



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

“We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence”

April 27, 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: Edith Stock, Vice President; Dr. C.T. Wright; Judith Rutkowski, and Dr. Wendy Barnard. Absent: Jill Reed, President

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the agenda with revision. The Board will pull the Crown Castle Cell Tower Easement item (Action #d) and reschedule for a future meeting. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Stock called upon Mr. Carl Krawaczyk, Commander of VFW Post 7507 to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Recognition

VFW Post 7507 (Carl Krawaczyk, Rosemary Hansen, and Bo James) recognized Tim Yoder (FHMS), John Burnett (FHHS) and Susan Bovinette (MM) as nominees for VFW Teacher of the Year. Each teacher received a certificate and \$100 gift certificate. Commander Krawaczyk announced that Mrs. Bovinette also was the State of Arizona Teacher of the Year.

Informational Reports

a. Superintendent Comments – Dr. Patrick Sweeney

- U.S. News and World Report released its annual rankings of the 2016 Best High Schools and Fountain Hills High School ranked 19th in Arizona out of 527 schools. Nationally, FHHS was ranked 1,561 out of more than 21,000 high schools. These rankings put FHHS in the top 4% statewide and top 8% nationally.
- FHHS Key Club held its annual Thanquet last night, sponsored by the Sunset Kiwanians. It was a celebration of members’ individual and collective achievements, and there were many. The most impressive was the estimated 2,000+ hours of community service provided by the club this year. Thanks to the Sunset Kiwanians for their 25-year support of Key Club and also to FHHS teacher Kate Pruett who has sponsored the club all of those years.

b. VisionsFH – Mr. Dana Saar

- VisionsFH goals were to answer the following questions: Where are we today? Where do we want to go? How do we get there?
- Survey – 2,000 people took the survey
- 94% wanted a residential community with a diverse compliment of families, seniors and businesses.
- Top five priorities: Invest in the Town’s long-term economic growth; Attract more families and working professionals as full time residents; Expand enrollment and

quality of the FHUSD; Ensure maintenance of the Town's infrastructure; and Preserve the financial sustainability of Town services.

c. AZ Civic Test Implementation – Mr. Tom Brennan

- Graduation requirement for the Class of 2017
- The test consists of 100 questions – students must have a 60% to pass
- A student can take the test as many times as necessary to pass
- Each Spring, the 8th grade class will attempt to pass the test
- This year:
 - 8th grade – 118 took test, 104 passed test (88% pass rate)
 - 11th grade – 114 took test, 100 passed test (88% pass rate)

d. FHHS Proposed Changes to the Dress Code – Mr. Tom Brennan

- Parents and teachers expressed concerns regarding the dress code: dress code too vague, dress code not enforced, dress code inconsistent with Governing Board policy.
- A committee reviewed a variety of board policies and student handbooks regarding dress codes from surrounding districts and reached a consensus: Revise regulation JICA-R and revise the student handbook to reflect changes.
- FHHS will launch a comprehensive communication plan to inform all stakeholders of the changes

Public Comments – Mr. Karl Ivarsson, Fountain Hills. Mr. Ivarsson would like FHUSD to consider converting the former Four Peaks Elementary School into a Technical School and partnering with the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) to accomplish this. EVIT would renovate the current facility and offer various technical programs that would be enticing to students in the surrounding communities. He feels that a technical school in Fountain Hills would bring students and families into the Fountain Hills community.

Consent Agenda

- a. Personnel Actions – **Hired:** Lisa Stelzer, (FP 5th Grade); Siiri Julian (FHHS English)
Transfers: Charlene Murch (SPED FHHS); Sierra Anway (SPED Aide FHHS)
Resignations: Brice Rite (IT Support Specialist); Jason See (FHMS Band) **Retirement:** Anne Rutler (MM 3rd Grade) **Leave of Absence:** Diane Gyger (MM 2nd Grade 5/16-5/27, 2016).
- b. Minutes of April 13, 2016

Dr. Wright moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Information/Discussion Items

Policy BDF – Advisory Committees: Under Arizona's Open Meeting Law, board subcommittees are subject to the same provisions of the law as the governing board. This includes the ability to meet in an executive session if for one of the authorized reasons in the law and all procedures have been met. The revisions clarify this.

Policy JK – Student Discipline: Policy language pertaining to *Restraint and Seclusion* has been deleted and moved to Policy JLDB. *Restraint and Seclusion* are not intended to be disciplinary

options; therefore, a stand-alone policy was created. The provisions relating to *Confinement* are retained in this policy as they were passed by the Fifty-First Legislature, First Regular Session, in House Bill 2476, which amended section A.R.S. 15-843 relating to pupil discipline and is applicable to all students.

Policy JLDB – Restraint and Seclusion: *Restraint and Seclusion*, subsequent to its deletion from Policy JK, has been added to the policy manual as a distinct document code in order to eliminate the linking of these methods to the disciplinary options covered in Policy JK – Student Discipline. The Statutory provisions of A.R.S. 15-105 are retained.

Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities: This policy is modified to add language requiring that the school district, its Governing Board, employees, and agents shall be named as an additional insured under the liability insurance policy during the use of the facilities and property. This change is necessary to limit costs and expenses when named as a defendant for an injury or damage resulting from the use of the facility.

Action

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board **extend contracts** to Valerie Dehombreux (McDowell Mountain Principal) and Anita Gomez (FP/MS Principal) for one year. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve and **offer a contract** to Mr. Cain Jagodzinski for Principal of Fountain Hills High School. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Dr. Barnard moved the Board approve and authorize Administration to sign the **Food Service Management Agreement renewal with price increases for 2016-2017 school year**. Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Stock moved the Board **approve the Certified and Classified Meet and Confer Agreements for 2016-2017**. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Future Action

- Executive Session – 5:30 p.m.
- Policies
- Crown Castle Easement
- Revised Budget

Governing Board Reports

- Dr. Barnard congratulated Mr. Jagodzinski and welcomed him to the district. She thanked the principals for the seamless execution of the AZMerit test and making it fun for the students. Dr. Barnard attended the middle school basketball games and the team did great.
- Dr. Wright congratulated Mr. J and welcomed him back to FHUSD. He also congratulated the superintendent and high school principal for FHHS being in the top 4% of high schools in the state of Arizona.
- Mrs. Rutkowski also welcomed Mr. Jagodzinski to FHUSD. She has been following the Middle School Washington, D.C. trip on Facebook and enjoying the picture. She

also signed up as a volunteer for Falcon Fiesta and looks forward to a fun all-night event.

- Mrs. Stock recognized Mrs. Simmons for Administrative Assistants Day.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Executive Session, 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

At 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Rutkowski moved to adjourn the business meeting. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Dated this 27th day of April 2016

Jill Reed, President

Edith Stock, Vice President

Dr. C.T. Wright

Judith Rutkowski

Dr. Wendy Barnard