



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

*“We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence”*

**July 8, 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. Absent: Dr. Wendy Barnard

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the agenda with addendum. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Reed called upon Mr. Karl Ivaarson to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Informational Reports**

**a. Superintendent Comments**

- Dr. Sweeney thanked everyone for the warm welcome he received. He also thanked the district office and former superintendent for a great transition.
- The district has four vacancies to fill: 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Science and Hospitality. Positions at the administrative level are filled.
- Dr. Sweeney and his wife moved to Fountain Hills in June and are happy to be in the community. He has a four minute commute to work.
- Dr. Sweeney again thanked the board and stated that he is very optimistic that Fountain Hills Unified can become the best district in the state.

**Public Comments:** - None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Payroll Vouchers – June 18 through July 2, 2015
- b. Accounts Payable – June 1 through June 30, 2015
- c. Personnel Action – **New Hires:** Dr. Robert Allen (Assistant Supt. for Business Operations); Heidi Hopman (FP/MS Dean of Students TOSA); John Flynn (Transportation Director); Peter Versteeg (MM 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher); Tony Johnny (MM Music Teacher); Margaret Adaro (HS Spanish); Michael Spangler (HS English); **Transfers:** Jennifer Harley (from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher to MM Computer Teacher) **Separations:** Tracy Witz (HS English); Jennifer Galietti (Systems Analyst 8/14/15).
- d. Minutes of June 24, 2015
- e. Authorization for Suspension: Dr. Patrick Sweeney, Valerie Dehombreux, Anita Gomez, Tom Brennan, Heidi Hopman, Mike Briguglio, Caroline Lynch, and Jennifer Ray.
- f. Ratify Auxiliary Operations Fund Expenditures as reported monthly.
- g. Certified Evaluators: Dr. Patrick Sweeney, Valerie Dehombreux, Anita Gomez, Tom Brennan, Mike Briguglio, Caroline Lynch, and Jennifer Ray.
- h. Authorized Check Signers – Dr. Patrick Sweeney, Dr. Robert Allen, Karen Popowicz, and Jeanette Simmons. Authorized check signers for Middle School and High school Student Activities and Auxiliary Operations: Tom Brennan, Anita Gomez, Heidi Hopman, Mike Briguglio, Jennifer Ray and Cheryl DuBois.

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- i. Direct the Maricopa County Treasurer to invest and reinvest all monies belonging or credited to the district as a debt service fund and to purchase securities on its behalf.
- j. Authorization for Out of District Placement: Dr. Patrick Sweeney and Ms. Caroline Lynch.
- k. Appoint Dr. Robert Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations as the district authorized representative to the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust.
- l. Student Activity Treasurer (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016): Dr. Robert Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations. Assistant: Dr. Patrick Sweeney, Superintendent, Lynn Fink (MM), Debra Petrick (FP/MS), Kathleen Morehouse (FP/MS) and Cheryl DuBois (HS).
- m. Resolution to allow the signing of vouchers between meetings.
- n. Appoint Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools as the Chief Disbursing Office for all garnishment of wages.

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

### **Information/Discussion Items:**

The Board discussed possible dates for the Annual Board Retreat. Dr. Sweeney suggested Wednesday, August 12 from 4:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. This date is already scheduled for a board meeting. The retreat could start at 4:00 p.m. with a working dinner. The board could break at approximately 6:15 p.m. to conduct board business and reconvene the retreat after the brief business meeting. The board members agreed on August 12 for the Board retreat.

### **Action Items:**

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with 1GPA. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve a food price increase for the 2015-2016 school year as requested by the Arizona Department of Education. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Dr. Sweeney introduced Dr. Robert Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations and his wife Kathy to the Governing Board and audience. Dr. Allen was a teacher, an assistant principal, a principal and an administrator in Paradise Valley School District. He comes to FHUSD with experience and expertise. Fountain Hills is delighted to welcome Dr. Allen to the district office.

### **Future Action**

- Audit Report

### **Governing Board Reports**

- All Board members welcomed Dr. Sweeney and Dr. Allen and look forward to working together to make FHUSD a great school district.
- Mrs. Reed commended Ryan Winslett and the Fountain Hills Times for the wonderful article on Michael DeGroot. The article was a great tribute to a great young man.

### **Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 – 4:00 p.m. Annual Board Retreat  
 Wednesday, August 12, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

At 6:42 p.m. Mrs. Rutkowski moved to adjourn the business meeting. Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015.

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Jill Reed, President

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Edith Stock, Vice President

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