



# 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, January 27, 2021**

**Executive Session**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**6:30 p.m.**

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I. Call to Order

Time: 5:31 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 Ms. Glass to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Executive Session

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

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Second: Judith Rutkowski  
The board approved unanimously 5-0

Time: 5:32 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

## VI. Informational Reports

### a. Superintendent's Comments

- The high school put out a student survey regarding CTE programming. The students top three programs selected were Sports Medicine, Business Management and Culinary Arts. We are in the process of trying to make those three things happen for the students as well as them being able to attend EVIT. We have one more year left in our agreement with them so we are still good with sending the kids that want to go to EVIT. We had a really good response from the students regarding the top three programs so the high school is excited and ready to get those up a going. Mrs. Reed asked if the high school has a kitchen in which we could do that in and the answer is we do but with some shuffling of programs and classrooms. Mrs. Reed also asked if the Board will approve the curriculum and they do. Ms. Glass shared that we are in the process of building the job descriptions and getting the course descriptions done as well as the progression of the courses. We are working on dual enrollment for those courses through Scottsdale and making sure we have everything for the clubs, the testing and the expectations for the students. Mr. Saar asked for confirmation that we had one more year of our contract to which Ms. Glass confirmed, but not at the satellite locations, only for the main campus. She also confirmed that because the satellite program was cancelled that we did not need to write a different IGA or MOU. Mr. Saar asked if we had a second contract with them and Ms. Glass stated that we did that allowed for the use of Four Peaks campus and because they do not occupy the Four Peaks campus anymore that contract will be null and void on June 30, 2021. Ms. Glass also confirmed that we still have the ability to use the satellite campuses but once we change our funding from ADE we will start to get the money from the CTE grant, they will take a small portion of our funds and pay EVIT. Mr. Saar expressed that he wants to make sure we full advantage of correct technical education district that we are a part of and not take away students ability to get some of these programs just because we can't offer them here. Especially in the online world, a student does not have to go to EVIT to take some courses. Mr. Saar is concerned that we are dropping EVIT to which Ms. Glass confirmed we were not, just their occupying of the Four Peaks campus. ADE suggested we develop our own CTE programming but we will still be offering for our students to go to EVIT. Mr. Saar shared that he just doesn't want to lose the money from other courses that our students would benefit from whether it's a full class or not and he doesn't want them to lose that ability. Ms. Glass shared that students already involved with EVIT and further along in the program would not benefit

with starting our program at year one. We want them to finish their program with EVIT. In addition, we will not have programs such as science and law enforcement and we want to make sure our students have access to those. Dr. Barnard asked if Culinary Arts was an elective towards graduation credits or if it was a true CTE pathway to which Ms. Glass said it was a true CTE pathway.

- We will have a policy review with ASBA, likely in April or May. Steve Highlen will be working on the rough draft of our documentary reviewing all of the policies to make sure they are current, then letting Ms. Glass know the areas where we are missing regulations.
- Panorama surveys will likely be about two weeks out. We were able to get the Purchase order processed and today we were assigned a liaison. We will get started on selecting the questions and items for the survey.
- Ms. Glass and Mrs. Barbor have been requested to go virtually to Rio Salado to defend our AOI application and hope for an approval. It is Ms. Glass' understanding that once the district provides them with evidence of their questions, then we will be allowed to go back in and amend the application so we can then implement the program with no difficulty.
- We have a new tenant who signed at Four Peaks, the Elliott Group from Oklahoma. They will be starting March 1st. The district is working on getting things set up for them by getting their space cleaned.
- We received large donations from Stop and Go Driving School and the County of masks and sent them out to all of our schools.

b. Unaudited Financial Report

c. Site Council Minutes

d. Current Enrollment/Withdrawals

- 1312 Total students
- 343 total at MMES with 16 new enrollments and 9 withdrawals
- 461 total at FHMS with 9 new enrollments and 13 withdrawals
- 508 total at FHHS with 3 new enrollments and 8 withdrawals

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Consent Agenda

a. Donations

- A local business (Stop and Go Driving School) donated 1,000 N95 masks and a private donor donated SLP therapy books. Thank you letters were sent to both donors.

