



**TOLLESON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 214**

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 6:01 p.m. by Governing Board President Mr. Steven Chapman with the following members present: Mr. Devin Del Palacio, Ms. Corina Madruga, and Mr. Vincent Moreno. Mr. Freddie Villalon was excused from the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of the Regular Agenda**

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

**Celebrations**

**A. Athletes of the Month**

The Athlete of the Month Program recognizes student athletes who exhibit exemplary sportsmanship, performance, leadership, and work ethic, both in the classroom and in a competitive environment. The following August 2015 Athletes of the Month were recognized:

Copper Canyon High School

Destini Villegas (Volleyball) and Chase Pope (Football)

La Joya Community High School

Alyssa Ennis (Spiritline) and Garrett Clinton (Golf)

Sierra Linda High School

Samantha Muñoz (Volleyball) and Toshaun Thomas (Football)

Tolleson Union High School

Cassie Murphy (Cross Country) and Zane Hemer (Football)

Westview High School

Olivia Hernandez (Cross Country) and Laruni Witty (Football)

**B. University High School Accomplishments**

University High School was ranked as the #8 school in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* in a report issued in Spring 2015. Academic Dean Susan Thompson introduced the University High School staff, student Cassie Murphy briefly spoke about the characteristics and rigor of UHS, and “founding father” Vincent Moreno was honored.

### **Public Participation**

- Michael Connor spoke of his support of proposed Policy HA; Meet and Confer Goals/Priority Objectives.

### **Summary of Current Events**

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

- Dr. Cunningham congratulated Ms. Madruga and Mr. Moreno for being founding members of the Arizona Latino School Board Association. Planning for ALSBA took about a year culminating with a kickoff event last week.
- The Arizona School Boards Association is sponsoring a *Heroes of Education* program to recognize educators throughout Arizona who go above and beyond to advocate for education. Three District administrators – Richard Oros, Cheryl Burt, and Michael Stewart – were recognized as heroes.
- 115 students with a grade point average of 3.5 and higher were recognized by La Joya Community High School during an academic awards breakfast event. Approximately 75 parents also attended.
- Copper Canyon High School honored local veterans at last week's football game. The JROTC presented the colors and the veterans were recognized during the half-time show.
- Tolleson Union High School guidance department staff are assembling care packages for alumni attending college away from home. Faculty and staff are donating small items to share with the students.
- University High School graduate Emanuel Bustamante (Class of 2015) recently learned he was awarded the Baird Honors Scholarship from the University of Arizona.
- Dr. Cunningham congratulated the Westview High School volleyball team for winning first place at the White Tanks Invitational.
- Dr. Cunningham thanked everyone involved in the remodel of the Governing Board room and stated that there is still some work to do before the project is completed.

#### **Governing Board**

- Ms. Madruga thanked Mr. Moreno, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Del Palacio, and Dr. Cunningham for attending the Arizona Latino School Board Association's kickoff event and stated she was unable to attend due to an emergency.
- Mr. Moreno reported that attendees to the Arizona Latino School Board Association's kickoff event were mainly from west valley school districts. Mr. Moreno also spoke of the Be A Leader Foundation's upcoming "Taking Steps Towards College Success" event where more than 200 higher education representatives will be in attendance.
- Mr. Del Palacio spoke of the Be A Leader Foundation's 5K walk, part of the event spoken of by Mr. Moreno and acknowledged the District administrators named by the Arizona School Boards Association as *Heroes of Education*.
- Mr. Chapman spoke of the Arizona Latino School Board Association's event and congratulated the District's *Heroes of Education*.

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

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

No items were removed.

**CONSENT AGENDA \* ITEMS**

**Human Resources \***

**A. Personnel Items**

**CERTIFIED STAFF**

**Employment of Personnel**

Burgess, Kemmy	DO	Guest Teacher
Dorr, Jessica	DO	Guest Teacher

**Fall Coaches**

Caldwell, Caleb	CCHS	Assistant Football Coach
Axman, Reid	SLHS	Varsity Cross Country Coach
Barnett, Catherine	WHS	Assistant Girls Golf Coach
Degerman, Trevor	WHS	Varsity Boys Golf Coach
Irish, John	WHS	Assistant Boys Golf Coach
Wonner, Larry	WHS	Varsity Boys Golf Coach

**Resignation/Release From Contract (Liquidated Damages Do Not Apply)**

Lebrecht, Terri	WHS	Anatomy/Physiology
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**Resignation/Release From Contract at End of Semester (Pending Payment of Liquidated Damages)**

Sanders, Hailey	LJCHS	Chemistry
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**CLASSIFIED STAFF**

**Employment of Personnel**

Walker, Kenya	CCHS	Clerical Support II
Brooks III, Mitchel	DO	Substitute Bus Driver
Joe, Chelsea	DO	Substitute Bus Driver
Mendoza, Diana	DO	Substitute Bus Monitor
Thompson, Eric	LJCHS	Instructional Assistant I
Purley, Tia	SLHS	Student Cafeteria Worker
Rico, Maria	SLHS	Student Cafeteria Worker
Joshua, Joshua	TUHS	Student Cafeteria Worker
Goings, Raymond	WHS	Security Guard

