



TOLLESON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 214

GOVERNING BOARD **UNOFFICIAL** MINUTES REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

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 6:00 p.m. by Governing Board President Mr. Steven Chapman with the following members present: Ms. Corina Madruga, Mr. Vincent Moreno, and Mr. Freddie Villalon. Mr. Devin Del Palacio arrived at 6:14 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Regular Agenda

Mr. Moreno moved to approve the Regular Agenda; seconded by Ms. Madruga. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

Public Participation

Scott DeVogelaere addressed the Governing Board on payment of liquidated damages.

Summary of Current Events

Superintendent – Dr. Cunningham

- La Joya Community High School Principal Brandi Haskins and her team are working with Estrella Mountain Community College on the ASAP program. The program will enable 150 LJCHS 11th and 12th graders to receive help on preparing for the placement tests, connect with EMCC staff, and visit the campus.
- Students new to CEA go through Orientation Friday. The purpose of the day is to prepare students for success in an alternative setting by introducing them to different instructional strategies, review note taking skills, and provide training on how to use an online platform.
- More than 600 parents/families are currently using MyPaymentsPlus to manage their student's meal accounts. The program can be accessed through the District website and allows parents to review the choices their student is making each day.
- Sierra Linda High School has been having Bulldog Blitz on Fridays. Staff focuses on one of the PBIS themes and makes an effort to reinforce the theme with students who have an opportunity to earn PAWS cards for exhibiting positive behavior.
- The Copper Canyon High School cheer team performed at an August Phoenix Mercury basketball game providing great exposure for CCHS and their cheer program.
- Tolleson Union High School 9th grade advisory students were involved in a campus scavenger hunt which included taking a selfie with Principal Ernie Molina. Apparently, it was the most pictures Mr. Molina has ever had taken in one day.
- University High School's annual Academic Consultation Night is September 10.
- Congratulations to the Westview High School MCJROTC program for being named a Western Region Naval Honor School.
- All schools will participate in PLC training on August 26. Teachers will meet with their PLCs to begin the norming process and to learn about first and second order change.

- The Transportation Department is promoting leadership by engaging in a book study using the book *The Essential Wooden*.
- Dr. Cunningham stated that she has been amazed at the level of teaching she has witnessed during her classroom visits. She has seen Kahoot used in an English class as a formative assessment on figurative language; saw students annotating “Cows Into Burgers” and then creating a chronological order; peer editing of “Is Socrates Wise” essays; identification of the heroic traits of Captain America as an introduction to Beauwulf; BAGPIPES in World History; a literacy student’s “Shirt of Success” speech; and a teacher explaining how her new puppy had eaten her student’s homework.

Governing Board

- Mr. Chapman stated that he attended Friday’s Westview High School football game. Mr. Chapman also thanked staff and stated that it is going to be a great school year.
- Mr. Moreno extended a thank you to club sponsors who have already begun their fundraising efforts. Mr. Moreno also stated that he had attended Tolleson Union High School’s football game and was impressed with the condition of the turf.
- Mr. Villalon thanked staff and the community for the District’s academic success and stated that he continues to hear great things about the District.
- Ms. Madruga also thanked staff for their hard work. In addition, Ms. Madruga stated that an open house for the new Arizona Latino School Boards Association will be on September 16 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Discussion/Action of Item(s) Previously Removed from the Consent Agenda – 1.A. Personnel

Ms. Madruga moved to approve/ratify the personnel action recommendations with the exception of the certified resignation/release from contract and the classified termination; seconded by Mr. Moreno. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA * ITEMS

Human Resources *

A. Personnel Items

CERTIFIED STAFF

Employment of Personnel

Anderson, Paul	DO	Guest Teacher
Cochran, Susan	DO	Guest Teacher
Parham, Grant	DO	Guest Teacher
Sharpe, Catherine	DO	Guest Teacher
White, Esther	DO	Guest Teacher
Lynch, Julie	WHS	Guidance Advisor

