



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

"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"

September 23, 2015

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Fountain Hills Unified School District #98, Maricopa County, was called to order at **6:32 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; Judith Rutkowski, and Dr. Wendy Barnard. Absent: Dr. C.T. Wright

Mrs. Stock moved the Board approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Reed called upon Caroline Lynch, Executive Director of Human Resources and Student Services to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Informational Reports

a. Superintendent Comments – Dr. Patrick Sweeney

- On behalf of the entire district and Governing Board, Dr. Sweeney expressed condolences to Mrs. Rutkowski on the loss of her father-in-law.
- Anita Gomez, Principal of FP/MS was awarded the 2015 Outstanding Administrator Award.
- The Marketing Communication Task Force is off to a good start. The committee consists of parents, teachers and community members. It is a fun and diverse group with a common goal. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5.

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

- Donations – approximately \$150.00
- Payroll Vouchers – September 10, 2015
- Personnel Action – **New Hires:** Grant Woods (FHHS English); Iain Tyson (FHHS Environmental Science); David Wachsman (HR/Payroll Specialist)
- Minutes of September 9, 2015

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

Information/Discussion Items

The FHHS Marching Band is requesting an extracurricular trip to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff on October 10, 2015. This trip will give students the opportunity to receive professional feedback from a panel of judges. The students will also observe other high school band shows and create a sense of camaraderie in the activity. The goal of the trip is to qualify for the State Marching Festival.

Fountain Hills Middle School eighth graders have participated for the past 20 years in the ocean ecosystem program offered by the Catalina Island Marine Institute. The experience has left a positive and lasting impact on students who participate by increasing the students' knowledge of marine ecosystems and island geology, developing a sense of camaraderie among students and teachers, fostering an interest in science as a career goal and encouraging a sense of competency in problem solving. This trip offers a three-day, two night program which focuses on island and marine ecology at Toyon Bay/Cherry Cove, Catalina Island. The trip will be scheduled for March 23-25, 2016.

Future Action

Governing Board Reports

- Mrs. Rutkowski attended the ASBA Law Conference and also represented the Governing Board at the Delegate Assembly. The Assembly was very efficient and effective.
- Dr. Barnard attended the Middle School Soccer game and loves our small district that allows every child an opportunity to be on the field and play.
- Mrs. Stock attended the ASBA Law Conference and found it very interesting and informative. She announced that the Falcon Football team won the game on Friday night. She also attended the McDowell Mountain Health Screening. Mrs. Stock joined the Mentor Program and will be assigned a student tomorrow.
- Mrs. Reed attended the Falcon Football game and was excited at the win. She also won the Coalition raffle of \$250. She reminded the members that the Homecoming Parade is Wednesday (Sept. 30) and the Homecoming game is on Friday (Oct. 2). The PTO Book Fair begins on Monday and PTO is looking for volunteers.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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

At 6:45 p.m. Mrs. Rutkowski moved to adjourn the business meeting. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Dated this 23rd day of September 2015

Jill Reed, President

Edith Stock, Vice President

Dr. C.T. Wright

Judith Rutkowski

Dr. Wendy Barnard