



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

*"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"*

**October 28, 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 as presented. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Reed called upon Mrs. Joanne Meehan to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Meeting on the Bond and Capital Outlay Expenditures**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-481 each school district that currently increases its budget is required to hold a public meeting each year between September 1 and October 31 at which an update of the programs or capital improvements financed through the override is discussed and at which the public is permitted an opportunity to comment.

The voter pamphlet, Estimated Costs states: "...the actual annual expenditures for any proposed improvement in any year may vary from the annual average cost but the total amount expended from override funds...cannot exceed \$750,000 for fiscal year 2015-16 and the six fiscal years thereafter...(plus any expended monies from prior years)"

**Capital Override Expenditures**

- Non-Administrative = Technology; renovations/improvements to buildings/improvements to school sites; Textbooks and On-line Resources; Student Transportation Vans; Furniture and equipment. Expenses: \$762,967
- Administrative = Technology, equipment, renovations. Expenses: \$21,455
- Total Expenses: \$784,422

**Bond Expenditures**

- Non-Administrative = Safety and Security; Renovations and additions; Improvements to sites/Athletic Facilities; Pupil Transportation Vehicles. Expenses: \$3,650,765
- Administrative Purposes = Safety and Security Upgrades; Building Renovations. Expenses: \$54,775
- Total Expenses: \$3,705,540 (as of 6/30/15)
- The Capital Override continues through 2022 - \$750,000 per year
- 2013 Bond – About \$2,000,000 are currently designated but not expended. Time exists to reassess district needs specifically in the area of Emergency Response Planning (ERP) to determine how funds can be spent in the categories of "Safety and Security" and "Renovations/Improvements to Sites" after site vulnerability assessments are completed.

**Informational Reports**

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

- A school funding agreement/settlement for Prop 301 monies has been reached. This agreement resets the base level support of \$3,600 per student, an increase of \$173 per student.
- Common Core standards have been repealed by the State Board of Education. Nothing changes in the College and Career Ready Standards.
- The District hosted a Realtor Breakfast on Friday, October 23. Approximately 60 realtors were in attendance and 47 participated in a walking tour of the high school campus and the Falcon Activity Bus tour. Positive feedback was received.
- The District participated in the Community Expo today at the Community Center, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Approximately 70 businesses/organizations were represented.

**b. Golden Eagle Education Foundation Report – Dr. Jeannie Ryan and Sandy Davis**

- GEEF began in 1992 as basically a scholarship program for high school seniors. GEEF continues to grant scholarships and also funds classroom projects, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Awards and the Mentor Program.
- Dr. Ryan shared the positive highlights of the 2014-2015 Annual Evaluation completed by parents, teachers, and Mentors
- The Mentor program is a valuable resource that builds a strong connection between community volunteers and the schools.
- The Mentor program positively impacts Mentors, Parents, Students, and Teachers.

**Public Comments** - None

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Donations – approximately \$1,308.75
- b. Payroll Vouchers – October 8 & 22, 2015
- c. Minutes of October 7, 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**

A.R.S. 15-952 (A)(3) specifies that local governing boards must submit evidence to the State Board of Education that the evaluation system originally approved by the Board continues to meet all requirements set forth in A.R.S. 15-537. The Statement of Assurance states that the district system is in compliance with A.R.S. 15-537 and monies have, or will be expended solely for teacher compensation as specified in A.R.S. 15-952 (C). The Statement of Assurance form will be used as the basis for submitting an aggregated list of participating districts to the State Board of Education at the regularly scheduled meeting in February. The Board approval will signify that participating districts may continue the 1.25% budget level initially approved by the state legislature.

**Action**

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **Teen Court Trip to the Youth Summit** in Flagstaff, AZ on November 12, 2015. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Dr. Barnard moved the Board approve the **School Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year**. Mrs. Stock seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **AP English Language and Composition Textbook** (“They Say/I Say”: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing, by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein, 2014 W.W. Norton.. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

**Future Action**

- Teacher Evaluation System Status (FY 2016-2017)
- Executive Session (5:30 p.m.)

**Governing Board Reports**

- Dr. Wright and Mrs. Rutkowski attended the ASBA County Meeting on October 19. It was a positive meeting. Dr. Wright is once again proud of Fountain Hills Unified School District.
- Mrs. Stock volunteered at the McDowell Mountain PTO Book Fair. She also gave “kudos” to Ryan Winslett for his excellent articles on the school district in The Fountain Hills Times.
- Mrs. Reed thanked the Board members for attending the various functions on behalf of the entire board.

**Dates of Upcoming Meetings**

**Tuesday**, November 10, 2015, Executive Session 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Please note day change due to Veterans’ Day on November 11)

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

At 7:45 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015

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Jill Reed, President

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Edith Stock, Vice President

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