



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

"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"

June 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Fountain Hills Unified School District #98, Maricopa County, was called to order at **5:30 p.m.** at the FHUSD Learning Center, 16000 E. Palisades Blvd., Fountain Hills, Arizona.

Board Members in attendance were Jill Reed, President, Nadya Jenkins, Vice President, Dr. Wendy Barnard and Judith Rutkowski (physically present). Dr. C.T. Wright joined via phone.

Mrs. Jenkins moved the Board approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Mrs. Reed called upon Nadya Jenkins, Vice President to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session

Mrs. Reed moved the Board go into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. to review the Superintendent's performance incentive goals for 2019-2020 school year pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1). Mrs. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

Informational Reports

- a. Superintendent Comments – Dr. Robert Allen**
 - End of school celebrations included Preschool Drive Through Promotion on May 19 and Middle School 8th Grade Promotion Drive Through on May 21. The High School will conduct the Senior Graduation Program on Friday, June 12, 8:00 p.m. on the Fountain Hills High School Falcon Field.
 - The Athletic Department is working on their "Plan to Play" and will begin on-field conditioning on June 15 with limited participants.
 - A Return to School Task Force will meet on Thursday, June 11 via Google to review the Parent and Staff surveys and the Roadmap to Opening Schools.
- b. Student Activity Accounts**
- c. Auxiliary Account Funds**
- d. Site Council Minutes**
- e. Pickleball Presentation – Jan Goodman from the Pickleball Club updated the Board on the progress of the renovations to the courts on Golden Eagle Boulevard. She also presented the district with a \$500 check. The Club is also placing a paver in thanks to Dr. Allen, Mrs. Simmons and the Governing Board.**
- f. Audit Report**
 - Financial Statement Deficiencies – None

- Single Audit of Federal Programs – No Deficiencies
- USFR Findings – Out of 22 separate areas and approximately 193 items, four items resulted in a finding/deficiency:
 - Property control – location of capital equipment did not match the capital assets list.
 - Student Attendance Reporting – accuracy of reporting daily attendance at McDowell Mountain and Middle School (errors in reporting ½ day, ¾ day and full day absence).
 - Student Attendance Reporting – 1 out of 5 students sampled did not have an FTE enrollment statement maintained.
 - Transportation – 1 out of 5 mileage logs did not match the route report

Consent Agenda

- a. Donations
- b. Accounts Payable Vouchers – May 1 through May 31, 2020
- c. Payroll Vouchers – May 12 through May 26, 2020
- d. Minutes of May 12, 2020

Mrs. Rutkowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Information/Discussion

Policy GCCB has been edited to restrict general leave the first two contracted/work agreement weeks and the last contracted/work agreement week. Also included is the provision for medical emergency during this time with documentation provided to the immediate supervisor and HR. The language is included in the meet and confer agreements.

No changes were made to the McDowell Mountain Elementary School or Fountain Hills Middle School **extracurricular fee schedules**. The high school removed: Choir Apparel Fee, Band Apparel Fee, Dance Company, Chess, Teen Court, National History Day, Garden Club, FCCLA and HOSA from the schedule. PSAT and Pre-ACT test increased by \$5 each. Life Skills Club fee was reduced from \$75 to \$50. Band and Choir Extra-curricular fee increased from \$25 to \$50. World Travelers Club was added to Extracurricular and National Honor Society was moved from Grant Funded (\$5) to Extra-curricular (\$25).

Educational Services, Inc. is an optional retirement program that recently purchased Smartschoolsplus, Inc. Educational Services is a non-A.S.R.S. plan employer that provides opportunities for school districts to economically retain skilled/master employees beyond retirement. The purpose is to create cost savings to the district, by increasing salary/retirement benefits for the employee, while maintaining positive student achievement.

Elevate K-12 is an online instruction platform providing High Quality Live Stream classes during the school day and built into the student daily schedule. K-12 Elevate staff include the online course instructors, a virtual Academic Performance Manager and an Operations Manager. The district provides the classroom setting coordinator (i.e. teacher aide), classroom space, one computer per student, projection equipment, and internet access with sufficient bandwidth. If the District cannot find two qualified Math Teachers for the middle school, Elevate K-12 is 'plan B'

Action

Dr. Allen introduced and gave background information on the new Fountain Hills Middle School Principal, Jeffrey Markle and the new Fountain Hills High School Principal, Kristopher Alexander. Both principals will report for duty on July 20, 2020.

Mrs. Jenkins moved the Board approve the **Personnel Report**. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

- a. Personnel Report - **Hiring:** Kristopher Alexander, Jeffrey Markle (FHMS Principal); Stacy Morgan (FHMS 4th Grade ELA); Megan Johnson (FHMS/FHHS Art); Jose Espinosa-Olalde (FHMS Custodian)

Mrs. Reed moved the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Vail Unified School District and Fountain Hills Unified School District for **Beyond Textbooks**. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Dr. Barnard moved the Board approve the **Board meeting dates for 2020-2021**. The Board Retreat will be held on Thursday, July 2 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting in October will be held on October 21 due to Fall Break and the November meeting will be on the 18th due to Veterans' Day. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Mrs. Reed moved the Board authorize administration to award a contract for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to **Sodexo for Food Services** with the option to renew for four additional one year terms. Mrs. Reed thanked Julie Stratton, Food Service Director for her excellent service to FHUSD. Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the amended **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Fountain Hills and Fountain Hills Unified School District** for the operation and maintenance of the lights for the Palisades Courts. Mrs. Jenkins seconded the motion. Mrs. Jenkins also thanked Dr. Allen for his due diligence in keeping the District in compliance with the various IGAs. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye.

Mrs. Jenkins moved the Board approve the **Revised Budget of 2019-2020**. The revisions included:

- Increase in Base Support Level
- DAA was moved to M&O Budget
- Carryforward amount revised
- Prop 123 is finalized
- State and Federal Projects are final.

Dr. Barnard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Mrs. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **Proposed Budget 2020-2021** as presented and publication of the budget summary.

- Increase in Base Level per student from \$4,202 to \$4,306.
- DAA is held in Capital until revised
- Carryforward amount is estimated pending the FY20 AFR

- Prop 123 amount is estimated based on student count but decreased from \$434 to \$25 on a per pupil basis
- State and Federal Projects are estimated based on carryforward, revised allocations and receipt of revenue.

Mrs. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Mrs. Reed moved the Board award the **Superintendent a performance based compensation (5%)** for year 2019-2020 per A.R.S. 15-341 and per contract. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Future Action

- Policy GCCB (Consent Agenda)
- Adopt Budget 2020-2021 (Action)
- Extracurricular Fee Schedule 2020-2021 (Action)
- Educational Services, Inc. Agreement (Action)
- Elevate K-12 (Action)
- Reschedule of FHHS World Travelers Trip to Spain (Action)
- Housekeeping Items for 2020-2021 (Consent Agenda)
- MCCCD IGA for Dual Enrollment (Action)

Dates of Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
- Thursday, July 2, 4:00 p.m. Board Retreat

At 7:58 p.m. Mrs. Jenkins moved to adjourn the business meeting. Mrs. Rutkowski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0. Mrs. Reed – aye, Mrs. Jenkins – aye, Dr. Wright - aye, Mrs. Rutkowski – aye, Dr. Barnard – aye

Dated this 10th day of June 2020



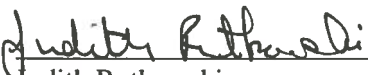
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