



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

“We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence”

February 10, 2016

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. 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 Mr. Karl Ivarsson to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Informational Reports

a. Superintendent Comments – Dr. Patrick Sweeney

- FHUSD hosted two Robotics Competitions. VEX Robotics (grades 3-8) was held on January 30 and the VRC competition (Middle school through High school) was held on February 6. Both events were very successful and thank you to Mrs. Rutkowski, Mrs. Stock and Dr. Barnard for volunteering for these events.
- Good luck to our girls soccer team as they play for a state championship on Saturday at Williams Field High School in Gilbert (4:00 p.m.).
- We also have 10 wrestlers competing at the state meet this weekend in Prescott Valley at the Prescott Valley Event Center, Prescott Valley. Best wishes to all of our athletes this weekend!
- VisionFH is a committee of volunteers whose efforts are sponsored by the Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association. The mission of VisionFH is to make Fountain Hills a better place to live by establishing, promoting, and engaging all residents in topics of local interest and well-being, and involving interested parties directly in identifying solutions for a sustainable future. To help meet that mission, VisionFH has opened an online survey to find out from the community what we consider the most important topics today and to develop consensus regarding what can be done in the next five years to address the community's interests. VisionFH is focused on four major areas and you will see those addressed in the survey: Education; Community Finances; Economic Prosperity; and Quality of Life. Your views, interests, and opinions matter so please take a few minutes and complete the online survey (VisionFH.org).
- K-12 Science Vertical Articulation will be held tomorrow in the FHUSD Learning Center. We have completed Math and English Language Arts. In two weeks we will focus on Social Studies.

b. STUGO

- The Club has been very busy. They just completed a week of Hoop Coming events. Each day focused on a different theme: Black Out day, Falcon Pride, Throw Forward, PJ day and Jersey day.
- STUGO attended the State Conference at Coconino High School in Flagstaff. The speakers were inspiring and challenged students to love people unconditionally.

c. Student Activity Accounts

d. Auxiliary Account Funds

e. Site Council Minutes

f. Current Enrollment

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

- Donations – approximately \$1,402
- Accounts Payable Vouchers from January 1 through January 31, 2016
- Personnel Actions – **New Hires:** John Flynn (increase to 1.0 FTE Director of Transportation); Sharla Despain, FP/MS Library Aide **Retirements as of 5/27/16:** John Burnett (FHHS Social Studies); Pat Gammill (FHHS SPED/Math); Barbara Geiges (FP 4th Grade); Dawn Oester (FHHS English); Lisa Hoppe (MM Kdg.)
- Minutes of January 27, 2016

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

Information/Discussion Items - None

Each year the Falcon Music department books a trip to showcase their talents and be adjudicated by music professionals. Students enjoy performances by other school groups and hear new musical literature. The students adjudicated will spend time with a clinician who will work with them on specific music. The band students participate in a soundtrack recording workshop directed by a Disney professional. The Marching Band will also march in the California Adventure parade. This annual trip is a great program builder and rewards students for their dedication to all the extracurricular activities at FHHS. If approved, this trip will be scheduled for April 6-10, 2016 in Anaheim, California.

Action - None

Future Action

Governing Board Reports

- Mrs. Rutkowski attended the GEEF Mentor Breakfast. Each Mentor expressed how much they enjoy working with the children. Mrs. Rutkowski also was a volunteer at the VEX Robotics competition. She was a little nervous but received a great orientation from Mrs. Harley, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Fisher. She really enjoyed the event. She also participated in the TAR awards for 5th grades. This program focuses on the hazards of smoking.

- Dr. Wright attended the State Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing. He was able to brag about Fountain Hills Unified to the State Superintendent.
- Mrs. Stock volunteered at the VRC Robotics competition. She was very impressed with the student presentations and the amount of work that was logged each day in preparation for the competition.
- Dr. Barnard volunteered at the VEX Robotics competition. She commended Mrs. Harley for taking technology to a new level at McDowell Mountain. She also commended Mrs. D, Ivy Violette and Jill Krenitz for their work and commitment to the Robotics Club. Dr. Barnard also attended the AZMerit Parent Information night. Mrs. D did a great job of answering questions and making everything very clear. She also congratulated the Middle School Girls softball team for being League Champions.
- Mrs. Reed stated that not only did the FHMS Girls softball team win the championship but they were undefeated this year. Congratulations! Mrs. Reed attended the FHHS Dress Code committee meeting. The committee is not looking at going to uniforms but agreed that more definition is needed regarding the high school dress code. Mr. Brennan and the committee will be working on that and possibly bringing something to the board after spring break. The Annual Fountain Hills PTO Gala will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. at the Firerock Country Club. The gala's theme is *The Roaring 20s – A Gatsby Soiree*. Tickets are going quickly.
- Good Luck to the Falcon Girls Soccer Team!

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 24, 2016, Regular meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 Regular meeting 6:30 p.m.

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 10th day of February 2016

Jill Reed, President

Edith Stock, Vice President

Dr. C.T. Wright

Judith Rutkowski

Dr. Wendy Barnard