

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

Governing Board Minutes

January 21, 2020

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, Lisa Roman, in the District Boardroom, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona at 6:00 p.m., on January 21, 2020.

1.1 Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection

1.2 Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Roman, President
Kathy Cox, Vice President
Nichole Cohen, Member
John Masden, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Archana Aliyar, Member
Diana Asseier, Superintendent
Michael Murray, Director of Business Services
Brad Gardner, Director of Educational Services
Aggie Wolter, Director of Special Services
Jaime Festa-Daigle, Director of Personnel/Technology
Connie Hogard, Principal, Smoketree Elementary
Corey Triassi, Principal, Starline Elementary
Roger Burger, Principal, Nautilus Elementary
Brett Bitterman, Principal, Oro Grande Classical Academy
Andrea Helart, Principal, Jamaica Elementary
Mari Jo Mulligan, Principal, Thunderbolt Middle School
Lindsay Bitterman, Assistant Principal, Thunderbolt
Shannon Williams, Assistant Principal, High School
Dustin Zampogna, Assistant Principal, High School
Sean Baker, Technology Supervisor
Terry Fleming, Secretary

Others: 61

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

1.4 Call for an Executive Session – none.

2. Call to the Public – none.

3. Recognition of Visitors

- Tri-State Youth Internship and Leadership program was introduced by Anne Marie Ward and Dr. Waheed Zehri. They encourage businesses to get involved with the program, and high school students to sign up to intern at a local business. Students will be paid to work 120 hours over the summer with a local business and will receive high school credits.

- New National Board Certified Teachers - Chessa Frei-LHHS, Tania Gray-LHHS, Marie Hendry-LHHS, Jessica Scavuzzo-Smoketree, Raichel Nutt-Starline, Melissa Waller-Starline, Jamie Thuneman-Jamaica, and Jackie Murphy-Jamaica. There have been 28 LHUSD teachers NB certified. LHUSD is now a National Board Accomplished School District. Thank you to the K-12 Foundation for their years of support.

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

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

4.1.1 Approval of Minutes:

Regular Session of December 17, 2019

Special Session of December 17, 2019

Executive Session of December 17, 2019

- 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 \$20,192.40 and to Student Activities Organizations in the amount of \$4,624.52.
A detailed list of donations can be viewed as background material by contacting the District.
- 4.1.5 Approval of Travel Asseier

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Mrs. Cohen provided that the total Carbon Emissions (CO₂e) for this month's travel requests equals 0.47 metric tons of CO₂e.

Mrs. Roman requested that Board member share additional information prior to the vote.

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

5. Old Business – none.

6. New Business

6.1 Approval of Electrical SES Replacement at Lake Havasu High School Using Bond and/or Capital Funds

Mr. Murray recommended the Governing Board approve the replacement of the Electrical SES (Service Entrance Section) at Lake Havasu High School at a not-to-exceed price of \$325,000. The additional funds above the hard bid price will allow for unforeseen district requested change orders.

Section three (3) of the SES unit at Lake Havasu High School failed a couple of years ago. The inability to reset the switch led to a partial day closure of school. The incident required additional assistance from electrical contractors and our electrical provider in order to reset the switch and reestablish power to the campus.

Since that time, assessments have been conducted by an engineering firm to determine the best course of action to prevent the possibility of further damage to the switchgear and to avoid the possibility of another campus closure due to the inability to reset the switch. In consulting with General Electric, it was discovered that a replacement switch is no longer available. Conversations have occurred as to the possibility of modifying the existing production switch to conform with our older model SES. The labor and oversight involved in attempting to do so would be expensive, and other underlying discoveries could prevent the unit from being recertified. The failure of this section also raises questions and concerns as to the strength of the remaining sections.

The SES has been in place since 1994. A hard bid to replace the SES occurred approximately one year ago. Sam Nichols Electric was the only contractor who submitted a quote. The lead-time required to build and ship the unit prevented us from moving forward with the project last summer. The replacement of the unit will take approximately 4 weeks, making summer the only time for this to occur. Power will be shut down to most of the campus during this time, and high school administration will make the necessary adjustments to work around the partial campus shut down. Sam Nichols recently provided written confirmation that their quote is still valid, as shown in the supporting documents.

This item was reviewed by purchasing.

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox, to approve 6.1 as approved.

Mr. David McAtlin, from Sam Nichols Electrical Inc., was present in the audience.

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

6.2 Discussion and Possible Action on Emergency Door Lock Systems

Mr. Masden recommended the Governing Board discuss, and possibly take action on deployable emergency door lock systems for the District.

Governing Board Member, John Masden, has requested the Governing Board discuss a quickly deployed additional emergency door lock system for use for security in the District. Locks will be used during emergency lockdown situations. The funds for purchasing the additional lock systems would come from community fundraising and donations as opposed to maintenance and operation funds.

The approximate cost to equip all classroom and office doors would be \$103,000.

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mrs. Cowen, to approve item 6.2 as presented.

Discussion on which system would best work for our District, and if District should pay for them rather than request community donations. Several Board members would like to try out the Barracuda system and have the Fire Marshal approve it before purchasing.

Mr. Masden moved to amend his motion, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, to put the price of the Emergency Door Lock System in the 2021 budget, and proceed to find the system that will work for our District and meet Fire Marshal approval.

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

6.3 Discussion and Possible Action on Family Life Education Program(s)

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Governing Board discuss and approve next step(s) to secure a Family Life Education program(s).

Policy IHAMB and Regulation IHAMB-R Family Life Education were approved December 17, 2019, by the Governing Board.