Resignations

Harper, Dawn	CCHS	In-House Substitute
Antal, Richard	LJCHS	In-House Substitute

Coaching Resignation

Marcello, Anthony	CCHS	Varsity Wrestling Coach
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CLASSIFIED STAFF

Employment of Personnel

Covarrubio, Maria	DO	Substitute Bus Driver
Peralto, Alyssa	LJCHS	Instructional Assistant I
Rodriguez, Carlos	LJCHS	Security Guard

Resignations

Swartwood, Cynthia	CCHS	Instructional Assistant II
Moton-Carroll, Tonika	DO	Bus Driver
Poole, Jill	LJCHS	Administrative Assistant IV
Sosa, Jessica	TUHS	Cafeteria Cashier
Gonzalez, Maria P	WHS	Cafeteria Worker
Ortiz, Gordon	WHS	Security Guard

Job Abandonment

Alvidrez, Bonita	DO	Substitute Bus Driver
Croxton, Jeffrey	DO	Substitute Bus Driver
Norfleet, Nicole	DO	Bus Driver
Ruiz, Darlene	DO	Substitute Bus Driver

Financial Services *

A. Vouchers

Prior to ratification at the Governing Board meeting, Governing Board members reviewed vouchers. Vouchers represent orders for payment of material, equipment, salaries, and services.

- Payroll Vouchers – \$ 584,848.29
- Expense Vouchers – \$ 1,138,247.81

B. Donations

The following donations were accepted:

- Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority – \$3,864.97 – Quick grant for athletic field remodel project for Tolleson Union High School's athletics program.
- Schwan's – \$5,000 – 10,000 Schwan's points for the Food and Nutrition department.
- Kellogg's – \$1,000 – 5,000 Kellogg's points for the Food and Nutrition department.
- Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – \$3,000 for 240 tee shirts for Copper Canyon High School's Aztec Ambassadors Club.
- Tolleson Union High School Football Club – \$1,851.75 – Jam tent and three dummy arms for the Tolleson Union High School football program.

Superintendent's Office *

A. Travel Requests

The following travel requests were approved:

- Debbie McKintosh, District CTE Director, will attend the ACOVA Fall Conference in Prescott, AZ on November 3-6, 2015.
- Derek Fahleson, Assistant Principal for Athletics at La Joya Community High School, will attend the AIAAA Conference in Prescott, AZ on September 13-15, 2015.
- Heidi Wilkes, Tolleson Union High School Dance Director, and nine students on the Advanced Dance Team will participate in the 2016 National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, FL on January 28-February 1, 2016.

B. Minutes – August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

All Governing Board members were present.

C. Resolution of Breach of Contract – Cassandra Peterson

Ms. Peterson breached her 2015-2016 employment contract by resigning subsequent to signing the contract and not paying the liquidated damages fee. A formal resolution will be sent to the Arizona Department of Education stating that Ms. Peterson has not fulfilled the terms of the contract and is still employed by the District.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Handcuffs on Success: Why Immigration Enforcement in Schools Is Not The Answer

At the request of Governing Board Vice President Devin Del Palacio, ACLU Policy Director Will Gaona addressed the Governing Board on the work the ACLU is doing with Arizona school districts on updating school resource officer policies and practices.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Travel Request – Power and Policy Conference – Devin Del Palacio

Governing Board Vice President Devin Del Palacio requested Governing Board approval to attend the Power and Policy Conference 2015 in Washington, DC on October 16, 2015.

Ms. Madruga moved to approve the travel request from Mr. Devin Del Palacio to attend the Power and Policy Conference 2015 in Washington, DC on October 16, 2015; seconded by Mr. Villalon. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 3-1, with Mr. Moreno casting the dissenting vote. Mr. Del Palacio abstained from voting.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- September 8 – West-MEC presentation (Mr. Moreno); One Arizona presentation (Ms. Madruga)
- September 22 – University High School celebration

FORMAL ADJORNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Madruga moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; seconded by Mr. Del Palacio. Mr. Chapman called the Regular Meeting of the Tolleson Union High School District Governing Board adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Mr. Steven Chapman, Governing Board President