



FOUNTAIN HILLS

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Time: 6:00

II. Roll Call

Board Members present are Jill Reed, President, Nadya Jenkins, Vice President, Judy Rutkowski, Member and Wendy Barnard, Member. Not present was C.T. Wright, Member.

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Reed called upon Principal Valerie Dehombreux to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Executive Session

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel items pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (1).

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Second: Wendy Barnard

Executive Session ended at 6:29 pm and the regular meeting resumed.

VI. Informational Reports

- Superintendent's Comments
 - Kelly has been meeting with several community members and parents. Her meetings have been very informative and once she has completed all her meetings, she will put together a compilation and will present to the Board.
- Unaudited Report

- No questions or comments
- Principal's Reports
 - The board has really enjoyed reading the principal's reports and would love to see something like this regularly. They recommended that we add a tab to the district website for site council minutes/principal's reports.
- Current Enrollment Figures
 - High School - 518
 - Middle School - 464
 - Elementary School - 382
 - Total of 1364 which is an increase of 50 students from last year.

VII. Public Comments

- Call to the public: This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01 (H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.
- Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes. The Board recognizes that our community is passionate about our student's returning to school and to accommodate every person that requests to speak we will allow for 30 minutes total for the call to the public which is typically only 15 minutes to accommodate every person that choose to speak.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- Policy Advisories & Alerts
 - It is recommended that Board approve policy advisories 672 - Regulation GBGB-R, 674 - Regulation JICA-RB, 676 - Regulation KI-RB, 673 - Regulation IHA and 675 - Regulation KB.
- Governing Board Policy Revision
 - It is recommended that the Board approve the Governing Board policy revision.
- Payroll Vouchers
 - August 18, 2020 - August 18, 2020
- Personnel Action
- Approval of Minutes for August 12, 2020

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Seconded: Wendy Barnard

Judith Rutkowski recuses herself due to her son being listed on the personnel action report.

The Board approved unanimously 3-0

IX. Information/Discussion Items

- School reopening plan
 - We will continue to monitor the situation daily and stay in alignment with CDC guidelines and adjust our reopening plan accordingly.
- School start date
 - We are planning on a start date of 9/8 if benchmarks are met otherwise we will facilitate a hybrid schedule. Principals and Ms. Glass are working

on finalizing the hybrid program plan so that it is ready to send out to families via email on Monday morning. We must be green on the benchmarks for 3 weeks before we can start full face to face instruction. Benchmarks are COVID like illness, 10 cases under 100,000 and percent of positivity below 5%.

- Athletics
 - We do have start dates for fall sports and games are being scheduled.
 - There will be no Fall tournaments per AIA guidelines.
 - Sports will be live streamed.
 - Masks will always need to be worn.
 - It is suggested by the Board that we have multiple plans in place so that we can prioritize what having spectators at the sporting events looks like. The Board in whole advocates for spectators with limitations.
 - It may be necessary to limit the length of travel so that athletes time in a small closed space with a mask on is limited.
 - The Board advocates for all extra-curricular activities and felt it is important for our students.
- Policy Advisories/Alerts
 - Policy Advisory No. 677 Regulation ACA-R – Policy ACA – Sexual Harassment. Changes are made in the existing policy and regulation on Sexual Harassment to clarify that sexual harassment in the workplace is being addressed for the purpose of an employee complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
 - Policy Advisory No. 678 Regulation ACAA-R – Policy ACAA – Title IX Sexual Harassment. Title IX is a federal civil rights law that was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. It mandates that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

X. Action Items

- Distance learning plan
 - As Required, we submitted our Distance Learning Plan to ADE on July 31, 2020
 - Per request by the Board, the plan will be added to the district website under the Latest News link.

Motion: Wendy Barnard

Seconded: Nadya Jenkins

The Board approved unanimously 4-0

- COVID Coverage from The Trust
 - The Trust will provide property liability insurance with specific guidelines met.
 - The cost is \$20,000 for the school year retroactive to July 1, 2020 if added by September 15, 2020.
 - Insurance offers \$1,000,000 per COVID occurrence, \$10,000 per person, with \$2,000,000 for the district in whole. There will be no deductible for those that have signed required waiver and acknowledgment forms or a \$10,000 deductible for those that do not sign the required waivers and

acknowledgment forms. For those that refuse to sign, the Trust recommends those students do distance learning however there is no way to enforce this.

Motion: Judith Rutkowski
Seconded: Nadya Jenkins
The Board approved unanimously 4-0

- Suspension of Policy BGB
 - To allow for the Board to take action on Policy advisory 677 - Regulation ACA-R - Policy ACA and Policy Advisory 678 - Regulation ACAA-R - Policy ACAA with only one read.

Motion: Jill Reed
Seconded: Judith Rutkowski
The Board approved unanimously 4-0

- Policy Advisories
 - It is recommended that Board approve policy advisories 677 - Regulation ACA-R - Policy ACA and Policy Advisory 678 - Regulation ACAA-R - Policy ACAA.

Motion: Jill Reed
Seconded: Nadya Jenkins
The Board approved unanimously 4-0

- Reinstatement of Policy BGB
 - To reinstate the policy requiring Boards to institute two reads before taking action on a policy change.

Motion: Jill Reed
Seconded: Nadya Jenkins
The Board approved unanimously 4-0

- Proposed award for landscaping bid
 - It is recommended that the Board approve the Proposed award for landscaping bid to ADM Landscape and Turf Services

Motion: Judith Rutkowski
Seconded: Wendy Barnard
The Board approved unanimously 4-0

XI. Governing Board Reports

- Wendy Barnard - Mrs. Barnard shared that although there are bumps in the road, she feels our distance learning is going very well. We need to praise our children for doing their best Although she knows it is most difficult for our youngest learners. Football is going great! Ms. Glass and her administration are also doing a great job.
- Judith Rutkowski - Mrs. Rutkowski shared that her son is enjoying working at the high school. And he is meeting lots of great staff and feels very welcomed to the district.

- Nadya Jenkins – Mrs. Jenkins shared that her kids distance learning is going alright. They have been enjoying their classes and she has noticed that one of her kids is more motivated with this platform than the traditional classroom instruction.
- Jill Reed – Mrs. Reed shared that Kelly Glass, Allison Barbor and herself spoke to Rotary. The three gave a lot of information and thanked the rotary for the opportunity to share about all the great things happening in our district. It was nice to be invited. She also shared that her son is a senior, and he will be doing schools PLP all year long. He is navigating on his own and it's going great. Mr. Brady, high school counselor has done a great job answering any questions that they have had. Mrs. Reed also thanked all that came to speak as well as those on google meet. We have a great school community and we do want to get back into classrooms but we need to make sure we are making the health and safety of our staff and students a priority.

XII. Future Action

XIII. Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, September 9, 2020– Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the FHUSD Learning Center

XIV. Adjournment

Time 7:59 pm

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Second: Judith Rutkowski

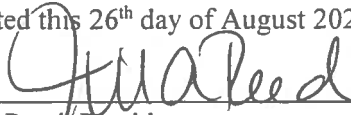
The Board approved unanimously 4-0

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Dated this 26th day of August 2020




Jill Reed, President



Nadya Jenkins, Vice President

C.T. Wright



Judith Rutkowski

Wendy Barnard