

LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1
2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Governing Board Minutes

December 18, 2018

REGULAR MEETING:

1. Routine Opening of Meeting - Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 was called to order by Governing President, John Masden, in the District Boardroom, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona at 6:00 p.m., on December 18, 2018.

1.1 Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection

1.2 Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Masden, President
 Nichole Cohen, Vice President
 Kathy Cox, Member
 Pat Rooney, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Diana Asseier, Superintendent
 Michael Murray, Director of Business Services
 Jaime Festa-Daigle, Director of Personnel/Technology
 Aggie Wolter, Director of Special Services
 Brad Gardner, Director of Educational Services
 Connie Hogard, Principal, Smoketree Elementary
 Claude Sanders, Principal, Havasupai Elementary
 Brett Bitterman, Principal, Oro Grande Elementary
 Corey Triassi, Principal, Starline Elementary
 Mari Jo Mulligan, Principal, Thunderbolt Middle School
 Scott Becker, Principal, Lake Havasu High School
 Shannon Williams, Assistant Principal, High School
 Jennifer Cady, Assistant Principal, High School
 Terry Fleming, Secretary

Others: 34

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

1.4 Call for an Executive Session – none

2. Call to the Public – none.

3. Recognition of Visitors

- Recognition of Service for Pat Rooney, Governing Board Retiree. Mr. Rooney first started with the District in 1971, and has been a teacher, coach, assistant principal/athletic director, and principal at the high school. He has been a Governing Board member for 16 years.

- Mrs. Asseier presented the Board with the Arizona School Boards Association Total Board Boardmanship Award and a personal plaque to each board member. The Award is granted to a board when a least a quorum of members has attained the level of a Certificate of Boardmanship. Only twelve districts in the state received this award.

- Mr. Masden recognized Diane Douglas, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction. Ms. Douglas congratulated our District on the Reading Horizons program and for the Classical Academy at Oro Grande Elementary. She gave each board member and Mrs. Asseier a Challenge coin, and a Certificate of Recognition from the Department of Education and herself for the Classical Academy at Oro Grande.

- Lake Havasu City Education Association (LHCEA) Carol Nowaskowski gave a monthly report.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

- 4.1.1 Approval of Minutes:
 - Regular Session of November 20, 2018
 - Special Session on November 1, 2018
 - Work Session of November 1, 2018; November 13, 2018
- 4.1.2 Approval or Modification of Agenda
- 4.1.3 Personnel Report: Certified; Employment, Separation, Exception to Policy, Long Term Leave, Other. Support Staff; Employment, Separation, Exception to Policy, Long Term Leave, Other.
- 4.1.4 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the Lake Havasu Unified School District in the amount of \$3,628.30 and to Student Activities Organizations in the amount of \$1,000.00, plus 2002 Ford Mustang.
 - A detailed list of donations can be viewed as background material by contacting the District.*
- 4.1.5 Approval of Travel Asseier

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Masden: YES

5. Old Business

5.1 Approval of Land Exchange

Mr. Murray recommended that the Board approve the exchange of land between the Lake Havasu Unified School District #1 and Mr. Mayer Akntarзад in accordance with a mutually agreed upon Memorandum of Understanding, and to authorize an appraisal of both properties, the cost of which will be the responsibility of Mr. Akntarзад. Previous requests were brought before the Board in October 2017 and March 2018.

The Lake Havasu Unified School District #1 has received a request for an exchange of land. The District currently owns parcel #108-12-141 and Mr. Akntarзад owns parcels #108-12-139 and #108-12-144, both located on Swanson Avenue.

The District may exchange unimproved property where the Governing Board determines that the property is unnecessary for the continued operation of the school district without requesting authorization by a vote of the school district electors, if the Governing Board determines that the exchange is necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of pupils, *or when the Governing Board determines that the exchange is based on sound business principles*. The exchange may be for unimproved or improved property of equal or greater value, or unimproved property that the owner contracts to improve, if the value of the property ultimately received by the District is of equal or greater value.

The exchange would occur after an appraisal, for which Mr. Akntarзад will be responsible. Only if the district's property is of equal or lesser value than the other parcel, or improvements are made to increase the value obtained by the District, would the exchange take place.

A resolution for the land exchange must be signed by all board members present at the board meeting at which the land exchange is approved. The resolution will authorize the Board President to sign the Land Exchange Agreement. The resolution will also direct the District to record the deed. Per the resolution, the Governing Board President will be authorized to sign the deeds at a later date.

