



FOUNTAIN HILLS

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD FOUNTAIN HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98

"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Regular Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Time: 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board members present are Nadya Jenkins, President, Judith Rutkowski, Vice President, Jill Reed, Member, Wendy Barnard, Member and Dana Saar, Member.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Judith Rutkowski
Second: Wendy Barnard
The board approved unanimously 5-0

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Jenkins called upon Dr. Jensen to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Public Hearing on Instructional Time Models to be presented to ADE

- a. The Board will vote to suspend the regular meeting to conduct a Public Hearing on Instructional Time Models
- b. Presentation/Public Comments/Questions
- c. The Board will vote to reconvene the regular meeting

Motion to Suspend: Nadya Jenkins
Second: Judith Rutkowski
The board approved unanimously 5-0

Time: 6:32 p.m.

The Instructional Time Model presentation included highlights such as:

- It is a requirement from ADE so that in the event that we are required to close schools, whether from an outbreak or a state mandated closure, we have a written and Board approved plan in place.
- We are required to have two public hearings. This is considered the first hearing with the second hearing being August 25th.
- Instructional hours requirements are as follows:
 - a. 720 hours - Grades 9-12
 - b. 890 hours – Grades 4-8
 - c. 712 hours – Grades 1-3
 - d. 356 hours – Grade K
- Instructional hours may be delivered through any combination of direct instruction, project based learning, independent learning and mastery based learning.
- Remote instruction will be provided for classroom, grade level or school closure that is for two or more weeks.
- Schools and classrooms will be closed due to an outbreak based on the requirements and advisement of Maricopa County Department of Public Health.
- Teachers are essential workers and will remain on campus. If the schools should close, they will be in the classrooms teaching as we did last fall.
- Every student will be issued a device, but must present a signed tech agreement before a device will be issued.

Motion to Reconvene: Nadya Jenkins
Second: Judith Rutkowski
The board approved unanimously 5-0

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

VI. Informational Reports

- a. Superintendent's Comments
 - Policy Review
 - 1. We reviewed all our policies with Steve Highlen from ASBA. We have a few policies that need to be adjusted and we will discuss in further at our work study session on August 25th.
 - 2. Mr. Highlen commends the Board on the condition of the policies as we have very few policies that need attention.
 - Override Update
 - 1. We are up and running with the PAC committee. The committee chair will be getting a meeting set up within the next couple weeks.
 - ESSER III Stakeholder Survey
 - 1. The survey went out today to families via Constant Contact.
 - 2. We will use the results from the survey to plan for the use of our ESSER III funds.

- Budget revision
 1. We had to reallocate some funds from one account to another but the changes did not affect the bottom line.
- b. Principals Report
- c. Current Enrollment and Withdrawals
 - 1458 Total students
 - 423 total at MMES with 57 new enrollments and 2 withdrawals
 - 484 total at FHMS with 38 new enrollments and 7 withdrawals
 - 551 total at FHHS with 35 new enrollments and 6 withdrawals
 - 10-day drop is August 24th but most students have been accounted for.

VII. Public Comments

- a. Carla Owers shared that she represents a group of parents that are against ESSER III.
- b. Madicyn Reid shared that she was speaking to take a public stance against masks in our schools.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. Accounts Payable Vouchers
 - June 24, 2021 through July 31, 2021
- b. Payroll Vouchers
 - June 13, 2021 through June 30, 2021
 - July 1, 2021 through July 24, 2021
- c. Personnel Action Report
- d. Approval of Minutes for July 21, 2021 Business Meeting and Board Retreat
- e. PBIS District Support Specialist Job Description
- f. PBIS Site Support Specialist Job Description
- g. Beyond Textbooks Support Specialist Job Description

Motion: Judith Rutkowski

Second: Jill Reed

The board approved unanimously 5-0

IX. Information/Discussion Items

- a. 2022 ASBA Political Agenda
 - This year, ASBA staff has decided to present the proposed Political Agenda as a marked-up version of the prior year's agenda. During the Delegate Assembly, rather than discussing every item, Delegates will be able to focus on just the changes, additions and deletions to streamline the process. Amendments and new items can still be proposed during the Delegate Assembly using the same process as years past.
 - The Delegate Assembly determines the positions of the Arizona School Boards Association and will consider both

the marked up version as well as the proposed document in whole.

- b. Policy Advisories 680 to 711 - First Reading
 - Adoption of new policies or the revision or repeal of existing policies is the responsibility of the Board. The Board shall adhere to the following procedure in considering and adopting policy proposals to ensure that they are fully studied before final action:
 - A. First meeting - the proposal shall be presented for review.
 - B. Second meeting - the proposal shall be presented for discussion and action.
 - During discussion of a policy proposal, the views of the public, staff members, and the Board may result in changes. A change shall not require that the policy go through an additional review except as the Board determines that the change requires further study and that an additional review would be desirable.
 - Policies may be adopted or amended at a single meeting of the Board in a Board-declared emergency.
- c. School Reopening Plan
 - We sent out the plan via Constant Contact to all our stakeholders and requested feedback.
 - We did get a handful of questions regarding our process for quarantining, which we then clarified, also via Constant Contact.
 - The plan is also available on our website under resources.
- d. 21-22 Budget – Revision 1
 - Page two of the budget has \$151,000 reallocated to SPED transportation. We made this change, but because it did not affect the bottom line, it did not need to be voted on. However, it will affect the next budget revision which will be #2

X. Action Items

- a. Discussion and Action to Approve ASBA's Draft 2022 Political Agenda and Direct the District's Delegate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly to Represent the Board's Determined Position.
 - It is recommended that the Board approve the Arizona School Boards Association's (ASBA) draft 2022 Political Agenda and direct the District's delegate to the ASBA delegate assembly to represent the Board's determined position.

