



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

*“We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence”*

**June 8, 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. Dana Saar to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Informational Reports**

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

- Thank you to all teachers, parents, staff, students and community members for a great school year.
- Thank you to Mrs. Gomez and Mr. Brennan for an awesome job at 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and high school graduation exercises.
- Thank you to the Board for the new salary schedule. The district has been able to sign every person offered a contract and salary has not been an issue.
- Summer school for academic credit is being offered right now. The middle school and high school are hosting several athletic workshops. Fort McDowell summer program is meeting at FP/MS and Steven Hunter is offering a summer basketball camp at the middle school.
- This is Mr. Brennan’s last FHUSD board meeting before taking his new position at Skyline High School. Thank you for your many years of service, you will be missed.

**b. Student Activities**

**c. Auxiliary Account Funds**

**d. Site Council Minutes**

**e. VisionFH Workshop Results – Denise Weinreich**

- Three Phases – Where are we? Where do we want to be? How do we get there?
- Stakeholder Survey (over 100); Community Survey (nearly 2,000); Workshop (104)
- Workshop Results - #1 Economic Growth; #2 Attract Families and Working Professionals; #3 Sustaining FHUSD Schools; #4 Town Infrastructure; #5 Financial Stability
- Moving Forward – Facilitators Strategy Meeting; Development of Specialized Workgroups; Chamber Platform Collaboration; Fountain Hills Leadership Program; Outdoor/Lifestyle Branding-Mastermind
- Stay up to date, visit [www.VisionFH.org](http://www.VisionFH.org)

**Public Comments** – None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Donations – Approximately \$3,419.24
- b. Accounts Payable Vouchers - May 1 through May 31, 2016
- c. Payroll Vouchers – May 9 through June 2, 2016
- d. Personnel Actions – **Hired:** David Butchin (MS SPED), Susan Scherer (MM 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.), Juanita Smart (MM Counselor), Yasmin Abedelatif (FHHS English), James Morales (FHMS Band); **Resignations:** Margarita Adaro (FHHS Spanish), Michelle Stumpf (Speech/Language Pathologist)
- e. Minutes of May 10, 2016

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

**Information/Discussion Items**

The **FHHS Football Team** would like to visit Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff on August 25-26, 2016 to provide student athletes a proper college visit and allow them to walk the campus, sit in on classes and experience college life.

The standard **Intergovernmental Agreement** between Maricopa County Community College District and FHUSD for Dual Enrollment Courses for the 2016-2017 school year is presented for renewal.

The **Extracurricular Fees** for 2016-2017 remain the same. There are a few minor changes of courses that are no longer offered and clubs that have been deleted.

On an annual basis the Board approves those individuals in the School District **authorized to suspend** students for short-term suspensions (1-10 days). These same individuals may also make recommendations to the Superintendent and/or a designated Hearing Officer for suspensions exceeding 10 days. We are requesting that the following Administrators be authorized to enact these suspensions: Patrick Sweeney, Valerie Dehombreux, Anita Gomez, Cain Jagodzinski, Heidi Hopman, Mike Briguglio, Jennifer Ray and Caroline Lynch.

Per A.R.S. 15-1126, **auxiliary operations fund** monies shall be deposited after authorization by the governing board in a bank account designated as the auxiliary operations fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be authorized by the governing board.

By state law the Board is required to approve **evaluators for Certified Staff** on an annual basis. For the 2016-2017 school year the authorized evaluators are: Patrick Sweeney, Valerie Dehombreux, Anita Gomez, Heidi Hopman, Cain Jagodzinski, Mike Briguglio, Jennifer Ray and Caroline Lynch.

