

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48**

March 24, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District, #48, Maricopa County, was called to order at 5:37 PM, at the Scottsdale Unified School District Education Center Board Room, 3811 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona. President Beckvar called upon Mrs. Petersen to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in attendance were Karen Beckvar, President; Dr. Eric Meyer, Clerk; Jennifer Petersen; Dieter Schaefer; and Bonnie Sneed. Co-Interim Superintendents Katy Cavanagh and David Peterson were also present. A quorum was present. Ms. Beckvar welcomed approximately 100 visitors.

Before the meeting was called to order, the children from Pueblo Elementary School's Foreign Language Immersion Program entertained the audience.

Ms. Beckvar introduced Dr. Gary T. Catalani, the District's new Superintendent, who was present at the meeting. Dr. Catalani will begin his Superintendency on April 2, 2009.

Introduction of Dr. Catalani

Mr. Schaefer moved to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

Motion #137  
Approval of Agenda

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Superintendents' Comments

Mrs. Cavanagh thanked Terri Kellen, Principal of Pueblo Elementary School, for bringing her students to the meeting.

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Mrs. Cavanagh called upon Andi Furlis, Director of Recruitment and Professional Development. Ms. Furlis introduced Dr. Mark Stieg, President of the SUSD Foundation. The SUSD Foundation has a clear mission to support the financial needs of the school district by providing opportunity for excellence in teaching. Dr. Stieg presented the District with a check representing the Quest for Excellence Grant Program to fund thirty-three grants, for a total of \$32,000. Mrs. Cavanagh thanked Dr. Stieg and the Foundation for all that they do.

Mrs. Cavanagh called upon Clif McKenzie, Executive Director of Exceptional Customer Experiences. Mr. McKenzie recognized Sequoya Principal, Neela Bhavnani who spoke of Sequoya Elementary School's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Walk and Service Learning Project. Assistant Principal Ann Achtziger and Sequoya students invited the Board to the Art Walk. The students also told of their Service Learning project and how they adopted a school in Texas and encouraged students to bring in twenty pennies on the twentieth day of each month. To date, the students have collected over \$700.

Mrs. Cavanagh recognized Eric Kurland, President of the Scottsdale Education Association (SEA) and thanked the SEA for providing transportation for SUSD teachers and staff to the rally at the Capital on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Cavanagh thanked Mr. Kurland for his leadership.

Ms. Beckvar also thanked Mr. Kurland for his hard work.

Dr. Peterson noted an incredible write up on Coronado High School in the publication, The Journal. He also noted that in the March 7<sup>th</sup> Arizona Republic article on the top ten schools in Arizona, three SUSD schools were included: Chaparral, Desert Mountain, and the Math and Science Academy at Saguaro.

Public Comment

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Becky Youman, representing Pueblo Foreign Language Immersion Program parents, read a letter in Spanish thanking the Governing Board for their support.

Maureen Melvin spoke in regard to the proposed budget cuts and asked the Governing Board to keep cuts away from teachers and put people before programs.

Anne Hanson, speaking on behalf of the SEA's Meet and Confer team, assured the Board that the SEA is committed to doing what is right for students and teachers.

Eric Kurland, President of the SEA, thanked Mrs. Cavanagh and Dr. Peterson for the great job they have done as Co-Interim Superintendents. He also welcomed Dr. Catalani and stated that teachers are encouraged by his words and will be fully supportive of his leadership. He also thanked Dr. Meyer for his vote at the State Legislature.

Consent Agenda

- VII. A. Acceptance of Gifts - \$55,794.54
- VII. B. Accounts Payable Vouchers – 2/23/09-3/6/09
- VII. C. Payroll Vouchers – 2/18/09-3/5/09
- VII. D. Personnel Actions – 2/20/09-3/5/09
- VII. E. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2009 Special Board Meeting
- VII. F. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- VII. G. Auxiliary Operations Statement for February 28, 2009
- VII. H. Student Activities Statement for February 28, 2009
- VII. I. Tax Credit Statement for February 28, 2009
- VII. J. Increase to Guaranteed Maximum Price for Chaparral High School-C/O #8
- VII. K. Approval of AZ Department of Education Office of Administrative Hearings Contract
- VII. L. Approve the Issuance of RFP for HVAC Service & Parts
- VII. M. Approve the Issuance of RFP for Cooling Tower Water Treatment Maintenance
- VII. N. Approve the Issuance of RFP for Fire Alarm Installation & Maintenance
- VII. O. Approve the Issuance of RFP for Prepared Pizza for Nutritional Services
- VII. P. Award of RFP #9190, Payment Tracking Software
- VII. Q. Award of RFP #9193, Civil Engineering Services
- VII. R. Cancellation of RFP #9173, Pianos and Approve the Issuance of New RFP for Piano Accessories and Services
- VII. S. Approve the Purchase of Choral Risers and Portable Stages through Mohave Contract

Mrs. Petersen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Information/Discussion Items

Kevin Price, Internal Auditor, presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. A. Audit Services Board Update. Mr. Price gave a PowerPoint reviewing Audit Services over the past three months. Included in the review, construction projects are substantially complete. In regard to the ADM issue, districts are still awaiting the State's 100<sup>th</sup> day report. In looking to the future, Mr. Price recommends continuing ADM audits, a Capital Override audit, special education and ELL audits.

