

Mobile Elementary School District No. 86  
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Maricopa AZ 85139

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 08, 2015  
**TIME:** 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Mobile Elementary School Cafeteria

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Brown called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by Mrs. Pat Blair

**ROLL CALL BY** Mrs. Pat Blair

Mr. Derek Jacobson	Not Present
Mrs. Pat Blair	Present
Mrs. Delores Brown	Present
Dr. Kit Wood	Present

**Agenda Items Discussed**

- ❖ Audience: no public
- ❖ Mrs. Brown moved that the Governing Board approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Blair seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
- ❖ Governing Board Report: Mrs. Brown states that there is nothing to report at this time.
- ❖ Dr. Wood presented the Superintendent's report:  
(Dr. Wood)-"My report is written and is in the book. Our last meeting was December 23<sup>rd</sup> and since that time, we've basically been on break and not in session until Monday of this week. This is our fourth day back after ending winter break. We are pleased to say that, potentially, we believe six children will be enrolling next Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> and that will give us sixteen children. There are some additional enrollment possibilities also. My goal is to have at twenty students enrolled and attending by the end of the school year. I believe that we will reach that goal. It really encourages the staff when students enroll. The fact that they know that six students will be starting on Monday really does encourage them, it improves everyone's frame of mind.  
We have a lot of activities planned for these next ten weeks. The most important is student learning and achievement in the classroom and also focusing on the common core standards so our students do well on the new test, the AzMERIT test which will be given to our students in April of this year. A lot of efforts will be focused on learning about that test, giving students practice and taking like items in the classroom in preparation of the test and getting ready for that. Next week we have our spelling bee on Tuesday at 10:00. We invite you to attend. Then, the BOLTS conference is coming up and I will be attending that with the board. That concludes my report unless you have questions."

- ❖ Item 8 which is a motion by exception. Mrs. Brown moved the Governing Board approve the recommended actions of 8A , 8B, 8C and 8D including attachments as presented, Mrs. Blair seconded the motion, it was moved and seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

- ❖ Item 9A: Nomination and Election of Governing Board President

Mrs. Brown states that nominations are now being taken for the office of President for the Governing Board of Mobile Elementary School District.

Mrs. Brown nominates Mrs. Blair. Mrs. Blair is nominated. Are there further nominations for office of President?

Mrs. Blair nominates Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Brown is nominated. Are there further nominations for office of President?

“If there are no further nominations, then nominations are closed. I now call for the vote.

Those in favor of Delores Brown for President say Aye. Those opposed say No. The Ayes have it and Delores Brown is elected President.

- ❖ Item 9B: Mrs. Brown moves that the Governing Board approve the attached Statement of Assurance: Teacher Evaluation as evidence that the teacher evaluations system meets legal guidelines as defined at ARS 15-537 as presented. Mrs. Blair seconded the motion. Discussion-(Dr. Wood)-“This is an annual requirement that the governing board approve the statement of assurance. I can assure you that our district is operating within all legal guideline concerning teacher evaluation including those sited in 15-537.” Mrs. Brown states that it has been moved and seconded that the Governing Board approve the attached Statement of Assurance : Teacher Evaluation as evidence that the teacher evaluations system meets legal guidelines as defined at ARS 15-537 as presented. All those in favor, motion carried.

- ❖ Item 9C: Mrs. Brown states it is recommended that the Mobile ESD Governing Board discuss the current schedule of dates/times for Mobile ESD Governing Board meetings, and consider options or alternatives for possible action, as a discussion item. (Dr. Wood)-“Over the last few months we have had a number of different days for our Governing Board meeting. I was asked in December if another day or time would be better. I am bringing this to the Governing Board for discussion tonight and possible action. According to our board policies it says the second Thursday of each Calendar month is designated as our regular board meeting date. We haven’t had problems with that date except one time we did and I believe it had to do with my daughter’s wedding. Another time when we had problems was because of going to a Governing Board conference. And, I think there was another time was when maybe a previous governing board member couldn’t be at a meeting. To mix in with that, there is the fact that we changed the meeting day/time so Derek could be here on a Tuesday or something like that. I don’t remember all the reasons really.” (Mrs. Brown)-“Seems like it was changed a lot these last six months.” (Dr. Wood)-“It really was. I think any day would be good.” (Mrs. Brown)-“How does that work for you?” (Dr. Wood)-“Thursday’s typically are good. I don’t know I think we changed the days a lot for a lot of different reasons but I just don’t remember why.” (Mrs. Brown)-“There were a lot of times we had to have special meetings.” (Dr. Wood)-“Yes we did. I remember one time I just didn’t think I could get everything ready by Thursday, and it might have had to do with all the work the well was requiring and phone calls. I just don’t remember. The day is ok. When I think about it, you might have fewer interruption if you did go to a Tuesday or Wednesday because we already know two or three times during the year when Thursday doesn’t work. One of them is the ASBA Winter

Conference. Another is the Law Conference. A Tuesday or Wednesday might be better. What I would really like for the board to consider is more the time of the meetings than the day.

Mrs. Brown states that it has been moved and seconded that the Governing Board approve the second Tuesday of the month as the day for Governing Board meetings and the meetings will be held at 3:30 except for in March which it will be held on Thursday at 3:30. All those in favor, motion carried.

- ❖ Item 10A: Mrs. Brown states this is a discussion item to gather input and further information or direction from the governing board. Dr. Wood will you please review item Budget Update 2014-2015.