The Board will discuss and approve the next step(s) to select a Family Life Education program(s):

- 1) instruct district administration to collect information on available programs or resources, or, research other district-developed programs and resources as a starting point for developing our own curriculum that aligns with the content identified for grades 5, 7, and 9;
- 2) and/or, instruct district administration to set up a committee to assist in the development of sex education lessons at grades 5 and 7;
- 3) and/or, instruct district administration to identify possible resources and experts to develop the sex education lessons for grades 9 – 12;
- 4) once curriculum is developed and board approved, identify a process for approval and annual renewal or approval for instructors.
- 5) Follow state process for adoption.

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Masen, to open discussion on item 6.3.

Mrs. Cox feels strongly that we send a letter to parents informing them there will be no sex education this school year. District will wait until they decide what they will be doing with curriculum before sending out a parent letter.

Discussion on grade 5 – hygiene and puberty. Board agreed that the video by Proctor and Gamble, which the District is currently using, would continue to be used. Grade 9 - discussion to find resources from other districts (Tempe, Tucson, etc.) that Board can review and finalize a list of categories. Mrs. Asseier will work with staff on this, then have Board and community input before asking for Board approval. Committee will work on grades 9-12, and then look into grade 7 curriculum.

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Masen, to approve to continue with current video for grade 5, and instruct district administration to review resources for grades 9-12.

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

6.4 Approval E-Rate Wi-Fi and Network Improvement Project

Mrs. Festa-Daigle recommended that the Governing Board approve the e-Rate plan to complete Wi-Fi expansion via installation of wireless access points and network switches, and purchase of additional equipment racks from a state approved selected purchasing co-operative at a cost of no more than \$80,000 to be paid out of bond funds.

CONCERNS BEING ADDRESSED:

Wireless capability has become an area of concern for schools across the district as mobile laptop labs and other wireless technologies are increasing. Routers that are currently in use are difficult to connect to, unreliable, and not suited for our environment.

SOLUTION:

Enterprise-level access points will allow for a single wireless ID and password throughout a school. This will reduce class set-up time while increasing internet access speeds, control of equipment, and mesh connectivity, with improved separations of guest and staff access. The proposed access points will also allow for an increased number of simultaneous connections without compromising the quality of service, and will improve uptime by eliminating current single point of failure issues. Switches will be installed, and racks purchased to support network expansion and proper organization of technology storage areas.

FUNDING:

Phase two of the bond project includes \$162,500 in funding for Wi-Fi at Thunderbolt was included in phase

two of the bond. This project will provide a new Wi-Fi network at Thunderbolt and at our six elementary sites.

Wi-Fi and network expansion are eligible for e-Rate funding, and LHUSD will contribute 20%, e-Rate federal funding will contribute the other 80%. LHUSD will work with the Yavapai County Education Service Agency and Frank Vanderhorst, our e-Rate consultant, to submit the application to e-Rate, procure services and equipment through an approved contractor, and submit all appropriate paperwork. If approved, this project is slated to be completed before the start of the 20-21 school year.

Once the FCC has approved the project for e-Rate, LHUSD will select a state contracted vendor and return to the board for approval of work. Total project cost is not to exceed \$320,000 and, no more than \$80,000 is to be paid by LHUSD out of bond funds. This has been reviewed by the purchasing department.

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

Sean Baker, Technology Supervisor, was present and answered Board questions.

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

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

Mr. Murray recommended the approval of:

Approval of Vouchers – Vouchers for December 2019 / \$3,358,355.19

Student Activity Funds for K-12 for November 2019 / \$305,329.96

Auxiliary Funds for November 2019:

Smoketree	\$ 15,710.97
Thunderbolt	\$ 147,475.78
Havasupai	\$ 10,619.91
Starline	\$ 23,449.06
Nautilus	\$ 13,299.61
Oro Grande	\$ (3,686.49)
Jamaica	\$ 23,719.03
High School	\$ 448,613.21
District Office	\$ 3,512.07

Auxiliary Reports for each school for November 2019 will be emailed to the Board prior to meeting.

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, to approve item 6.7 as presented.

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

7. Informational

* Superintendent

- Mrs. Asseier thanked our community for the generous Gifts and Donations made to the District.
- Singapore Math follow up training by grade level will take place in May and June.
- ELA committee will meet this week, and work this summer along with Social Studies, Science and Math.
- The City will do a presentation at the February board meeting on the 2020 Census.
- Two Elementary counselors have been hired and will start shortly.

* Directors – Reports from Educational Services and Personnel/Technology

* Governing Board Members

- Mrs. Cohen gave congratulations to the Oro Grande Mighty Minions team.
- Mrs. Cohen encourages everyone to talk to their legislators about conversing with District Administration about what is needed.
- Mrs. Cohen thanks staff for their feedback on what is being taught for Martin Luther King Day. She encourages people to read Setting the Record Straight: American History in Black & White, by David Barton.
- Mrs. Cohen asked Board if they had read the book Political Correctness, co-authored by Richard Hawkins.
- Mrs. Cox reminded people they can still do their 2019 tax credit for LHUSD.

8. Call to the Public – none.

9. Communications

- Mrs. Asseier ask for clarification on if the board would like the Tri-State Youth Internship and Leadership program to come to them as an action item. Program does not need to be board

- approved, but Board did request to have updates on the program once it is started.
- The next regular board meeting will February 18, 2020.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: NO, Masden: YES, Cox: YES, Roman: 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 January 21, 2020, are approved as submitted.

Lisa Roman, Board President

Kathy Cox, Board Vice President