



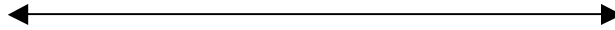
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
FOUNTAIN HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98**

*"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"*

**August 12, 2015**

The Board conducted a Board Retreat at 4:00 p.m. to discuss:

- Roles and Responsibilities of Superintendent and Governing Board
- School Board Operating Protocol
- Review and Refresh Current Goals
- Focus on Opportunities



A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Fountain Hills Unified School District #98, Maricopa County, was called to order at **6:30 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. Stock 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. Paul McElligott to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Meeting** – The Board suspend the regular meeting at 6:32 p.m. to conduct a Public meeting on the District Additional Assistance funding. Dr. Robert Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations explained the District Additional Assistance Fund and how monies are calculated and spent. The legislature has made major cuts to this funding mechanism which has forced districts to conduct Bond and Capital Override elections to supplement the district's capital needs. Dr. Allen also explained the various categories of funding and the calculations used to determine funding.

**The regular meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m.**

**Informational Reports**

**a. Superintendent Comments**

- Dr. Sweeney gave a preliminary enrollment report.
- Dr. Sweeney thanked the principals, staff, PTO, Boosters, parents and students for the great Welcome Back to School events. The planning and hard work gave a positive start to the school year.
- Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!

**Public Comments:** - Karl Gaardsmoe, Elena Dr., Fountain Hills. Mr. Gaardsmoe commented on the DAA fund and expressed concern over the practice of transferring funds from Capital to the M&O budget. The district cannot continue to rely on these funds being transferred each year.

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Accounts Payable – July 1 through July 31, 2015

- b. Payroll Vouchers – July 16 through July 30, 2015
- c. Personnel Action – **New Hires:** Donna Huckabay (FP Sped); Robert Perry (MM 3<sup>rd</sup>); Bradley Weber (HS English/SS); Margaret Tower (MM PE); Jessica Hood (FP 4<sup>th</sup>); Keith Dulla (MM Custodian); Kaycee Hixson (FP/MS Aide); Anne Ciotta (IT) **Leaves of Absence:** Rachel McElligott (5/27/16) **Separations:** Peter Versteeg (MM 3<sup>rd</sup>); Lynn Phelps (MM Custodian); Susan Hixon (FP/MS Aide); Cindy Cline (FP/MS Aide); Eric Coggins (HS Aide)
- d. Minutes of July 8, 2015

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

**Information/Discussion Items:**

Policy FCB – Retirement of Facilities: Senate Bill 1074 amended A.R.S. 15-189, Charter schools; vacant buildings; list; used equipment. School districts are to sell or lease a vacant and unused building or portion of a building to charter schools in the same manner as other potential buyers or lessees while attempting to obtain the highest possible value.

Policy GBI – Staff Participation in Political Activities: The legislature amended A.R.S. 15-511 in House Bill 2613 which added language related to prohibitions on the use of public resources to influence elections while defining “routine School District communications.”

Policy GDQA – Support Staff Reduction in Force: Policy language has been modified for clarity in reference to reduction in force which may be necessitated during the school year in addition to the provision for reductions occurring prior to an up-coming school year.

Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements: Policy IKF is presented with several additions based on revisions to A.R.S. 15-763 (Plan for providing special education; definition) and A.R.S. 15-701.01 (High school; graduation; requirements) included in House Bill 2064 and Senate Bill 1093. The policy language addresses pupil transfer of credit from a charter school, school district, or Arizona online instruction; the designation of such credit as core credit; and examination if the core credit designation is denied. Another addition is the social studies graduation requirement which becomes effective in the 2016-2017 school year pertaining to students obtaining a minimum score of sixty out of one hundred on a test that is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Finally, IKF includes protections for special education students regarding passing scores on the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) or the test that is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test under section 15-701.01 with additional considerations as stated in the law and policy language.

Policy JFAB – Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students: House Bill 2479 relating to student tuition added language referencing the eligibility of children who are residents of the United States but non-residents of Arizona for enrollment without payment of tuition if certain conditions are met. These conditions are detailed in the modified Policy JFAB.

Policy JFABC – Admission of Transfer Students: House Bill 2530 modifies A.R.S. 15-701.01, including language which prohibits requiring proof of payment as a condition of a school district or charter school accepting credits earned from an online course provider for online classes taken between May 1 and July 31. Language added to policy IKF in Senate Bill 1093, addressing pupil transfer of credit from a charter school, school district, or Arizona online instruction; the designation of such credit as core credit or elective credit; and examination if the core credit designation is denied, is duplicated in this policy. Senate Bill 1093 modified A.R.S. 15-808 (Arizona online instruction) specifying that school districts or charter schools may not charge a fee to a pupil who takes an examination in a particular course to obtain academic credit, pursuant to section 15-701.01. The appropriate change has been made to policy.

Policy JK- Student Discipline: Senate Bill 1197 established a task force on best practices in special education and behavior management with directions to examine, evaluate and make recommendation concerning best practices for managing the behavior and discipline of pupils with disabilities including prohibited disciplinary actions, training for special education teachers, and parental notice requirements. House Bill 2476 amended A.R.S. 115-843 (B) (9), relating to pupil discipline and is applicable to all students. The current legislature passed SB 1459, adding A.R.S. 15-105 to Title 15. As a result, language pertaining to restraint and seclusion applicable to all students has been added to document JK, Student Discipline.

Policy JLIA – Supervision of Students: Some optional language in Policy JLIA has been modified for clarity in response to input from The Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc.

### **Action Items:**

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the following textbooks for 2015-2016: AP English: Literature & Composition; Reading, Writing, Thinking; Spanish IV: Advancemos!; and AP US History: America's History 8<sup>th</sup> Edition. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the agreement between the Arizona Department of Education and Fountain Hills Unified School District for participation in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and/or Special Milk Program for the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board award a contract for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to Sodexo for food service with the option to renew for four additional one year terms. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Reed moved the Board appoint Mrs. Rutkowski as delegate for the ASBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at The Camelback Inn, Scottsdale. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

### **Future Action**

- Policies
- Board Goals

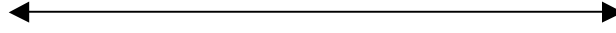
### **Governing Board Reports**

- Mrs. Rutkowski enjoyed the Opinion Page article by Dr. Sweeney and also the Back to School coverage in the Fountain Hills Times.
- Mrs. Stock congratulated the principals for the smooth start to the school year.
- Dr. Barnard commented on the great start to the school year. She has heard great reports. The welcome back night was loved by parents, who received a warm welcome.
- Mrs. Reed attended all the back to school events at each site including the Boo Hoo/Woo Hoo breakfast. Congratulations to each school, principal and staff for the phenomenal welcome back events.

### **Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

Wednesday, August 26, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.

At 7:20 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.



**The Board reconvened the Board Retreat at 7:20 p.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015

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Jill Reed, President

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Edith Stock, Vice President

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Dr. C.T. Wright

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Judith Rutkowski

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Dr. Wendy Barnard