



Achievement Today For an Exceptional Tomorrow

**Governing Board
Regular Public Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sunn, Governing Board President at 5:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Delson Sunn, Nubia Briceno were in attendance, Stacy Marchelli was absent.

Administration Present:

*Lorah Neville, Superintendent
Susan O’Rielly, Executive Director of Business
Carrie Brandon, Director of Student Services
Dr. Randy Watkins, Hurley Ranch Principal*

*Norma Pacheco, Human Resource Director
Melanie Block, Academic Services Director
Michael Welsh, Union Elementary Principal
Milton Collins, Dos Rios Principal*

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to adopt the agenda. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. SUPERINTENDENT TOP HAPPENINGS

Lorah Neville, Superintendent presented the governing board with the top happenings around the district.

1. Dos Rios Mrs. Nonu organized an awesome Career fair on yesterday! She invited 20 of our local businesses from the Tolleson area to come in and share their experience with all of our 7th and 8th graders. Our parent teacher conferences were a huge success. I heard nothing but positive comments from the parents who stopped at the front to complete our parent satisfaction survey.
2. Our Hurley Ranch students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. They clearly had a blast jumping rope during their physical education class to help a worthy cause. Ms. Hill and Mr. Castro worked closely with the other special area classes to ensure every student had an opportunity to practice and reach their intended goals. Additionally, the special area teachers created a schedule that ensured that our 6th-8th graders had the opportunity to attend the Touchstone Human Growth & Development program. The responses from both staff and students were overwhelmingly positive, which is indicative of their great capacity to work as team for the betterment of our students.

3. Union Elementary is excited to announce that Mrs. Cindy Levey, kindergarten teacher, had her language development project on DonorsChoose.org fully funded on Tuesday, March 7th. Her class will receive six Amazon Fire tablets with cases along with a Universal charging station. The estimated dollar value for this project was \$542. We are excited to see these tablets put to great use with her kindergarten students.

Each grade level team at Union Elementary also collaborated to create common differentiated resources to provide our families during parent-teacher conferences based on each student's needs. These resources will be very helpful to parents in supporting their child at home reinforcing specific skills. Teachers emphasized the importance of the Daily Math and Daily Reading fluency that comes home each week. Daily practice is key to continued growth and success!

4. **ELA & Math Standards Changes**

This week Academic Services attended a standards revision meeting at Maricopa County Educational Services Agency (MCESA) where the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) reviewed the new standards in

ELA and Math. We will use this information with our summer mappers as we review, revise and update our curriculum maps.

AzMERIT/Science AIMS training and preparation

We are in the final stages of completing the state mandated AzMERIT/AIMS training for all test administrators within the district. The training for our teachers and administrators will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at both Hurley Ranch and Dos Rios Elementary Schools. We will provide this presentation in a voice over platform, through outlook for any absent or new proctors as determined by school leaders.

Reading Intervention Cycle 3 Evaluation this Week

Our Reading Interventionists have been working on wrapping up services for our students in cycle 3 of the program. This week we will review the end of cycle results by school, grade level and student. I will provide and update with specific detail to the Board in next week's Governing Board report.

Supporting New Teacher Program Structure

We have been in the process of developing a new teacher support program. This will align with research that promotes support for new teachers and their instructional practice within the first 3 years. We are excited about the opportunity to work with our experienced teacher mentors, district coaches and school leaders as we align overall focus and communication, support and resources for our new to the field teachers.

V. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

A. Summary of Current Events

1. Principals Dr. Randy Watkins, Milton Collins and Michael Welsh shared how each school uses data from Galileo and DIBELS to improve student achievement and help prioritize which standards are of greatest focus based on benchmark data.
2. Mrs. Norma Pacheco, Director of Human Resources shared current and future transportation goals for UESD.

3. Mrs. Carrie Brandon, Director of Student Services gave a departmental presentation on continuum of services provided to meet an individual student's needs throughout the district.

B. Reports

1. Financial Report Budget & Expenditures as of February 28, 2017.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (members of the Governing Board shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action)

- A. None

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve consent items.

- A. Approval of Regular Public Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2017
- B. Approval of Personnel Items as presented.
- C. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- D. Approval of Payroll Vouchers
- E. Approval of Student Activity Accounts

Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. **New Business**

- A. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the Administrators for the 2017-2018 school year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve Annamarie Dowling-Garrot as Principal of Dos Rios Elementary. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve Gifts and Donations made to Union Elementary School District. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Educational Support Staff for the 2017-2018 school year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the School Psychologist Salary Placement Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Neville addressed questions from the board. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the revised 2017-2018 School Calendar. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the Related Salary Placement Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Related Services Staff for the 2017-2018 school year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve the Exempt Educational Support Staff for the 2017-2018 school year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- J. Motion by Mrs. Briceno, seconded by Mr. Sunn to approve the new position and job description for districtwide Classroom Mentor Teachers. Mrs. Neville and Mrs. Pacheco addressed questions from the Board President. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- K. Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno to approve Certified Stipends/Extra Pay schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VIII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS- Administration will follow-up with Dos Rios 2nd grade project and report back to Governing Board via board memorandum.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Requests for future agenda items. None
- B. Upcoming Board Presentations
 - 1. April 13, 2017 – Hurley Ranch Student Council presentation
 - 2. April 13, 2017 – Food Service Departmental presentation
 - 3. April 13, 2017 – Desert Choice presentation grades 1-4

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sunn, seconded by Mrs. Briceno, to adjourn the Public Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.


Mr. Delson Sunn, President of the Board


Date