

# LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1

2200 Havasupai Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

## Special Governing Board Minutes

January 13, 2017

### 1.1 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 President, Nichole Cohen, in the District Office Boardroom, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona at 10:00 a.m., on January 13, 2017.

### 1.2 ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Diana Asseier, Superintendent  
Denise Miner, Director of Personnel/Technology  
Aggie Wolter, Director of Special Services  
Brad Gardner, Director of Educational Services  
Michael Murray, Principal, Starline Elementary  
Terry Fleming, Secretary

Others: 15

### 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

### 1.4 Moments of Silence

## 2. Review and Accept Agenda for this Session

Mr. Masden made a motion to accept the agenda for this session.

Motion seconded by Mr. Ward. No discussion.

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

## 3. Mr. Masden moved to go into an executive session at 10:02 a.m. for

Executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1); Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of a public officer, appointee, or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions an officer, appointee, or employee may demand that such discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting.

- Discussion on Director of Business Services Position

Mr. Ward seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Rooney moved to adjourn the executive session at 10:18 a.m. and reconvene into Special Session. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Staff members entered the Boardroom for the remainder of the meeting.

## 4. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Director of Business Services

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Governing Board approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Murray to the position of Director of Business Services.

Mr. Murray brings twelve years of educational experience and five years of business experience to the position of Director of Business Services. Mr. Murray began his teaching career in 2005 at Oro Grande Elementary school where he spent seven years. In 2012, Mr. Murray became the Principal at Starline Elementary School, where he has demonstrated ethical and innovative leadership for the past five years.

Before starting his teaching career in 2005, Mike spent five years in private industry serving in business and financial roles. He spent three years as the Assistant Branch Manager for United Rentals, where he supervised branch operations; managed budget income and expenses; managed personnel, which included hiring, training, and dismissal; managed inventory; and supervised several departments, including transportation, sales, and maintenance. He then moved to First Savings Bank

while finishing his bachelor's degree, where he served as a Financial Services Representative. Here Mr. Murray managed customer accounts, sold financial services, and provided customer support. Mr. Murray left the bank to begin student teaching.

Mr. Murray received his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 2005 from Northern Arizona University (NAU). He went on to complete his Master's degree from NAU in Educational Leadership. Mr. Murray is currently enrolled in the Arizona Association for School Business Officials Certification Program. To date, Mr. Murray has completed courses in School Budget and Finance, Accounting, Procurement, and School Business Management. He will be completing the Maintenance and Operations course in January.

Mr. Murray is currently involved in the Leadership Lake Havasu Program and is deeply involved in the community of Lake Havasu City. One community member stated, "Mike is highly ethical. I would place him in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile with quality values and morals." Mr. Murray is also described as a thoughtful and creative leader.

Mr. Murray brings the financial and educational perspective to the table. His patience and his ability to listen, gather data, reflect on information, make a decision, and then implement with fidelity while focusing ultimately on "the student" make him the ideal person to serve the district and community as the Director of Business Services.

Mr. Masden moved that the Board approve Mr. Michael Murray as the Director of Business Services and authorize Mrs. Asseier to engage LeAnn Burns, The Professional Group Public Consulting, for coaching and support.

Mrs. Cox seconded the motion. No discussion.

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

Congratulations were given to Mr. Murray by all. Mr. Murray will start the position on February 1st.

5. Announcements - none

6. Adjournment

Mr. Masden moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

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Minutes of the Special Governing Board meeting of January 13, 2017 are approved as submitted.

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Nichole Cohen, Board President

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John Masden, Board Vice President