



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

*"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"*

**January 13, 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; Edith Stock; Dr. C.T. Wright; Judith Rutkowski, and Dr. Wendy Barnard.

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Reed called upon Maria Everetts, FHHS Math Teacher, to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Election of Officers for 2016**

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve Jill Reed as President for 2016. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Reed moved the Board approve Edith Stock as Vice President/Clerk for 2016. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

**Informational Reports**

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

- Dr. Sweeney reported on the McDowell Mountain Spelling Bee. Thirty two students qualified to participate in the spelling bee. Quentin Etebari was the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner and will represent us at the Regional Spelling Bee to be held in Scottsdale in February. Griffin Bos came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dillon Ramsey came in 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Eleven teachers, grades K-12 will meet tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to prioritize and align the math standards.

**b. STUGO Report - None**

**c. Student Activity Accounts**

**d. Auxiliary Account Funds**

**e. Site Council Minutes**

**f. Current Enrollment**

**Public Comments - None**

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Donations – approximately \$8,150.00
- b. Accounts Payable Vouchers – December 1 through December 31, 2015
- c. Payroll Vouchers – December 17 through December 31, 2015

- d. Personnel Actions – **New Hires:** David Butchin (MS Sped); Richard Florez (HS Custodian); Kimberly Evans (MM Aide) **Separations:** Peter Veersteg (MM Teacher).
- e. Minutes of December 9, 2015

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

### **Information/Discussion Items**

**Fountain Hills High School New Course Proposal for Honors Algebra I:** This course is expanded with more challenging assessments, algebra topics that represent real-life situations and threaded discussions that allow students to explore and connect algebraic concepts. It also gives freshmen a chance to take an Honors class and offer a challenge to higher level thinkers. To qualify for this class the student must have an “A” in 8<sup>th</sup> grade math and a 90 or higher on post-test in 8<sup>th</sup> grade math.

### **Action**

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Earthquest Trip** to Imperial Beach, San Diego, California on April 20-22, 2016. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the purchase of **Pupil Transportation vehicles** funded from the 2013 bond election for school buses to be purchased from the Auto Safety House under the Mojave Educational Services Cooperative, contract #13N-ASH-0925, and approve the purchase of **Student Transportation vans** funded from the 2014 Capital Override election for vehicles to be purchased under the Maricopa County SAVE Contract #11121-C, as outlined in the December 9, 2015 Governing Meeting Proposal. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

### **Future Action**

- New Course Proposal – Honors Algebra I

### **Governing Board Reports**

- Dr. Barnard commended the FP/MS on the successful Boys versus Girls Food Drive. The students collected 7,000 items that were donated to the local food bank. The Boys won the contest again this year. Dr. Barnard attended the McDowell Mountain Spelling Bee and was impressed with the seriousness of the students and the professionalism of the event.
- Mrs. Stock attended the Spelling Bee and commented on how serious the students were as they participated. She also commended the schools for teaching the Character Counts principles. She has seen firsthand very positive actions from the students.
- Dr. Wright commended the high school staff for “Storied Lives” and the free publicity created by this project.
- Mrs. Rutkowski attended the Spelling Bee and noted how devastated the children were when eliminated. She also attended the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual ASBA Conference. She chose workshops regarding STEM, JTED, Technology. The workshops focused on preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the need for digital learning. She commended the McDowell Mountain staff for bringing digital learning to the elementary school, but stated we need to enhance our program to the middle school.
- Mrs. Reed commended Mrs. Oester for the “Storied Lives” links and write ups. She also thanked the board for nominating her president for another year. She feels the Board has made progress this past year and looks forward to a fabulous year.

**Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

**Wednesday**, January 27, 2016, Regular meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**, February 10, 2016, Regular meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**, February 24, 2016, Regular meeting 6:30 p.m.

At 6:54 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 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