

LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1

2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Governing Board Minutes

January 17, 2017

REGULAR MEETING SESSION:

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order

The regular session of the Governing Board of Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 was called to order by Governing Board President, Mrs. Cohen at 6:00 p.m. in the District Boardroom, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona, on January 17, 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
Aggie Wolter, Director of Special Services
Brad Gardner, Director of Educational Services
Denise Miner, Director of Personnel/Technology
Connie Hogard, Principal, Smoketree Elementary
Mike Murray, Principal, Starline Elementary
Ruben Gonzalez, Principal, Nautilus Elementary
Brett Bitterman, Principal, Oro Grande Elementary
Andrea Helart, Principal, Jamaica Elementary
Mari Jo Mulligan, Principal, Thunderbolt Middle School
Scott Becker, Principal, Lake Havasu High School
Jaime Festa, Assistant Principal, High School
Dale Genger, Assistant Principal, High School
Martha Jo Thompson, Secretary

Others: 30

1.3 Call for Executive Session - none

1.4 Pledge of Allegiance

1.5 Moments of Silence

1.6 Recognition of Visitors

- Lake Havasu City Education Association (LHCEA) Carol Nowakowski introduced LHCEA to the New Board Members and provided contact information.

2. Call to Public - none.

3. Consent Calendar

3.1.1 Approval of Minutes –

Regular Session of December 20, 2016

Special Session of December 2, 2016; December 8, 2016; December 12, 2016

Executive Session of December 2, 2016; December 8, 2016; December 12, 2016

Work Session of December 13, 2016 (2)

3.1.2 Approval or Modification of Agenda

3.1.3 Personnel Report: Certified; Employment, Separation, Exception to Policy, Long Term
Medical, Other. Support Staff; Employment, Separation, Exception to Policy, Long Term

- Medical, Other.
- 3.1.4 Approval of Vouchers for November 2016 / \$3,322,932.84
 Student Activity Funds for K-8 for November 2016 / \$41,801.17
 Student Activity Funds for 9-12 for November 2016 / \$218,637.53
 Auxiliary Funds for November 2016 / \$779,298.94
 - 3.1.5 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the Lake Havasu Unified School District in the amount of \$21,773.27 and to Student Activities Organizations in the amount of \$600.00.
A detailed list of donations can be viewed as background material by contacting the District.
 - 3.1.6 Approval of Attached Statement of Assurance Form for Teacher Evaluation Gardner
 System Status - FY 2017-2018
 - 3.1.7 Approval of 2016-17 School Site / District Emergency Response Plans Wolter

Mr. Rooney moved that the Board approve the consent calendar.

Mr. Ward seconded the motion.

Mr. Masden asked that 3.14 be moved to 3.2 so there can be discussion.

He wanted it made clear on voucher V18-V21 line number 691 Building Renewal Grant is money we spend and then the School Facilities Board reimburse the district.

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

4. Old Business

4.1 Approval to Secure Arizona's Master Teacher Program Grant Through the Arizona K12 Center

Mr. Gardner recommended that the Board approve our request to secure Arizona's Master Teacher Program Grant through the Arizona K12 Center. Eligible applicants may apply for up to three years of funding with year one at \$100,000, year two at \$85,000, and year three at \$70,000. The grant would assist our district with developing and supporting our newest members of the teaching profession.

Our district's newest teachers would benefit greatly from the professional development provided by the Arizona K12 Center's professional learning plan. One of our district's goals is to provide teachers with meaningful professional development opportunities and to retain them. The grant would provide financial support for a three year period, at which time we can reapply for the same grant. Our district would provide identified Master Teachers who would work directly with beginning teachers. We would strive to develop more master teachers in our effort to build teacher leadership capacity, and we would continue to support teachers interested in entering the pathway to become Nationally Board Certified. We recognize that student learning increases when a child has a high-quality teacher, and a teacher's practice improves when it is supported through a collaborative work environment that provides ongoing mentoring or coaching. Securing the aforementioned grant would assist us in improving and sustaining a high quality professional development program for our newest teachers.

This item was tabled at the December 20, 2016, board meeting for further review.

Mrs. Christi Olsen and Mrs. Christine Musselman gave information to the board on NBCT and Professional Development. Mrs. Youso explained the budget for the grant. There will be no cost to the district for this grant.

Mrs. Cox moved that the Board approve item 4.1 as presented.

Mr. Rooney seconded the motion. Additional comments were made by Hal Christensen, John Masden, Kathy Cox and Diana Asseier.

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

4.2 Second Presentation/Review of Revised Policy EBAA Reporting of Hazards / Warning System

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Board approve the second presentation of revised policy EBAA Reporting of Hazards / Warning System.

