



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

"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"

October 7, 2015

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.

Dr. Wright 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 Caroline Lynch to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Informational Reports

a. Superintendent Comments – Dr. Patrick Sweeney

- Congratulations to the high school students on the recent Homecoming Events. The parade was a huge success with 30 – 50% of the students participating.
- Congratulations to Anita Gomez for being named the Outstanding Administrator of the Year by the Arizona Art Association.
- Dr. Sweeney gave the board a brief report on the reorganization plan. The plan reduced four positions into 2.6 positions, saving the district approximately \$70,000. All staff members have taken on more responsibilities and there is a team spirit in the district office. Ms. Lynch is giving excellent leadership in the HR department and continues to manage the Student Services department with the help of Eloyse Jones. Dr. Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations was hired with exceedingly high expectations and continues to meet each challenge daily. The Director of Transportation position was reduced from a full time position to a .6. Director John Flynn is doing a great job and the district is receiving positive feedback on his leadership. The reorganization plan has been in effect since July 1 and more time is needed to fully assess the reorganization and money saved.

b. STUGO Report

- Homecoming week was very successful. It began with a Parade and Bonfire on Wednesday, a Dodgeball Tournament on Thursday, the Homecoming Football game on Friday, and the Dance on Saturday. Approximately 300 students attended the dance and STUGO reported a profit of \$2,000.
- The Club is making plans to attend the STUGO Convention in February and will be submitting a trip proposal to the board in the near future.
- The Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for November.

c. Student Activity Accounts

d. Auxiliary Account Funds

e. Current Enrollment Figures – Dr. Sweeney gave a brief report on the decline in enrollment.

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

- a. Donations – approximately \$1,500.00
- b. Accounts Payable Vouchers for September 1 through September 30, 2015.
- c. Payroll Vouchers – September 24, 2015
- d. Personnel Action – **Separations:** Lindsey Jelle (HS Math); Vincent Ogawa (HS Custodian)
- e. Minutes of September 23, 2015

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

Information/Discussion Items

The **Fountain Hills High School Teen Court** is seeking permission to attend the 2015 Teen Court Youth Summit on November 12, 2015 in Flagstaff, Arizona. This is an annual conference of Teen Courts around the state. Students will network and share ideas.

The Calendar Committee met on Wednesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 23 to discuss the **2016-2017 school calendar** based on the parameters set by the Governing Board. The committee reviewed three calendars with varying start dates and student vacation days. After thoughtful dialogue the committee agreed on the submitted calendar (B). The calendar contains: 180 days; August 8th start date; May 26th end date; Fall Break (5 days); Winter Break (11 days); Spring Break (5 days); and, it aligns with the majority of our neighboring districts.

Dr. Sweeney reported on the **AzMERIT test**, performance levels and results expected. He also reviewed the timeline for online reports, paper reports to families and public release.

Action

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **FHHS Marching Band trip to NAU**, Flagstaff, AZ on October 10, 2015. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **FHMS Trip to Washington, D.C.** on April 25-28, 2016. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the **K-3 Math textbook adoption, Bridges in Mathematics, 2nd Edition; Publisher: The Math Learning Center 2015; and, the K-3 Science supplementary, Engineering is Elementary, Publisher: Museum of Science, Boston 2010**. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board authorize administration to award a contract for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to **Henry and Horne, LLP for auditing services** with the option to renew for four additional one year terms. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **2015 Annual Financial Report**. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Future Action

- Teen Court Trip to Flagstaff, AZ
- The 2016-2017 School Calendar
- Executive Session (November 10)

Governing Board Reports

- Dr. Barnard attended the PTO social and received great information. She is excited that the Booster Club is now including the Middle School. She also attended the PTO Book Fair. The Fair was well done and a great way to give back to the schools.
- Mrs. Stock participated in a Webinar on the AzMERIT. She also attended the Homecoming Parade.
- Dr. Wright attended the Homecoming Parade and commended the organizers on an outstanding job. Dr. Wright suggested our students implement a program to send letters to students in Nigeria.
- Mrs. Rutkowski attended the Homecoming Parade and the Football game. The football players played good defense and did not lose heart. The Band was great! Mrs. Rutkowski also participated in the Webinar on the AzMERIT.
- Mrs. Reed attended the Homecoming Parade and she thanked the Boosters, especially Kim Quigley and Eleanor Tornee for their hard work and organization. Mrs. Reed also attended the tailgating event and commended the businesses in Fountain Hills for their generosity. She also attended the Homecoming Game in which our students showed great spirit. A moving moment of the Homecoming Game was a special memorial tribute to Michael DeGroote.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 23, 2015 Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m. (Please note day change due to Veterans' Day on November 11)

At 7:52 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 7th day of October 2015

Jill Reed, President

Edith Stock, Vice President

Dr. C.T. Wright

Judith Rutkowski

Dr. Wendy Barnard