The Board postponed this item at the November 20, 2018.

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 5.1 as presented.
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Masden: YES

5.2 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Expansion of Lake Havasu Classical Academy at Oro Grande

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Board approve the expansion of the Lake Havasu Classical Academy from K – 2 to K – 6 in school year 2019 – 20, which includes adoption of the Hillsdale College Classical Education Scope and Sequence, as well as such materials necessary for full implementation. These include materials from the Core Knowledge Foundation and other publishers of classical curricular resources. For the 2018-19 school year, the Governing Board approved a pilot magnet program providing a classical education model at Oro Grande Elementary School. The pilot began with kindergarten and first grade, with the intention and approval to expand a grade level per year.

With the success of the curriculum and instructional strategies, interest continues to grow from parents. These same parents have been pivotal at sharing the benefits of the classical curriculum with other parents, and would like the curriculum to be available to all grade levels, as many families have students in the grade levels that do not follow the Classical approach. Students in the Classical education have a structured spiraling curriculum, allowing students to work in content repeatedly through multiple grade levels. This

approach has been successful as other Classical schools begin with grade levels of K - 6.

The Oro Grande Principal and classical staff have seen success in the benefits of the Classical curriculum. The school wide Classical Educational would unify the staff and allow for a deeper and more successful collaborative approach. Recent training and classical school visits have provided a guiding compass that shows a K – 6 program would serve all the students of Oro Grande and would provide a desirable and attractive option for our community. The magnet has fulfilled a purpose in attracting students who would otherwise choose a private school.

Information on cost and expansion considerations was provided to the Board prior to the meeting, and was presented at the meeting for public consideration and Board discussion.

Mrs. Cohan moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 5.2 as presented.

Mrs. Asseier and Mr. Bitterman shared information on the Oro Grande Classical Academy and what would be needed to expand the academy. Mrs. Douglas presented Mr. Bitterman with a Challenge Coin. Discussions continued with the Board and audience members: Lisa Roman and Marcia Cox.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Masden: YES

6. New Business

6.1 Approval of Reading Horizons Annual Software License

Mr. Gardner recommended the Governing Board approve the purchase of the Reading Horizons software which supports the adopted Reading Horizons Discovery Phonics program for the amount of \$32,580.00.

Smoketree, Nautilus, and Havasupai received performance based funding for the fiscal year 2017-18. The funding is based on overall student academic growth. The funds may be used to enhance or replicate programs that are in place. The principals at these sites requested the purchase of the upgrade of the Reading Horizons Discovery Phonics software, which supports the Lake Havasu Unified School District commitment to a research based K-3 reading program, and which meets the criteria required by the state for the Move on When Reading mandate. Reading Horizons is the most advanced, adaptive, and prescriptive reading software available. The methodology makes reading instruction more enjoyable and effective for students and teachers alike by making it both simple and engaging.

With this program, each of the schools mentioned receive unlimited access to Reading Horizons Discovery online software for grades K-3 during the contracted term. This program may be replicated if deemed successful so that access to the remaining three elementary schools may be granted in the following year. The district originally purchased the software as part of the Reading Horizons Discovery program so staff is familiar with the technology.

The business department has approved this item. MESC – 17J-BACK-1004

Mr. Rooney moved, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, to approve item 6.1 as presented.

Mr. Gardner stated that the progress of the program would be measured by testing with MAPS and Dibels.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Masden: YES

6.2 Approval of Agreement between Lake Havasu Unified School District #1 and Mohave County Community College District for Educational Programs

Mr. Becker recommended that the Governing Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Lake Havasu Unified School District #1 and Mohave Community College for Dual Enrollment Courses, retroactive to the executed date accompanying MCC's administrative signature.

Dual enrollment provides high school juniors and seniors with not only high school credits, which count toward high school graduation, but with college credits while they are enrolled in high school. High school students will be able to take Mohave Community College courses, using MCC curricula and textbooks. Classes will be taught at the high school during the school day by qualified high school instructors who are employed at Lake Havasu High School. Dual enrollment provides free college tuition for high school students who are able to take these classes and makes it possible for a graduating high school senior to have completed at least one year's worth of college credit by the end of his/her high school career, thus saving the student both time and money.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the district's legal counsel as to form. A copy was sent electronically to the governing board for review prior to the meeting on December 18, 2018.

