Parent Forum. She also served at the McDowell Mountain Grandperson's Luncheon.
- Mrs. Rutkowski is living vicariously through Facebook. She is excited to see the various postings from the schools. She also attended the Parent Forum and feels we are moving in the right direction with good communication.
- Mrs. Reed toured the high school with Mr. Brennan and observed an informal assessment of a classroom. Mr. Brennan is able to assess the teacher and classroom and send the results to the instructor within 30 minutes. Mrs. Reed served at the McDowell Mountain Grandperson's Day Luncheon and also attended the Parent

Forums. The forums educated parents well and showed off positive things in the schools. She looks forward to future forums.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, Organizational meeting 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 27, 2016, Regular meeting 6:30 p.m.

At 6:55 p.m. Mrs. Rutkowski moved to adjourn the business meeting. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Dated this 9th day of December 2015

Jill Reed, President

Edith Stock, Vice President

Dr. C.T. Wright

Judith Rutkowski

Dr. Wendy Barnard