Per Arizona School Boards Association Policy Services Advisories, dated July 2016, the following policy revision is being presented:

Policy Advisory No. 552 Policy EBAA—Reporting of Hazards/ Warning Systems

House Bill 2190 initiated changes to a number of education or education related statutes. Corresponding changes have been made to policy documents based on the statutory language that has been added or deleted. The documents affected are EBAA, Reporting of Hazards/Warning Systems; IKE-RB, Promotion and Retention of Students; JC, School Attendance Areas; and KB, Parental Involvement in Education.

There have been no changes made to the policies since the first reading on December 20, 2016.

Mr. Masden moved that the Board approve item 4.2 as presented.

Mr. Rooney seconded the motion. No discussion

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

5. New Business

5.1 Approval of Hearing Officer for 2017

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Governing Board approve Mrs. Becky Goldberg as Hearing Officer for 2017 funded from Medicaid. Mr. Brad Gardner, Director of Educational Services, will preside if Mrs. Goldberg is unavailable. It is further recommended that the Governing Board, per district policy, continue to meet in Executive Session to hear all Expulsion hearings referred or requested by Administration.

Per Board Policy JKE the board can appoint a hearing officer to oversee discipline suspension hearings. Due to the increased number of discipline hearings a hearing officer is needed. Position will be reviewed annually.

Per Job Description for Hearing Officer approved December 12, 2006; II. B. A Hearing Officer will be approved by the Governing Board at the first regular meeting in January of each year.

A Special Services representative will continue to attend any discipline hearing for a Special Education students.

Mr. Rooney moved that the Board approve item 5.1 as presented.

Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Mr. Masden asked if others had been considered for the position. Mr. Rooney explained that she is very qualified, she was a board member. Before Mrs. Goldberg we had Lee Barnes and he was a former board member also.

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

5.2 Approval to Discontinue the K-12 Participation Fee of \$1.00 Per Year Beginning in the 2017-18 School Year

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Board approve to discontinue the K-12 Participation Fee of \$1.00 per year beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

Tax credit dollars may be used to fund extracurricular activities as identified in A.R.S. 43-1089.01. In the past, in order for an extracurricular activity to qualify for receipt of tax credit dollars, the students must be required to pay a fee. Per Arizona House Bill 2190, effective August 6, 2016, the definition of qualified extracurricular activity no longer limits tax credits to those that charge a fee. Therefore, there is no need to continue the \$1.00 fee per student.

Mr. Ward moved that the Board approve item 5.2 as presented.

Mr. Masden seconded the motion. No discussion.

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

5.3 Resolution Number 16-17-11 Authorizing Interim Authority to Execute Legal and Other Documents on Behalf of the District

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing Diana Asseier, Superintendent; Denise Miner, Director of Personnel and Technology; Aggie Wolter, Director of Special Services; and Brad Gardner, Director of Educational Services, to sign warrants, contracts, agreements, vouchers and other written documents, on behalf of the Lake Havasu Unified School District #1.

Because the position of Director of Business Services has not been filled and the District has a

need for authorized signatures on legal and other documents in the interim period, the Governing Board is asked to approved the attached resolution. This document was prepared by legal counsel.

Mr. Masden moved that the Board approve item 5.3 as presented.

Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Superintendent Asseier explained that at the time of this request we did not have a Director of Business Services. She announced, "I am happy to say the Board has selected Mr. Mike Murray as our next Director of Business Services." Mr. Murray does not take over the position until February 1, 2017, and at that time he will be in a transitioning period. She recommended that for now we go with the resolution as stated. It will only be for the remainder of this school year. Mr. Masden asked that we be very clear that it is just for this school year.

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

6. Informational

6.1 Superintendent's Report

- Mrs. Asseier gave appreciation of the generous Gifts and Donations to the District.
- Mrs. Wolter shared the Special Services Monthly Board Update. It was noted that 12% of our students are being serviced by the Special Education Department.
- Tracy McFarlin-Pressley was chosen at School Counselor of the Year.
- Our enrollment as of January 13, 2017, we are down by 3. If we continue to decline it will affect our 100 day count.
- Mr. Rooney informed the board that our high school is hosting the State Student Council Convention. Mr. Becker said 2000 students will be present. This event has had an financially impact on our city. Hotels are full and the students only eat one meal on campus so they will be eating out the remaining time.

7. Communications - none.

8. Adjournment

Following a motion by Mr. Ward seconded by Mr. Masden, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

Video of the entire meeting may be seen on the District website [www.havasu.k12.az.us] under Governing Board.

Minutes of the Regular Governing Board meeting of January 17, 2017 are approved as submitted.

Nichole Cohen, Board President

John Masden, Board Vice President

*The mission of Lake Havasu Unified School District is to nurture all our children to their fullest potential, to develop their skills in all major aspects of learning, to create lifelong learners who think critically, and to engage the entire community in this unity of purpose. --**WE** are preparing for tomorrow, one student at a time.*