



## TOLLESON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 214

### GOVERNING BOARD **UNOFFICIAL** MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
9801 W. VAN BUREN STREET  
TOLLESON, ARIZONA

The Tolleson Union High School District No. 214 Governing Board Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Governing Board President Mr. Steven Chapman with the following members present: Mr. Devin Del Palacio, Ms. Corina Madruga, Mr. Vincent Moreno, and Mr. Freddie Villalon.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Chapman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Approval of the Regular Agenda**

Ms. Madruga moved to approve the Regular Agenda; seconded by Mr. Villalon. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Summary of Current Events**

##### **Superintendent – Dr. Cunningham**

- The District's recruitment trips to the northern and eastern parts of the United States hold promise for hiring teachers. John Speer, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Michael Stewart, Director of Human Resources, visited colleges/universities in Michigan, Western Pennsylvania, Northwest Virginia, Northeast Ohio, and Minnesota. Of 98 potential candidates, sixteen received a letter of intent and six have already completed the application process.
- The Great Arizona Teach-in was held on April 23. The schools were well represented and several possible candidates interviewed.
- The District will have ten Teach for America teachers next year with an additional five from this year returning for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Contracts and notices of wage have been issued to 879 current employees. So far, 485 have been returned with 229 of the total number returned from certified staff. Seventeen contracts to date have been rejected.

##### **Governing Board**

- Mr. Moreno and Ms. Madruga attended a recent forum hosted by the Arizona Latino School Board Association where David Garcia of Arizona State University spoke of inequities in Arizona funding to Latino communities. Mr. Moreno congratulated University High School for being named 36<sup>th</sup> in the nation and 6<sup>th</sup> in the state by U. S. News and World Report.
- Mr. Del Palacio attended Avondale's Mayor Marie Art Competition. La Joya Community High School senior Shyheim Harper won first place and a \$2,000 scholarship.
- As a Maricopa County Co-director of the Arizona School Boards Association, Mr. Chapman has attended a Governing Board meeting in approximately one-third of the Maricopa County school districts. Mr. Chapman stated that it has been interesting to see how the various meetings work and to observe how Governing Board members interact with each other.
- Mr. Madruga and Mr. Del Palacio have received scholarships to attend NALEO's Arizona Statewide Convening on Education on May 20, 2016 in Tempe, AZ.

**Public Participation**

No public participation requests were received.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mr. Moreno moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Items 1.A, 4.A., and 4.B; seconded by Mr. Chapman. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion/Action of Item(s) Previously Removed from the Consent Agenda**

**1.A Human Resources, Personnel Items**

Mr. Moreno believed that the names listed on the Certified Employment of Personnel for the 2016-2017 School Year section were a direct result of the District’s recruiting efforts. However, the names of the individuals who join the District as a result of the recruitment trips will be listed on a future agenda.

Mr. Moreno moved to approve/ratify the personnel action recommendations; seconded by Mr. Chapman. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**4.A Superintendent’s Office, Intergovernmental Agreement with Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC)**

Mr. Moreno recognized District staff for working diligently to ensure that the District’s partnership with West-MEC is successful. Mr. Moreno also acknowledged previous Governing Board members for calling for the election to become a part of West-MEC and to District voters for approving the ballot measure.

Mr. Moreno moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Western Maricopa Education Center; seconded by Mr. Chapman. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**4.B Affiliation Agreement between Grand Canyon University and La Joya Community High School for Educational/Clinical Experience Program**

Mr. Moreno stated that our students directly benefit from the agreements that the District has with Grand Canyon University.

Mr. Moreno moved to approve the Affiliation Agreement with Grand Canyon University for an Educational/Clinical Experience Program at La Joya Community High School; seconded by Ms. Madruga. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA \* ITEMS**

**Human Resources \***

**A. Personnel Items**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

**Retirement at End of Contract**

McClendon, Paul LJCHS Assistant Principal – Curriculum and Instruction (06/07/16)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES STAFF**

**Retirement/Return Under Phased Retirement Program**

Morin, Ray LJCHS Plant Manager

**Retirement at End of Contract**

Eubanks, Karyn Morse	DO	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board (06/30/16)
Reddin, Lovinna	DO	Director of Transportation (06/30/16)