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Second: Wendy Barnard

The board approved unanimously 5-0

- b. Appoint Governing Board Delegate and Alternate for Delegate Assembly, September 11, 2021
 - It is recommended that the Board approve the Arizona School Boards Association's (ASBA) draft 2022 Political Agenda and

direct the District's delegate to the ASBA delegate assembly to represent the Board's determined position.

- Delegate – Mrs. Rutkowski, Alternate Delegate – Mrs. Jenkins

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Second: Judith Rutkowski

The board approved unanimously 5-0

- c. Suspend Policy BGB to take action on Policy Advisories 704 and 687
 - Administration recommends that the Board suspend Governing Board Policy BGB related to a first and second reading, regarding policy adoption, for the discussion and consideration of agenda item X.c and X.d of this Board agenda dated August 11, 2021.

Motion: Jill Reed

Second: Judith Rutkowski

The board approved unanimously 5-0

- d. Suspend Policy JICA-RB Student Dress (Cloth Face Coverings)
 1. House Bill 2898 enacted a new statute, A.R.S. 15-342.05, which prohibits school districts and charter schools from requiring face coverings for students and staff during school hours and on school property.
 2. Additionally, the statute provides that a school district or charter school may not require a student or teacher to receive a vaccine for Covid-19 or to wear a face covering to participate in in-person instruction.

Motion: Jill Reed

Second: Nadya Jenkins

The board approved unanimously 5-0

- e. Suspend Policy GBGB-R Staff Personal Security and Safety (Cloth Face Coverings and COVID Vaccine)
 1. House Bill 2898 enacted a new statute, A.R.S. 15-342.05, which prohibits school districts and charter schools from requiring face coverings for students and staff during school hours and on school property.
 2. Additionally, the statute provides that a school district or charter school may not require a student or teacher to receive a vaccine for Covid-19 or to wear a face covering to participate in in-person instruction.

Motion: Judith Rutkowski

Second: Jill Reed

The board approved unanimously 5-0

- f. Reinstate Policy BGB
 - It is recommended that the Board reinstate Governing Board Policy BGB related to a first and second reading, regarding policy adoption.

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Second: Judith Rutkowski
The board approved unanimously 5-0

g. 2021-22 Board Goals

- Administration recommends that the Board approve the Board Goals for 2021-2022
- GOVERNING BOARD GOALS 2021-2022
 1. Champion a unified learning environment that engages students, their families, and our community.
 2. Support individualized and equitable opportunities for all students to reach their maximum potential.
 3. Provide a safe and secure environment for students, staff and visitors that supports physical and mental well-being.
 4. Consistently maintain responsible stewardship of district funds and resources in the best interests of our students and community.
 5. Promote and advance the district's success and excellence.

Motion: Nadya Jenkins
Second: Wendy Barnard
The board approved unanimously 5-0

XI. Governing Board Reports
Mr. Saar – Mr. Saar had nothing to share

Mrs. Reed – Mrs. Reed shared that she went to Meet the Teacher and toured all three schools. She was able to meet Dr. Jensen and Mr. Markle but not Mr. Hartmann. Everything looked like it went so well. She enjoyed watching Dr. Jensen interacting with the students and how excited she got the kiddos about starting school. She also shared to Mr. Markle that it was great being at the middle school, and that he has such a great staff. She wished both principals congratulations for having such a great meet the teacher event and that she looks forward to visiting their campuses this year.

Mrs. Rutkowski – Mrs. Rutkowski shared that she attended the new teacher orientation. She learned a lot when they were covering PBIS particularly about why we were implementing PBIS and "The Falcon Way." She met Jeff Bonner who graduated with her kids.

Dr. Barnard – Dr. Barnard shared that she attended the ASBA budget webinar and commends Ms. Glass, Ms. King and all district staff on the hard work that goes into the budget and also putting the instructional model together. She also attended the new teacher orientation and enjoyed seeing the excitement with the new teachers. She is excited about our enrollment numbers and saw many families at Falcon Fest that were returning to the district. She was very pleased with how Falcon Fest turned out. Although she knows we struggled with our online enrollment and registration process, she was thrilled to not get a pink form in her kids backpacks to fill out. She is so happy we are in person and can feel the excitement in the air.

Mrs. Jenkins – Mrs. Jenkins shared that she went to the new teacher orientation as well as the all staff development to welcome the staff on behalf of the board. She attended briefly the Falcon fest with her own daughter and everything seemed to be well organized and running smoothly. She thanked all the teachers and staff for their efforts leading up to the start of school welcoming all of our students back so warmly and getting them off on the best foot possible for the school year.

XII. Future Action

XIII. Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021 –Work Study Session @ 5:00 p.m. and
Wednesday September 8, 2021 – Business Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the
FHUSD Learning Center


XIV. Adjournment

Motion: Nadya Jenkins
Second: Judith Rutkowski
The board approved unanimously 5-0
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2021

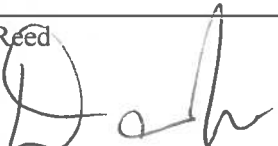


Nadya Jenkins, President



Judith Rutkowski, Vice President

Jill Reed



Dana Saar



Wendy Barnard