



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

"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"

August 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: 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 as presented. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Stock called upon Mr. Karl Ivarsson to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Informational Reports

- a. **Superintendent Comments** – Dr. Patrick Sweeney
 - Dr. Sweeney reported after 2 ½ week of school, things are still going very well. He once again thanked teachers, students, staff, parents and community members for their support and hard work.
- b. **Unaudited Financial Report** – July 31, 2016
- c. **Current Enrollment Figures** – Dr. Sweeney walked the board through our new enrollments and withdrawals. He stated that the numbers are lower than last year but higher than we expected and projected.
- d. **Annual Audit Report** – Dr. Robert Allen explained the annual audit process. He also explained the findings and what has been done to date to correct many of them. The Board expressed appreciation to Dr. Allen for his incredible work and due diligence in correcting past findings and bringing the district up-to-date with many reports and grants.
- e. **AzMERIT Report** – Dr. Patrick Sweeney compared the AzMERIT scores for ELA and math to the state average scores for the last two years (2015 and 2016). He also did a cohort comparison for a two year period. The graphs gave a visual picture of where we are and what we need to do to improve scores.

Public Comments: - None

Consent Agenda

- a. Disposal of Fixed Assets – One file drawer, one Overhead Projector, and one Chair from Four Peaks/Middle School.
- b. Payroll Vouchers – July 12 through August 11, 2016

- c. Personnel Action – **New Hires:** David Hoel (CDL Bus Driver); Robert Gustafson (FHUSD Custodian); Sonya Montague (FHHS Instructional Aide II); Isabelle Cucurullo (CDL Bus Driver); Mathew Nasr (IT Support Specialist).
- d. Minutes of August 10, 2016
- e. Policies:
 - a. Revisions to EBAA, JC, KB, IHAMC, IKF, JFABD, JFB, JICI, JJJ, JLCD, JRR, LC
 - b. Deletion of KFAA

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

Information/Discussion Items:

The **7th Grade Stargazers** annually take a trip to AstroCamp in Idyllwild, California. This trip is scheduled for October 17-19, 2016. AstroCamp takes students beyond the classroom to an educational outdoor experience. The camp reinforces objectives taught during the school year in astronomy, physical science and space exploration.

Each year, the Governing Board is required to review **Policy IHBJ – Indian Education** and **Policy KJGA – Relations with Parents of Children Educated Pursuant to Federal Impact Aid Laws** in order to qualify and receive Impact Aid. There have been no suggested changes from ASBA Policy Services Department.

Pima JTED has been training teachers and writing lesson plans and curriculum for CTE programs for the past few years. They have all the lessons on a wiki. They are now creating a type of consortium that districts can join, requiring an IGA. The cost per district will be based on unduplicated 40th day CTE enrollment for each district, plus the cost of teacher training. Then districts will have full access to all the lesson plans, including curriculum written around the new work place employability skills. The cost for Fountain Hills is listed on the addendum in the IGA and will be paid out of the Perkins grant.

Dr. Sweeney explained the **Intergovernmental Agreement** between Fountain Hills Unified School District and Paradise Valley School District for online curriculum. The district will purchase eight online courses in the areas of English 9, English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, World History and US History. We hope to purchase more courses in the future.

Action Items:

Dr. Barnard moved the Board approve the **Sister Cities Club trip** to Sedona, Flagstaff and Grand Canyon on October 26-27, 2016. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **Sister Cities Club trip** to Germany and Poland for the summer of 2017. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the Fountain Hills High School **Cross Country Team trip** to Costa Mesa, California to participate in the Woodbridge Classic Cross Country Meet on September 15-18, 2016. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **Photography/Art trip to Italy** on October 10, 2016. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Dr. Barnard moved the Board **authorize administration to negotiate and execute the Crown Castle cell tower extension agreement**. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Future Action

- Extracurricular Trip
- PV IGA for Online Curriculum

Governing Board Reports

- Mrs. Rutkowski is excited about the future of FHUSD with Dr. Sweeney at the helm.
- Dr. Wright appreciated the reports given that show our district is moving forward.
- Dr. Barnard commented on the great school start this year. She attended many of the “start of school” activities including Falcon Fiesta. She observed excitement from students and staff. She is excited about the district moving forward and using the data to make improvements.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 – **4:00 p.m. Board Retreat**, Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 28, 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 24th day of August 2016

Jill Reed, President

Edith Stock, Vice President

Dr. C.T. Wright

Judith Rutkowski

Dr. Wendy Barnard