**Fall Coaches**

Ball, Jerry	CCHS	Assistant Football Coach
Bozeman, Robert	CCHS	Assistant Volleyball Coach
Lopez, Andrew	CCHS	Assistant Spiritline Coach
McLe, Ryan	CCHS	Assistant Football Coach
Robinson, Anthony	LJCHS	Assistant Football Coach
Erickson, Cassandra	SLHS	Athletic Trainer

**Resignations**

Bynum, Maria	SLHS	Cafeteria Cashier
Villegas, Santiaga	SLHS	Clerical Support II
Cuellar, Teresa	WHS	Cafeteria Cashier

**VOLUNTEERS**

Maldonado, David	SLHS	Assistant Football Coach
Bradbury, Glen	TUHS	JROTC

**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 – \$ 1,856,431.21
- Expense Vouchers – \$ 1,766,971.35

**B. Donations**

The following donations were received by the District.

- The Fighting Lobos Booster Club donated 2016 spring passing league uniforms, passing league fees, and coaches' association fees to the La Joya Community High School Football Program.
- The Fighting Lobos Booster Club donated catering, trophies, plaques, photos, balloons, and decorations for the end-of-year football banquet to the La Joya Community High School Football Program.
- The Fighting Lobos Booster Club donated flowers, photos, balloons, and the painting of the football field for the senior night football game to the La Joya Community High School Football Program.
- The Fighting Lobos Booster Club donated pink socks, pink helmet ribbons, and Lobo logo decals for October breast cancer awareness support to the La Joya Community High School Football Program.
- The Fighting Lobos Booster Club donated a parade of cars, flowers, balloons, crowns, and sashes for the homecoming football game to the La Joya Community High School Football Program.
- The Fighting Lobos Booster Club donated pre-game meals for the varsity football players to the La Joya Community High School Football Program.
- The Fighting Lobos Booster Club donated professional fireworks for the homecoming football game to the La Joya Community High School Football Program.
- Essential Packaging donated paper towel products to Sierra Linda High School.

**Purchasing \***

**A. Authorization for Disposal #906**

The disposal of an Apple MacBook laptop computer from the District Office will ensure that the District continues to maintain furniture and equipment that is safe to use and in good operating condition.

**Superintendent's Office \***

**A. Travel Requests**

The following travel request was approved:

- Westview High School Choir Director Lori Dixon; Band Director Ron Henderson; Volunteers Phillip Dixon, Sherena McMurdie, Shauna Keadle, Kathy Johnson, Lamont Johnson, and Bedie Price; and choir and band students will attend a music clinic at Cal State University in Santa Ana, CA and perform at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA on March 10-13, 2016.

**B. Minutes – September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting**

All Governing Board members were present.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Arizona School Boards Association’s Annual Law Conference and Delegate Assembly Update**  
In accordance with Governing Board Policy BIBA; Board Member Conference, Conventions and Workshops, Mr. Chapman provided an update on the ASBA Annual Law Conference and Delegate Assembly he attended on September 10-12, 2015.
- 2. Arizona Interscholastic Association’s Legislative Council Meeting – September 25, 2015**  
As one of nine representatives of the Arizona School Boards Association, Mr. Chapman shared his concerns with AIA’s proposal to restructure the Executive Board and Legislative Council.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Annual Financial Reports**  
Tracy McLaughlin, Director of Financial Services, presented the FY15 Annual Financial Report and the Food Services Annual Financial Report.  
  
Mr. Chapman moved to approve the Annual Financial Report and the Food Services Annual Financial Report to be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the County School Superintendent by October 15, 2015 and further directed Administration to publish the Annual Financial Reports on the Arizona Department of Education’s website by November 15, 2015, as required by statute; seconded by Mr. Moreno. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.
- 2. First Reading – Policy HA; Meet and Confer Goals/Priority Objectives**  
The Governing Board members were presented with proposed language for Policy HA during the September 8, 2015 Governing Board meeting. Several changes were requested by the Governing Board members; the requested changes were included in the document presented for a first reading.  
  
Mr. Chapman moved to approve the first reading of Policy HA; Meet and Confer Goals/Priority Objectives; seconded by Mr. Del Palacio. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.
- 3. Membership in the National School Boards Association’s Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE); Authorization to Attend the CUBE Annual Conference**  
At the request of Governing Board Vice President Devin Del Palacio, the Governing Board discussed joining the National School Boards Association’s Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) and attending the CUBE Annual Conference being held in Phoenix, AZ on October 1-3, 2015. While the Governing Board did not feel that CUBE membership was necessary, the Governing Board members felt attendance at the annual conference would be beneficial to the District.  
  
Mr. Del Palacio moved to approve attendance at the National School Boards Association’s Council of Urban Boards of Education annual conference on October 1-3, 2015; seconded by Mr. Moreno. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- October 13 – No meeting; Fall Break
- October 27 – No items added
- November 10 – No items added
- November 24 – Meeting cancelled
- December 8 – No items added

**FORMAL ADJORNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

Ms. Madruga moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; seconded by Mr. Moreno. Mr. Chapman called the Regular Meeting of the Tolleson Union High School District Governing Board adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Mr. Steven Chapman, Governing Board President