



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

*“We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence”*

**March 9, 2016**

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. Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Reed called upon Steve Chapman, ASBA Maricopa County Co-Director to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Executive Session**

Dr. Wright moved the Board go into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. for discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (5). Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

**The regular meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m.**

**Informational Reports**

**a. Superintendent Comments – Dr. Patrick Sweeney**

- The District participated in the AZ SciTech Festival at the Fountain Hills Great Fair. There were displays including K-12 interactive experiences for kids and adults. The Vex IQ robotics field was especially popular with everyone.
- The PTO Annual Gala held at Firerock Country Club was a blast. The district appreciates the ongoing support of the PTO as they provide tremendous resources for our students.
- Tomorrow is the last day of classes for our students and Friday is the last day for staff and then Spring Break!

**b. STUGO**

- Junior class is busy with preparations for Prom. The date is April 23. The venue and theme will be announced at the Fashion Show on March 21.
- The Blood Drive was held on Tuesday with approximately 20 participants.

**c. Student Activity Accounts**

**d. Auxiliary Account Funds**

**e. Site Council Minutes**

- f. **Current Enrollment** – Loss of 8 from last month. The majority of students moved out of the area, one student moved to online classes, and one transferred to Mesa public schools.

**Public Comments** – Mr. Steve Chapman, ASBA Maricopa County Co-Director brought greetings and introduced himself to the Governing Board.

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Disposal of Fixed Assets – Various items from the Technology Department (Printers, Battery BU, Cisco Micro Switch, Projectors, TV/VCR combo).
- b. Accounts Payable Vouchers – February 1 through February 29, 2016
- c. Payroll Vouchers - February 25, 2016
- d. Personnel Actions – **Hired:** Joanne Pateras (CDL Bus Driver) **Resignations:** Mary Ellen O’Keefe (PreK SPED MM); Rachel McElligott (SPED FP); Sarah Yaron (SPED FHMS); Michael Karpinski (SPED FHHS)
- e. Minutes of February 24, 2016
- f. Policy BEC – Executive Sessions/Open Meetings, Policy BEDA – Notification of Board Meetings, and Policy GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Member
- g. Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings
- h. Policy IKE – Promotion and Retention of Students
- i. Policy IFK – Graduation Requirements
- j. Policy JFAB – Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Student
- k. Policy JK – Student Discipline

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

### **Information/Discussion Items**

#### **Language in Dr. Allen’s and Ms. Lynch’s Contracts: (Certified Administrator – A.R.S. 15-503 (D))**

By **April 15** of each year, District shall determine and shall notify EMPLOYEE either that this contract has been extended for an additional school year on the same terms and conditions as set forth herein, subject to such increased compensation as DISTRICT shall determine, or that DISTRICT has declined to so extend this contract. If DISTRICT determines to extend, then this contract shall thereupon be extended by one school year on the same terms and conditions set forth herein subject to such increases in compensation as DISTRICT shall determine. If DISTRICT declines to extend, then this contract shall continue for the remainder of the contract term, as theretofore extended, subject to the right of EMPLOYEE to terminate this contract as provided herein.

#### **Language in Mr. Flynn’s Contract:**

By **April 30** of each year, District shall determine and shall notify DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION either that this contract has been extended for an additional school year on the same terms and conditions as set forth herein, subject to such increased compensation as DISTRICT shall determine, or that DISTRICT has declined to so extend this contract. If DISTRICT determines to extend, then this contract shall thereupon be extended by one school year on the same terms and conditions set forth herein subject to such increases in compensation as DISTRICT shall determine. If DISTRICT declines to extend, then this contract shall continue for the remainder of the contract term, as theretofore extended, subject to the right of DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION to terminate this contract as provided herein.

#### **Contracts for the following individuals are up for renewal:**

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- Dr. Robert Allen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations
- Caroline Lynch, Director of HR and Student Services
- John Flynn, Transportation Director

**Future Action**

- Study Session, April 13, 5:30 p.m.
- Contract Renewals

**Governing Board Reports**

- Dr. Wright thanked Mr. Chapman for attending the board meeting. He congratulated Mr. Chapman on winning the co-director position for Maricopa County and wanted him to know that the Fountain Hills delegate voted for him.
- Mrs. Stock attended the Sand Volleyball game and was very impressed with the program.
- Dr. Barnard attended the AZ SciTech Festival and stated it was very well done. She enjoyed the pictures posted of the Middle School Black Light Dance and the Four Peaks Field Days. She also attended the PTO Annual Gala.
- Mrs. Reed attended the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair. The students did an excellent job designing their display boards. Offering a Science Fair in middle school helps prepare the students for their high school experience. Mrs. Reed attended the PTO Gala. This year the Gala had a record attendance of 154 people. PTO raised \$20,000 with all proceeds going directly to the schools.

**Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Study Session; 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
 Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

At 6:50 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016

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 Jill Reed, President

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