The following resolution is being submitted to **authorize check signers and bank accounts** per Arizona Revised Statutes and the Uniform System of Financial Records. Administration is asking the Board to approve the signers and authorize the following bank accounts: Patrick Sweeney, Robert Allen, Karen Popowicz and Jeanette Simmons – M&O Revolving, Food Service, Employee Benefit Insurance Trust, Flex Medical, Employee Insurance Programs Withholding, Employee Benefits Insurance Trust (Dental), State Payroll Taxes, Federal Payroll Taxes. Administration also asks that Cain Jagodzinski, Anita Gomez, Heidi Hopman, Mike Briguglio, Jennifer Ray and Cheryl DuBois be approved as check signers for the Middle School and High School Auxiliary Operations/Student Activities accounts.

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The Board will direct the Maricopa County Treasurer to invest and reinvest all monies belonging or credited to the district as a **debt service fund** and to purchase securities on its behalf, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-1025.

As per the auditors, this action is necessary to give the Superintendent and/or the Executive Director of HR and Student Services the authority to provide the necessary care needed for our special needs students in the event that **out of district placement** is necessary.

The Governing Board will appoint Robert Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations as **Student Activities Treasurer** for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. In the event of illness, vacation, or etc. the Fountain Hills Unified School District recommends that Patrick Sweeney, Superintendent act as Assistant Student Activities Treasurer. Lynn Fink, Debra Petrick, Kathleen Morehouse and Cheryl Dubois will act as Assistant Student Activities Treasurers at the school sites.

In the past, the Board has authorized the Superintendent to **issue contracts** during the month of July when no formal Board meetings are scheduled. It is recommended that the Board authorize the Superintendent to issue and sign contracts during these dates (July 7 through August 10, 2016). All hiring and contractual information will be brought to the Board for ratification at the first meeting in August.

The resolution being submitted will allow for the **signing of vouchers** between meetings during the 2016-2017 school year. Vouchers signed between meetings are required to be ratified at the next Governing Board meeting. Signing vouchers between meetings allows the business office to release warrants to vendors as soon as they are ready rather than having to wait for a Governing Board meeting.

Approving this resolution would allow the district to continue having Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools process **garnishments of wages** made upon any employee of the district.

Each year the Board authorizes and **appoints a representative** to negotiate with The Arizona School Risk Retention Trust on various issues. The administration is asking that the Board appoint the Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations (Dr. Robert Allen) as the district authorized representative to the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust.

### Action

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the **FHHS Photography/Art Club trip to Paris** the week of October 10, 2016. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Reed moved the Board approve the date of **July 6** to approve the 2016-2017 Budget and conduct a Public hearing as required by statute. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **Board Meeting Dates for the 2016-2017 school year**. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Dr. Wright moved the Board appoint Judy Rutkowski as delegate and Mrs. Reed moved the Board appoint Dr. Wright as alternate delegate for the ASBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

**Future Action**

- MCCCCD Dual Enrollment IGA
- Extracurricular Fees Schedule

**Governing Board Reports**

- Mrs. Rutkowski participated in the ASBA Webinar regarding the budget and Prop 123. She also was the “Bing Boss” at Falcon Fiesta and enjoyed the event.
- Dr. Wright attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and FHHS graduation. Both events were great. He also attended the high school Baccalaureate service. Mr. Brennan was the featured speaker and did an excellent job.
- Mrs. Stock attended many of the “end of year” celebrations and enjoyed all of them. She especially appreciated the “thank you” notes from the C5 event. Mrs. Stock also commended Mr. Brennan for his outstanding job as FHHS principal. He will be missed.
- Dr. Barnard attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and high school graduation. Mr. Brennan did a great job and all the speeches were well done. She also attended the third grade Recorder Concert and was impressed as the third graders actually read the music lines. Dr. Barnard attended Arts in the Courtyard and commended Mrs. Gomez for a great event. She also commended Mrs. Dehombreux on the great report that every third grade student was promoted.
- Mrs. Reed attended many of the “end of year” events (8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, FHHS graduation, Falcon Fiesta, Faculty luncheon). Mrs. Reed stated that it is going to be very sad not seeing Mr. Brennan next year, but she wished him well in his new adventure and position at Skyline High School in Mesa.

**Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
 Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

At 7:16 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 8<sup>h</sup> day of June 2016

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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