



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

"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"

August 26, 2015

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 with addendum. Dr. Wright 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

- Congratulations to Dr. Paul McElligott for being selected as the 2015 Teacher of the Year. On November 12, Dr. Paul will be presented his award at the Governor's Celebration of Innovation. At that time he will showcase his innovation with a display using photos and text to describe his teaching style and how it is innovative; mentoring and support of both students and teachers; and development and support of STEM competitions.
- Dr. Sweeney has been visiting FHUSD classrooms and is impressed and applauds our teachers for creating a positive learning environment.
- The ACT readiness reports show the highest scores in five (5) years. These scores are also higher than the state average.

b. Budget Update – Dr. Robert Allen

- **Expenditure Categories**
 - Maintenance and Operations Fund (\$9,872,890)
 - Program (regular education; special education; pupil transportation; school sponsored co-curricular activities; school sponsored athletics
 - Function (Instruction; support services; operation of non-instructional services
 - Object (salaries and benefits; purchased services; supplies; other
 - Classroom Site Fund (\$620,857)
 - Base Salary – 20% of budget allocation
 - Performance Pay – 40% of budget allocation
 - Other – 40% of budget allocation
 - Unrestricted Capital Outlay (\$1,868,574)
 - Object (Library books/Textbooks, Instructional aids)

- Property (Furniture and Equipment, Tech hardware and software)
 - Federal/State Grant funds (\$1,500,000)
 - Classroom Instruction Expenses (teachers, teacher aides, athletic coaches, paper, pencils, crayons, etc. textbooks, software, internet access for instruction, field trips, athletics choir, band, tuition paid for private placement)
 - Non-Classroom Expenses – Salaries/Benefits for: Administration, plant operation/maintenance, food services, transportation, social workers, counselors, nurses, speech pathologist, library/media, IT staff.
 - Capital outlay and Debt repayment are excluded from the calculation
- c. **Preliminary Enrollment Numbers** – The numbers are as we expected. Dr. Sweeney pointed out that several of the cohorts have seen an increase in student enrollment.

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

- a. Donations – approximately \$1,400.00
- b. Payroll Vouchers – August 13, 2015
- c. Personnel Action – **New Hires:** Mary McDonald (4th grade); Peter Versteeg (3rd grade);
Separations: Michael Spangler (HS English); Robert Perry (3rd grade).
- d. Minutes of August 12, 2015
- e. Policies:
 - FCB – Retirement of Facilities
 - GBI – Staff Participation in Political Activities
 - GCQA – Support Staff Reduction in Force
 - IKF – Graduation Requirements
 - JFAB – Tuition/Admission of Transfer Students
 - JFABC – Admission of Transfer Students
 - JK – Student Discipline
 - JLIA – Supervision of Students

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

Information/Discussion Items

The **7th Grade Stargazers** annually take a trip to AstroCamp in Idyllwild, California. This trip is scheduled for October 19-21, 2015. AstroCamp takes students beyond the classroom to an educational outdoor experience. This camp reinforces objectives taught during the school year in astronomy, physical science and space exploration.

The **Washington D.C.** trip has become an annual event for FHMS students. The dates requested are in April 2016 (specific dates to be determined). The goal and curricular relevance of this trip is to have students gain city experience, travel experience and to bring to life the 7th grade social studies curriculum. All students will broaden their social skills, travel experience and reinforce their understanding of our Nation through their visit to the Nation's capital.

The **FHHS Cross Country Team** has been invited to participate in the Woodbridge Classic Cross Country Meet in Costa Mesa, California on September 17-20, 2015. This trip is a great experience for our students, enabling them to race in a high quality cross country meet and compete in a different state.

The **FHHS Art Club** is requesting permission for an extracurricular trip to Ireland (Emerald Isle Tour) on October 9-17, 2015. The students will study and absorb the history and culture of Ireland through seeing its art, architecture, geologic features, and experiencing its music and dance.

Action Items

Dr. Barnard moved the Board approve the board goals for 2015-20216 with a slight revision to Goal #2 (replace ‘to’ with ‘and’). Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the Video Production Class and Photography class extracurricular trip to the 3rd Annual Jerome Indie Film Festival in Jerome, Arizona on September 4, 2015. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Future Action

- Extracurricular Trips
- Superintendent Goals

Governing Board Reports

- Dr. Barnard thanked Dr. Sweeney for his guidance as the board worked through the process for defining the board goals for 2015-2016. Dr. Barnard attended the McDowell Mountain Back to School night, which was very informative. She stated that in light of the recent editorial in the Fountain Hills Times, perhaps in the near future a member should educate the public on the Board’s role.
- Mrs. Stock assisted at McDowell Mountain with the DIBELS testing for the 3rd graders. She enjoyed the board retreat and the great working relationship that the members have with one another. She also gave congratulations to Dr. Paul on his 2015 Teacher of the Year award.
- Dr. Wright invited everyone to attend the Noon Kiwanis meeting on September 3 to hear Dr. Sweeney speak.
- Mrs. Rutkowski felt the board retreat was very constructive and encouraging. She announced that the first home game is September 4 and Homecoming is scheduled for October 2.
- Mrs. Reed attended the High school Open House. She thanked Mrs. D for her Facebook posts and pictures. Mrs. Reed thanked the board members for the great retreat. She also announced that the High School Student Store is looking for volunteers from 8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. on Fridays.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23, 2015 Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

At 7:07 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 26th day of August 2015

Jill Reed, President

Edith Stock, Vice President

Dr. C.T. Wright

Judith Rutkowski

Dr. Wendy Barnard