

LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1

2200 Havasupai Blvd.
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Special Governing Board Minutes

May 18, 2021

1. Call to Order

The special session of the Governing Board of Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 was called to order by Governing Board Vice President, Dr. Eric Aurand, in the District Office, Building A, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona at 5:00 p.m., on May 18, 2021.

1.1 Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection

1.2 ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Eric Aurand, Vice President

Lisa Roman, Member

Archana Aliyar, Member

Kyle Neidermann, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Masden, President

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Rebecca Stone, Superintendent

Michael Murray, Director of Business Services

Aggie Wolter, Director of Special Services

Lindsay Bitterman, Principal, Thunderbolt Middle School

Brett Bitterman, Principal, Oro Grande Classical Academy

Others: 5

Terry Fleming, Secretary

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review and Accept Agenda for this Session

Mr. Neidermann moved, seconded by Mrs. Aliyar to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES

3. Call for Executive Session

Dr. Aurand moved, seconded by Mr. Neidermann to go into an executive session at 5:02 p.m. pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of receiving legal advice from the attorney of the District regarding disputed allegations involving the provision of educational services to elementary student.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES

Mrs. Roman moved, seconded by Mrs. Aliyar to adjourn the executive session at 5:21 p.m. and reconvene into Special Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES

4. Action Items

4.1 Approval to Appoint the Director of Human Resources

Dr. Stone recommended the Governing Board approve Mrs. Lindsay Bitterman as the next Director of Human Resources.

Mrs. Roman moved, seconded by Mr. Neidermann to approve item 4.1 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES

Board congratulated Mrs. Bitterman.

4.2 Approval to Appoint the Principal for Nautilus Elementary School

Dr. Stone recommended the Governing Board approve Mr. Jonathan Moss as the new Principal of Nautilus Elementary School.

Mr. Neidermann moved, seconded by Mrs. Roman to approve item 4.2 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES

Board congratulated and welcomed Mr. Moss.

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4.3 Approval of Singapore Math Program K-6 Consumable Materials

Dr. Stone recommended the Governing Board approve the requested consumable materials for Singapore Math.

In 2019, the LHUSD Governing Board approved spending no more than \$95,000 annually for Singapore Math materials. These consumable materials have been purchased in July each year. We are requesting approval of the expenditure at this time for the upcoming school year to ensure materials arrive before the start of the school year.

In order to ensure that workbook and other consumable materials are ordered, delivered, inventoried, and distributed to school sites in a timely manner, the Student Achievement Department is requesting to order materials in late spring of each year, rather than July. Since these materials were purchased for 20-21 in this fiscal year, we are asking the Board to spend no more than \$95,000 at this time to purchase Singapore Math workbooks for grades K-6 for the 21-22 school year.

This change will allow our teachers to be prepared for the first day of the 21-22 school year. This item has been reviewed and approved by the Business Department. The backup information to this item was provided to Governing Board members prior to the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Roman moved, seconded by Mr. Neidermann to approve item 4.3 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES

4.4 Approval of the Purchase of Toolbox Resources for School Counselors

Dr. Stone recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Toolbox resources for three additional elementary schools to support school counselors at each of the school sites at a price not to exceed \$20,000.

The LHUSD Board approved the Toolbox counselor resource on July 6, 2020, to support the School Safety Grant and counselors that were added to the elementary schools. For the 2021-22 school year, LHUSD will use grant funding to expand the counseling program and provide one counselor for each elementary school. Due to this expansion, we are requesting the purchase of three additional sets of Toolbox counselor resources, not to exceed \$20,000.

Toolbox naturally encourages empathy, understanding, and 12 skills or practices to navigate the complexities of everyday life. It is an inside-out approach that emphasizes children's ability to manage their own emotional, social, and academic success by giving them access to the inner tools that empower them. Toolbox provides a common language shared by students, staff, and parents. Toolbox addresses the trauma and/or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) children experience in life.

Counselors will use this resource when developing classroom lessons, and conducting parent presentations, small groups, and individual counseling opportunities.

This has been approved by the business department. The backup information to this item was provided to Governing Board members prior to the May 18, 2021 meeting. Funding for the purchase will be from the ESSER grant.

Mrs. Roman moved, seconded by Mr. Neidermann to approve item 4.4 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES

4. Announcements – next regular board meeting will be June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Neidermann moved, seconded by Mrs. Roman to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aliyar: YES, Roman: YES, Neidermann: YES, Aurand: YES

Video of the entire meeting may be seen on the District website [www.lhusd.org/boardvideos] under Governing Board.

Minutes of the Special Governing Board meeting of May 18, 2021, are approved as submitted.