b. Payroll Vouchers

- January 12, 2021

c. Personnel Action

d. Approval of Minutes for January 13, 2021

Motion: Judith Rutkowski

Second: Nadya Jenkins

The board approved unanimously 5-0

IX. Information/Discussion Items

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- a. Review of Policy IHBJ-Indian Education and Policy KJGA-Relations with Parents of Children Educated Pursuant to Federal Impact Aid Laws
  - Each year, the Governing Board is required to review Policy IHBJ – Indian Education and Policy KJGA – Relations with Parents of Children Educated Pursuant to Federal Impact Aid Laws in order to qualify and receive Impact Aid. There have been no suggested changes from ASBA Policy Services Department.
  - This review of Policy IHBJ & KJGA will constitute a first reading and review.
- b. General Funding Information
  - Ms. Glass shared that the inflation rate will have an increase of 1 - 1.2%. Which will show through all of our state funding such as our M&O budget, district additional assistance and any other state funding that we receive. We will also see an increase in percentage that we have to pay into state retirement. It is a small increase but significant because we match our employee's contribution. We will likely not get 95% funding for online students as state does not have the money to give that. It will likely be 85%. We were notified last week that our M&O budget was reduced by \$75,000. We were also made aware that we lost approximately \$200,000 for the ESSR grant due to COVID and unfortunately it is not working out well for us. Because of this, we will have to be pretty tight on our budget and our staffing over the next couple of years in order to be sure that we stay level and our staff can continue to receive raises and our kids get what they need.
  - Mr. Saar asked what the percentage of online kids. With it being in the news that kids are safe in school. He thinks we need to re-look at offering remote instruction.
  - Dr. Barnard shared that teachers have really stepped up and we have a proper mitigation plan in place. There is a challenge to get more kids in school because remote instruction has become too easy for kids.
  - Mrs. Reed asked if we are still asking our athletes to stay home. Ms. Glass shared that they are welcome and have been all along. Mrs. Reed feels it would be important to encourage the athletes to come back to school.
  - None of our staff has contracted covid from working on campus.

## X. Action Items

- a. Appointment to the Business Accelerator Advisory Committee
  - The business accelerator, facilitated jointly by the town of Fountain Hills, Arizona Business Advisors, and FHUSD, is establishing an advisory committee for the Biz Hub @ Fountain Hills in the Four Peaks campus. Mike Tyler, Arizona Business Advisors, has asked that a representative from FHUSD be appointed as a member of the advisory committee. This can be a governing board member or the superintendent appointed by the board to advise on behalf of FHUSD. The board moves to appoint Dana Saar

Motion: Nadya Jenkins  
Second: Jill Reed

The board approved unanimously 5-0

b. Policy GCQC Resignation of Professional Staff Members

- A certified staff member is resigning due to ongoing medical issues and requesting a waiver of the \$1,500 in liquidated damages.

Motion: Jill Reed

Second: Judith Rutkowski

The board approved unanimously 5-0

c. Board Retreat for January 28, 2021 @ 4:30-6:30 p.m. located in the FHUSD Learning Center Conference Room

- The Board will create a formal to do list including having more work sessions to promote more conversations amongst the district stakeholders and to apply the Board's feedback on items that the district is doing or would like to do.

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Second: Judith Rutkowski

The board approved unanimously 5-0

I. Governing Board Reports

- Wendy Barnard – Dr. Barnard shared that she was glad to have kids back in school. She shared that basketball started, kids were wearing masks and no one is complaining. She also shared that everyone is following the rules. Games are live streamed and they are accepting donations to help offset the cost to live stream.
- Judith Rutkowski – Mrs. Rutkowski had nothing to share.
- Nadya Jenkins – Mrs. Jenkins had nothing to share.
- Jill Reed – Mrs. Reed shared her appreciation to the AIA for overturning the ruling for winter sports. It gives her hope that baseball will take place.
- Dana Saar – Mr. Saar had nothing to share.

II. Future Action

III. Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, January 28, 2021 – Board Retreat @ 4:30, Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the FHUSD Learning Center

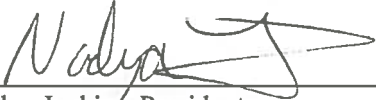
IV. Adjournment

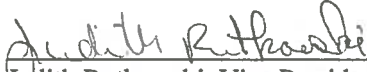
Time: 7:25 p.m.

Motion: Dana Saar

Second: Wendy Barnard

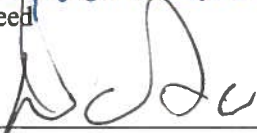
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