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 6.2.

Mrs. Asseier had emailed a list of all high school dual enrollment classes to the board prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Masden: YES

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6.3 Approval of New Courses at Lake Havasu High School for the 2019-20 School Year

Mr. Becker recommended the Governing Board approve the attached list of new courses for the 2019-2020 school year at Lake Havasu High School.

- The following courses have been will be added with the aforementioned course description attached:
 - CTE ADVANCED DIGITAL COMMUNICATION – JOURNALISM (H)
 - CTE ADVANCED DIGITAL COMMUNICATION – PUBLICATION (H)
 - CTE CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURES
 - CTE CRIME SCENE MANAGEMENT
 - GUITAR
 - MUSIC THEORY
 - SPANISH CONVERSATION AND CULTURE
 - LIFETIME FITNESS
 - EARTH SCIENCE 1-2 (H)
 - AP PHYSICS 1-2 (H)
 - WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 6.3.

Discussion on several of the courses and the description of the classes. Teacher Lori Gray was present to answer question on the criminal courses. Several audience members spoke; Karen VanderJack, Diane Douglas and Marcia Cox. Several board members would like to see a survey level U.S. Constitution course added to the High School curriculum.

Mrs. Cohen moved to amend her motion, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 6.3 with the removal of “and crimes related to child pornography or pedophiles.” from the course description of CTE Criminal Law and Procedures.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: NO, Rooney: YES, Masden: YES

6.4 Approval of Class Fees at Lake Havasu High School for the 2019-20 School Year

Mr. Becker recommended the Governing Board approve the attached list of new course class fees for the 2019-2020 school year at Lake Havasu High School.

- AP PHYSICS 1-2 (H) * \$20.00 (year)
- CTE CRIME SCENE MANAGEMENT * \$20.00 (semester)
- CTE ADVANCED DIGITAL COMMUNICATION – JOURNALISM (H) * \$20.00 (year)
- CTE ADVANCED DIGITAL COMMUNICATION –PUBLICATION (H) * \$20.00 (year)
- EARTH SCIENCE 1-2 (H) * \$10.00 (year)
- GUITAR * \$20.00 (semester)
- MUSIC THEORY * \$10.00 (semester)

*indicates new course

Mr. Rooney moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox, to approve item 6.4 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: NO, Rooney: YES, Masden: YES

6.5 Approval of Vouchers, Student Activity Funds, and Auxiliary Funds

Mr. Murray recommended that the Governing Board approve:

Approval of Vouchers - Vouchers for November 2018 / \$4,069,667.03

Student Activity Funds for K-8 for October 2018 / \$42,475.03

Student Activity Funds for 9-12 for October 2018 / \$222,998.26

Auxiliary Funds for October 2018:

District Office	\$ 6,136.18
Smoketree	\$ 8,913.31
Havasupai	\$ 5,079.12
Starline	\$ 17,048.76
Nautilus	\$ 11,581.20
Oro Grande	\$ 3,103.44
Jamaica	\$ 22,301.40

Thunderbolt \$166,228.63
High School \$506,950.61

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 6.6.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Cox: YES, Masden: YES

7. Informational

- * Superintendent
 - Mrs. Asseier gave sympathy to the Johnathon Mendez family at their loss. Johnathon was a student at our High School.
 - Mrs. Asseier gave thanks to our community for the Gift and Donations made to the District.
 - Mrs. Asseier introduced the new board members that will start in January 2019: Lisa Roman and Archana Aliyar.
- * Directors - Educational Services, Personnel/Technology, and Special Services Reports
- * Governing Board Members
 - Mrs. Cohen thanked Mrs. Douglas for coming to the meeting and her support of LHUSD #1.
- * Advisory Committees
- * Employee Benefit Trust (EBT) Ex-Officio

8. Call to the Public - none

9. Communications

- The next regular board meeting will be January 15, 2019. There will be an Organizational Session at 3:30 pm and a Work Session at immediately following the Organization Session on January 8, 2019, to review the draft January 15 Board packet.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Rooney moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: NO, Rooney: YES, Cox: YES, Masden: YES

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

Minutes of the Regular Governing Board meeting of December 18, 2018, are approved as submitted.

John Masden, Board President

Nichole Cohen, Board Vice President