



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

*“We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence”*

**February 24, 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. 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 Mrs. Valerie Dehombreux, McDowell Mountain Principal to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Informational Reports**

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

- FHUSD will participate in the AZSciTech Festival to be held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Fountain Hills Great Fair. The Chamber of Commerce donated space for the district and our booth will be on Saguaro Boulevard near Palisades. Several students and teachers will participate with exhibits, displays, and demonstrations.
- K-12 Vertical Articulation for Social Studies will be held tomorrow from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the FHUSD Learning Center.
- March 1 and March 2 the district will host a professional development for teachers on Instructional Practice Inventory (IPI) with Dr. Jerry Valentine. A key component of the training will focus on improving instruction and student engagement.

**Public Comments** - None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Payroll Vouchers from January 14 through February 18, 2016
- b. Personnel Actions – **Resignations:** Jamie Spencer, (CTE Health Careers FHHS); **Retirements as of 5/28/16:** Linda Lawrence (MM Kindergarten); Susan Bovinette (MM 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade).
- c. Minutes of February 10, 2016

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

**Information/Discussion Items** - None

A brief addition to Policies BEC – Executive Session, BEDA – Notification of Board Meetings and GCQF – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Member provides districts with

more clarity and direction in the posting of notices and eliminates some potential confusion in the timeline allowed for an employee to request an open hearing.

Policy BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings is modified to insure compliance with A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) pertaining to Open Meeting Law.

Policy IKE – Promotion and Retention of Students states that a student’s high school grade classification may be determined by each district as the definition included in the policy is neither in statute nor in the State Board of Education rules. ASBA Policy Services has explained that student promotion to a higher grade at midyear is permissible and is referenced in regulation IKE-RB. The Attorney General has opined in I84-016 the following: “A student may be promoted to more than one grade higher than his present grade. A teacher may promote a student at any time during the academic year.” Therefore, a district may determine the specific procedure(s) to document and standardize a mid-year/early promotion action.

Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements includes several updates due to the repeal of A.R.S. 15-701.02 (Alternative High School Graduation Requirements) and the removal of references to this statute and R7-302.09 (AIMS, Additional Credit, Augmentation) from the Manual.

Policy JFAB – Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students removes a paragraph pertaining to the admission of students who are United States residents but nonresidents of the state and designates any action of the Governing Board as discretionary, not mandatory.

Policy JK – Student Discipline has been altered by moving some language and modifying a heading title in order to eliminate the assumption that everything that follows in this document pertains to special needs students. Clarification has been added to communicate the rules pertaining to discipline, suspension, expulsion, and the provisions pertaining to confinement of pupils to students at the beginning of each school year, and to transfer students at the time of their enrollment in school.

### **Action**

Mrs. Rutkowski moved that the Board approve the Carl Perkins Program Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the FHHS Falcon Music Department trip to Anaheim, California on April 6 – 10, 2016. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

### **Future Action**

- Executive Session, March 9, 5:30 p.m.
- Study Session, April 13, 5:30 p.m.
- Policies

### **Governing Board Reports**

- Mrs. Stock attended the Four Peaks Kindness Retreat. She gave “kudos” to the FHHS Falcon Leaders for participating and helping with the retreat. Mrs. Stock participated in a Webinar regarding Foster Children. These children change schools frequently and the transition places them approximately 3 months behind. The webinar gave suggestions on how districts can help foster children succeed. Mrs. Stock also attended

the FHHS Baseball game and commented on the marvelous, well-maintained baseball field.

- Dr. Barnard will attend the SciTech Festival on Saturday and her son will be a participant. She will also attend the PTO Gala on Saturday evening.
- Mrs. Reed attended the Kindness Retreat conducted by Youth Frontiers and sponsored by STUGO. She was also impressed with the Falcon Leaders, of which her daughter is a member. Mrs. Reed also attended the Mayor's State of the Town Address sponsored by the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce. She reminded the members that there are only 15 tickets left for the PTO Gala on Saturday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. at Firerock Country Club.

**Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Executive Session; 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting  
Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Study Session; 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 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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Dr. Wendy Barnard