**CERTIFIED STAFF**

**Employment of Personnel**

Horner, Angela	DO	Guest Teacher
Ransom, Michael	DO	Guest Teacher

**Employment of Personnel for the 2016-2017 School Year**

Littrell, Joseph	CCHS	Social Studies – History
Panzica, Kassandra	CCHS	Mathematics
Ruiz, Jordan	CCHS	Mathematics
Siemens, Amanda	CCHS	Guidance Advisor
Thornberry, Rachel	CCHS	Mathematics
White, Austin	CCHS	Mathematics
Kopczak, Michael	LJCHS	English
English, Collin	TUHS	Social Studies – History
Lee, Mark	TUHS	Foreign Language – Spanish
Torres, Paula	TUHS	English

Cooper, Thomas	WHS	English
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**Spring Coach**

Carlton, Eduardo	TUHS	Assistant Boys and Girls Track Coach
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**Resignations at End of Contract**

Johnson, Geoff	CCHS	Social Studies – Government (05/20/16)
Nicol, Cory	CCHS	Social Studies – History (05/20/16)
Vega, Guillermo	CCHS	English (05/20/16)
Mahal, Rikinder	LJCHS	Mathematics (05/20/16)
Puig, Nolly	WHS	Special Services – Life Skills (05/20/16)
Thornton, Janet	WHS	English – Literacy (05/20/16)

**CLASSIFIED STAFF**

**Employment of Personnel**

Halfacre, Larry	CCHS	Part-time Custodian II – Cafeteria
Alariste, Cesar	DO	Substitute Bus Driver
Salas, Sabrina	LJCHS	Part-time Custodian II – Cafeteria
Fowler, Kristen	SLHS	Instructional Assistant I – Special Services
Robles, Vanessa	WHS	Cafeteria Cashier

**Spring Coach**

Sepulveda, Steven	CCHS	Assistant Baseball Coach
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**Student Worker**

Castillo, Exciela LJCHS Audio/Visual Technician

**Summer Aquatics Program**

Colugna, Seth DO Lifeguard  
Parker, Logan DO Assistant Pool Manager  
Reynoso, Bryce DO Pool Manager

**Resignations**

Adame, Madeline DO Administrative Assistant IV – Food and Nutrition  
Deh, Anthony LJCHS Part-time Custodian II – Cafeteria

**B. Revised Salary Schedule for Department Chairs**

When the salary schedules were approved on April 12, 2016, the explanation of how department chairs are paid was erroneous. The salary schedule has been corrected to read that department chairs earn \$125 x the number of FTEs in the department ÷ the total instructional days for the year x the total instructional days for the semester.

**Financial Services \***

**A. Vouchers**

Prior to ratification at the Governing Board meeting, Governing Board President, or his designee, reviews and signs vouchers. Vouchers represent orders for payment of material, equipment, salaries, and services.

- Payroll Vouchers – \$ 5,645,584.96 (#35 - #37)
- Expense Vouchers – \$ 932,935.95 (#8121 - #8130)

**B. Donations**

The following donations were received by the District.

- Tolleson Dance donated \$1,037.83 to the Tolleson Union High School dance program. Money will be used to purchase dance costumes.
- The University of Arizona donated \$2,500.00 to the Tolleson Union High School PBIS program. Money will be used to purchase supplies.

**Purchasing \***

**A. Award of Contract – RFP #16-006-21, Online Learning Program, to Edgenuity, Inc.**

On December 3, 2015, the District issued RFP #16-006-21, Online Learning Program, to purchase subscription licenses for courses that could be utilized by Special Education, English Language Learner, and Career and Technical Education students, as well as general education students for blended learning, credit retrieval, alternative education, and summer school.

**Superintendent's Office \***

**A. Intergovernmental Agreement with Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC)**

In November 2012, District voters approved the District's affiliation with West-MEC. The Intergovernmental Agreement will be effective on July 1, 2016 and will be for a period of three (3) years.

**B. Affiliation Agreement between Grand Canyon University and La Joya Community High School for Educational/Clinical Experience Program**

The Grand Canyon University Educational/Clinical Experience Program will allow GCU students who are interested in athletic training to receive high quality learning experiences under the guidance of the District's athletic trainers.