(Dr. Wood)-“I spoke with Talise Berry today. She works on our budget for us. I assure you that we are operating within our budget. She was able to roll over all of the balances from last year. The AFR was completed in October. Then the county prepares reports in the VISIONS system. Lastly, the account balances are rolled over and this was completed. We are not purchasing anything unless we need to. We are paying bills but we are not purchasing anything unless it is a necessity. I appreciate the fact that Karin Helton the new cook is using commodities as much as possible. The food is free; we just pay for shipping which is three dollars and some cents per box. That really is helping. We received a phone call from the state within the last three or four weeks and they were wondering why last year our food bill was still so high when our student population had decreased substantially from the previous year. by at least fifteen students. I replied that we are really watching food service expenses this year and being as thrifty and frugal as we can. It’s good we are getting used to living very frugally. I believe we will be living frugally for at least another year. Planning for next year: I asked Talise to give us some preliminary M&O figures within a month or so. We need to budget for staff for next year. It would be nice to increase teachers but I don’t know if we can. Right now we are staffing one maintenance person. We’ve reduced the hours for the food service person. Our staffing has decreased already. We’re hoping we can keep all the staff that we have as we plan for next year and perhaps hire a teacher. As we have more information we will bring that to the board. Do you have questions or comments?”

(Mrs. Brown)-“Would it work instead of getting another teacher depending on how many kids we have, have an aide?”

(Dr. Wood)-“Yes that is another option.”

- ❖ Item 10B: Mrs. Brown states this is a discussion item to gather input and further information or direction from the governing board. Dr. Wood will you please review item School Well Update.

(Dr. Wood)-“ In December I received an email from Bill Sims our Legal counsel for the well. He said he had spoken with the attorney that represents the School Facilities Board and she had said that the district should contact the School Facilities Board Liaison about hiring an engineer. I contacted Pat Cruz who is our Liaison at the SFB and he then contacted Michael Johnson of Wilson’s Engineer. Michael Johnson from Wilson’s Engineer looked at the DVD and reviewed it and basically they said the well casing is old and in poor shape. We knew that. Do to the poor condition of the well casing and also the decreased water level, options would be few. That means rebuilding or repairing what we have. One of the biggest concerns would be the risk of the drilling contractor losing tools down the existing hole which could damage the well further. Also there are only thirteen feet of water in the well, so they strongly advocated designing and installing a new replacement well and abandoning the existing well. Going down that route they would also need to look at the current electrical setup to make sure it has sufficient capacity for the new well pump motor and if the existing

discharge piping valves etc. are in good condition and they could try to reuse them. They also knew that they had to get permits and a drilling card would also need to be procured by ADWR. They have to approve drilling a new well. The SFB asked them to give some estimates on the new well. I am waiting for additional information.

I contacted Bill Sims, our lawyer, and stated that the board members were asking if there was any news, response etc. from Goodyear regarding their use of the well. The board members are sensing unhappiness from the community towards them, the board members, because of the well and the community does not understand why Goodyear still has access to the well water and they're not paying. This is still a heated issue. Someone dumped two large containers of nails on one board members driveway road and she had flat tires. The board member feels this is due to the well situation." Bill Sims responded that we were waiting on the engineer reports as to the cost. Once we know that then we could ask Goodyear if they want to enter an IGA for joint use of the well. In communication with Bill Sims, I relayed it could be a period of time yet before we knew the costs from the engineers. I also relayed that the SFB was planning to move forward to fund the new well. At this point Bill and I talked on the phone and he said it really now becomes a governing board decision because I did not feel like I could authorize him to go ahead and contact Goodyear to make a decision or pay up or something without the governing board giving direction about that. I'm sure the constituents are concerned that Goodyear is still using the water. That came up at the meeting and they don't have access to the water but I don't know what direction you want me to follow with Goodyear as far as going back to Bill Sims and saying ok inform Goodyear they've had some time. We don't know when we're going to get information from the engineer. It could be a while. Do you think they should pay now for at least for what they've used?

(Mrs. Brown)-"yes they should be paying monthly just like everyone else has to pay their bills.

(Mrs. Blair)-"I do have one question where he said we could go in as an agreement with Goodyear I thought that was illegal.

(Dr. Wood)-"Because it will be an intergovernmental agreement. You cannot make an intergovernmental agreement with a community.

(Mrs. Blair)-"I just needed that explained to me. I think it should be stopped.

(Dr. Wood)-"So what you saying is you think that there water supply should be cut off or they should pay?

(Mrs. Brown)-"They should start paying for one thing."

(Dr. Wood)-"And back pay?"

(Mrs. Brown)-"oh yes definitely!"

(Dr. Wood)-"So it's ok if Bill applies pressure for them to make a decision?"

(Mrs. Brown)-"yes."

(Mrs. Blair)-"He could always invite them to come to the school and meet with the community.

(Mrs. Brown)-"They don't want to come out here."

(Mrs. Blair)-"I know they don't but they need to answer to the community we are part of them.

Mrs. Brown states I make a motion for the board to give Dr. Wood permission to go through our legal counsel Bill Sims to have Goodyear start paying and to make some motion as to where they're going go with their water. Mrs. Blair seconded the motion. Dr. Wood-"I just want to clarify that you do want me to go back and get with our legal counsel and say that yes the board has given direction and that the City of Goodyear should start paying?"

Mrs. Brown-"and back pay."

Dr. Wood-"and back pay. They need to make a decision because we don't know when the engineers are going to come forward with the design."

Mrs. Brown states all in favor of Dr. Wood having our legal counsel Bill Sims talk to Goodyear. Motion carried.

- ❖ 11. Discussion of items for next Governing Board Meeting: Mrs. Brown asks are there any items needed to be brought forth at the next governing board meeting?
  - Well
  - Budget
  - Update on enrollments
  
- ❖ Adjournment: Mrs. Brown moves that the Governing Board adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm. Mrs. Blair seconded the motion. Mrs. Brown states that it has been moved and seconded that the Governing Board adjourns the meeting. All those in favor, motion carried.

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