



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

*"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"*

**November 10, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Fountain Hills Unified School District #98, Maricopa County, was called to order at **5:00 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. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Reed called upon Caroline Lynch to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Executive Session**

Mrs. Stock moved the Board go into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. for discussions or consultations with designed representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(5). Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

**The regular meeting reconvened at 6:33 p.m.**

**Informational Reports**

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

- Dr. Sweeney attended the "Fighting Flock of Falcon Fury" band competition. The band performed well and their show was very entertaining.
- Girls' Volleyball had a great season.
- The Boys' and Girls' Cross County Teams came in 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the state tournament.
- Football season - The team was young, they competed hard and fought until the end. We look forward to the future as this team grows and develops.
- The Marketing Task Force initiatives:
  - District Newsletter to parents and staff with links to each site's newsletter. Keeping parents informed with one newsletter. Scheduled for Friday, November 13.
  - Superintendent Forums scheduled for December 7 at 6:30 p.m. and December 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the FHUSD Learning Center. The forum will be approximately 90 minutes long
  - Both initiatives are works in progress.

**b. STUGO Report**

- Blood Drive scheduled for November 19

- Veterans' Day Celebration: STUGO made posters, sent cards and gave cookies to teachers who were veterans.
- Plans are being made for "Deck the Halls' and the "Holiday Bonfire."
- Mr. Falcon Pageant will be held on February 19.
- STUGO Convention will be held in February in Flagstaff, Arizona at Coconino High School.

**c. Student Activity Accounts**

**d. Auxiliary Account Funds**

**e. Site Council Minutes**

**f. Current Enrollment**

**Public Comments** - None

**Consent Agenda**

- Accounts Payable Vouchers – October 1 through October 31, 2015
- Payroll Vouchers – November 5, 2015
- Personnel Actions
- Minutes of October 28, 2015

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 STUGO State Convention is an annual event for STUGO students to interact with other STUGO students from schools across the state of Arizona. Students are encouraged to share and exchange ideas regarding fundraisers and service drives. Students will attend various workshops and hear motivational speakers. The convention is scheduled for February 4-6, 2016 at Coconino High School, Flagstaff, Arizona.

The Board reviewed and discussed the annual self-evaluation as mandated by Board Policy BAA. The Board scored the various categories with 1-4 (one being unsatisfactory and 4 being exemplary). The combined evaluations averaged between 3.25 – 4. The board has grown together and made progress. They have tried to be as transparent as possible by following the rules and not violating any Open Meeting Laws. The Board identified their priorities at the Board Retreat and remain on track. They are functioning efficiently at this time. The issues that remain problematic are State funding, Declining enrollment, Teacher shortage and the relationship with parents and community. The significant accomplishments are hiring Dr. Sweeney and Dr. Allen. Thanks to Dr. Allen, the board is learning school finance!

The Board reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement between Fountain Hills Unified School District and the East Valley Institute of Technology for the 2015-2016 school year. The Administration is comfortable with the edited changes. The agreement has been reviewed and signed by the school district's attorney.

**Action**

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **Teacher Evaluation System Statement of Assurance** for 2015-2016. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Dr. Wright moved the Board take action to direct the board secretary to vote in the affirmative for the board regarding the ASBA Bylaws Proposals. Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

### **Future Action**

- Executive Session (5:30 p.m.) Superintendent Evaluation
- STUGO State Convention
- EVIT IGA

### **Governing Board Reports**

- Dr. Barnard reported that the Parent/Teacher conferences went well with a big turnout. She reported on the Halloween parties and the Middle School Assembly that recognized the Honor Roll Students. AzMERIT scores were received in the mail.
- Mrs. Stock toured the High School with Mr. Brennan and reported that good things are happening at the high school.
- Dr. Wright congratulated Ryan Winslett on his promotion as Editor of The Fountain Hills Times.
- Mrs. Rutkowski attended the Standards Development Committee in Chandler, Peoria and Globe. She stated that it is good to see Arizona putting education in the forefront.
- Mrs. Reed attended the Middle School Honor Roll Assembly. She congratulated Ryan Winslett on his promotion. She reported that middle school baseball tryouts had a record turnout. There will be three middle school baseball teams. Mrs. Reed reminded the members that McDowell Mountain Grandparents' Day will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 10:30 – 12:30 p.m. and encouraged the members to consider serving.

### **Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

**Wednesday**, December 9, 2015, Executive Session, 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting 6:30 p.m.

At 7:02 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015

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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