### C. **Travel**

The following travel requests were approved:

- Copper Canyon High School coaches Henderika Tenuy, Marcus Bruce, and Andre Heytens will participate in the 2016 Spring Nike Championship Basketball Clinics in Las Vegas, NV on April 28-May 1, 2016.
- La Joya Community High School football coaches Josh Mitchell, Jon Fontes, Larry Marrs, Ches Gessner, Bill Schwyhart, Devin Dourisseau, Marcus Jones, Zeke Abel, Zachary Martiny, and Carlos Rodrigues, along with football student athletes, will participate in the 2016 Summer La Joya Community Football Camp in Winslow, AZ on July 18-21, 2016.
- La Joya Community High School Dance Director Natalie Quinonez and students enrolled in advanced dance classes will participate in the 2016 Universal Dance Association Summer Camp at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ on June 20-23, 2016.
- Sierra Linda High School Principal Tim Madrid will chaperone at the Annual FCCLA National Conference in San Diego, CA on July 2-8, 2016.
- Tolleson Union High School coaches Jason Wilke, Dan Hopper, Joe Lee, Jeremy Mager, Josh Chavez, and John Alessi, along with sixty (60) 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade football players, will attend Camp of Champions in Winslow, AZ on July 14-18, 2016.
- Tolleson Union High School JROTC instructors Freddie Jordan and Brian Yarolem and seven (7) cadets will attend AZ Senior Leadership Course Competition Summer Camp 2016 in Prescott, AZ on May 31-June 4, 2016.
- Westview High School Special Services teacher Jesse Delgado will chaperone at the Annual FBLA National Conference in Atlanta, GA on June 27-July 3, 2016.
- Westview High School JROTC cadets Daniel Ramirez, Athena Ruvalcaba, and Alyssa Tamaray will attend the Summer Leadership and Character Development Academy in Quantico, VA on July 17-23, 2016.
- Westview High School JROTC instructors Francisco Cardoza and Peter Washington, Senior Leadership Camp Instructor Kathy Henry, and eight (8) cadets will attend AZ Senior Leadership Course Competition Summer Camp 2016 in Prescott, AZ on May 31-June 4, 2016.

### D. **Second – Multiple Policies (BEC, BEDA, BEHD, FCB, GBI, GCCA, GCCH, GCQF, GDQA, IKE, IKF, JFAB, JFABC, JK, and JLIA)**

The multiple policy revisions are based upon changes to law and/or District recommendation.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 1. **E-Learning Program Overview**

Director of Alternative Education Travis Johnson and Westview High School Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction Thomas Junk provided an overview of the District's new e-learning program, including the purpose of an e-learning program, the solicitation and evaluation process, an overview of the program, and the next steps to implementation.

### 2. **National School Boards Association's National Conference Report**

All Governing Board members attended the National School Boards Association's 2016 National Conference held April 9-11, 2016 in Boston, MA. Governing Board members reported on the following:

- Mr. Villalon attended a session on the importance of using modern technology, like video games, for learning. Mr. Villalon also mentioned that he visited Paul Revere's home.
- Mr. Moreno stated that he attended a Hispanic Caucus breakfast meeting where a superintendent from Miami-Dade schools spoke.

- Mr. Del Palacio mentioned he hosted a breakout session on police officers in schools and, as the Pacific Regional Director, he attended numerous Black Caucus meetings.
- Ms. Madruga attended Mr. Del Palacio's session on policing and student safety, attended a National Hispanic Council meeting, as well as a session on deferred action for childhood arrivals. Ms. Madruga also mentioned that a former TUHS graduate graduating from Harvard this year provided a tour of the university.
- Mr. Chapman stated that although he was not able to attend, there was a pre-session on equity presented by the Arizona School Boards Association. Mr. Chapman also stated that he attended a session on who controls the conversations on education and the importance of the voice of Governing Boards.

### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. Minutes – April 5, 2016 Special Meeting and Executive Session and April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Villalon was excused from both meetings.

Mr. Moreno moved to approve the April 5, 2016 Special Meeting and Executive Session and April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Madruga. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Copper Canyon High school student who was unable to give his speech at a Teach for America dinner deliver his speech to the Governing Board (originally requested by Mr. Del Palacio)

### **FORMAL ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

Ms. Madruga moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; seconded by Mr. Villalon. Mr. Chapman called the Regular Meeting of the Tolleson Union High School District Governing Board adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Steven Chapman, Governing Board President