Ms. Beckvar stated that it was the desire of the Board to have Mr. Price follow up on a fixed asset review and to ensure that the District's manual procedures for time and attendance are in good shape. Also, the Board would like a follow up report on cash handling at the school sites.

The Board discussed the State's handling of the ADM issue and requested Mr. Price set up a meeting with Tom Horne, State Superintendent of Schools, to discuss the issue.

David Peterson presented Information/Discussion Item VIII. B. Update on Impact of FY2009-2010 State Legislative Budget Cuts/SUSD Budget. Dr. Peterson reported that there has not been much movement at the State in regard to budget cuts and basically reviewed the information given to the Board at the March 3, 2009 Board Meeting. Ms. Beckvar stated that she would like to see a "worst-case scenario" so the Board could plan for that. The Board discussed funding for elementary music and that teachers are taking very creative approaches to maintain some of the programs and that the information should be shared among all the schools.

Dr. Peterson reviewed a list of items for restoration and asked for guidance from the Board on what items would not be cut from the budget. Also discussed were cuts to athletics and possibly training students to be officials. Dr. Peterson reported that Human Capital will be bringing forward recommended Reductions in Force (RIFs) at the Board meeting of April 7, 2009 and will be asking for Board approval at that time. Dr. Peterson stated that he hoped the dollars will be available and that the District would not have to make those cuts.

Action Items

Dr. Peterson presented Action Item IX. A. Lease/Purchase of District Copiers, reporting that the current copy machines are reaching the end of their useful lives. A new agreement has been negotiated with Ikon, and a new lease would save the District an additional \$200,000 a year.

Consent Agenda

Motion #138  
Approval of Consent Agenda

Information/Discussion  
•Audit Services Board Update

•Update on Impact of FY2009-10 State Legislative Budget Cuts/SUSD Budget

Action Items  
•Lease/Purchase of District Copiers

This practice is done statewide with all school districts. The new contract will enable the District to put codes in all copiers to track large printing jobs. A discussion was had regarding the amount of copiers proposed in the new agreement and the development of guidelines for copier usage.

Dr. Meyer moved to approve the lease/purchase of copiers District wide from Ikon Office Solutions through the Mohave contract with financing provided from Baystone Financial Group through the Mohave contract for an annual payment amount not to exceed \$408,000. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion.

Motion #139  
Approval of Lease/Purchase of District Copiers

Mrs. Petersen noted that she would like Administration to use the process of "first read" at one meeting with approval at a subsequent meeting.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Ms. Beckvar presented Action Item IX. B. Approval of Proposals to ASBA Delegate Assembly and Appointment of Delegate and Alternate. The Board did not have any proposals for the Delegate Assembly.

•Proposals to ASBA Delegate Assembly , Appt. of Delegate & Alternate

Mr. Schaefer nominated Mrs. Sneed as Delegate and volunteered to be the Alternate to the Delegate Assembly. Dr. Meyer seconded the motion.

Motion #140  
Appointment of Mrs. Sneed as Delegate, Mr. Schaefer as Alternate

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Future Action

Mrs. Petersen requested an update on Redfield Elementary School and Cheyenne Traditional School.

Future Action

Mr. Schaefer requested an update on the Math and Science Academy.

Mrs. Cavanagh responded that the April 7, 2009 meeting will be very informational and that it might be May before the Administration would be ready to give those updates.

Governing Board Reports

Mrs. Sneed thanked Eric Kurland for his leadership with the March 4, 2009 Education Rally. She also thanked Anasazi Elementary School for inviting her to the dedication of their Mosaic Bench.

Governing Board Reports

Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 5, 2009 – 5:30 PM – Regular Board Meeting

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

At 7:50 PM, Mr. Schaefer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – 0.

Motion #141  
Adjournment

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009.

**The Governing Board of the Scottsdale Unified School District #48**

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Karen Beckvar, President

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Eric Meyer, Clerk

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Jennifer Petersen

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Dieter Schaefer

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