



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

*"We Achieve and Celebrate Educational Excellence"*

**June 24, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Fountain Hills Unified School District #98, Maricopa County, was called to order at **6:30 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, Judith Rutkowski, and Dr. C.T. Wright.

Mrs. Reed moved the Board pull the Personnel Report from the Consent Agenda and approve the agenda as amended. 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 called upon Jenny Guerette, parent to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing on the Budget 2020-2021**

Mrs. Jenkins moved the Board suspend the regular meeting at 6:32 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing on the Budget. Dr. Barnard 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

Dr. Allen reviewed the 2020-2021 Budget. There were no questions from the audience.

- **Budget Summary**
  - The increase in Base Level per student from \$4,202 to \$4,306
  - DAA is held in Capital until the revised budget in May 2021
  - Carryforward Amount is estimated pending the FY20 AFR
  - Prop 123 amount is estimated based on student count
  - Decrease in Classroom Site Fund from \$434 to \$425
  - State and Federal Projects are estimates based on allocations to date, carryforward, and projected revenue

Mrs. Jenkins moved the Board reconvene the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. Mrs. Rutkowski 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

**Informational Reports**

- a. **Superintendent Comments – Dr. Robert Allen**
  - The district has been conducting virtual meetings with the School Reopening Task Force. This group discusses and gives feedback on the school reopening plan. The third meeting will be held on Thursday to discuss Instructional models. The reopening plan will be submitted to the Governing Board for approval in mid-July.

- b. **Unaudited Financial Report**

**Public Comment** - None

**Personnel Report** – Mrs. Reed introduced Ilanit Pony-Levitin the new Exceptional Student Services Coordinator and Richard Dellacona the new Fountain Hills Middle School Teacher on Special Assignment. She welcomed both to the district and looks forward to meeting them.

**Hiring:** Ilanit Pony-Levitin (ESS Coordinator); Richard Dellacona (FHMS TOSA); Denise Rose (MMES Special Ed); Bruce Gjerstand (FHMS Mathematics)

Mrs. Reed moved the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. 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

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of June 10, 2020
- b. Approval of Sole Source Providers
- c. Authorization for Suspensions
- d. Auxiliary Operations Fund
- e. Certified Evaluators
- f. Check Signers
- g. Hearing Officers
- h. Investment of Debt Service Funds
- i. Out of District Placement
- j. Appoint Representative to Arizona School Risk Retention Trust
- k. Student Activities Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
- l. Voucher Signing
- m. Garnishment of Wages
- n. Summer Contract Issuance
- o. Policy GCCB

Mrs. Rutkowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Wright 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** – None

### **Action**

Mrs. Jenkins moved the Board approve the **Extracurricular Fee Schedule** for 2020-2021. 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 **FHHS trip to Barcelona, Spain** on March 12-21, 2021. 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 approve the **Maricopa County Community Colleges Intergovernmental Agreement** for dual enrollment classes 2020-2021. 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. Jenkins moved the Board approve the **Educational Services, Inc.** agreement for the District's optional retirement program. 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 **Elevate K-12** an online instruction platform. 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. Rutkowski moved the Board approve the **Annual Budget** for 2020-2021. 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

**Future Action**

Reopening School Plan

**Governing Board Reports**

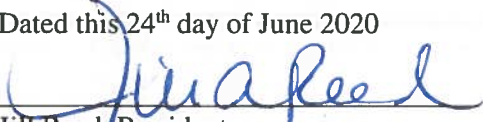
- Mrs. Rutkowski attended FHHS Graduation. It was a wonderful event and involved planning by students, staff and community members. It was also recorded and posted on YouTube.
- Dr. Wright thanked the Board and the District for their support during his time of bereavement.
- Dr. Barnard attended Graduation and it was amazing. She also thanked Dr. Allen and Mrs. Simmons for their support. She attended the ASBA Black Caucus meeting and praised our School Resource Officer for his strong effort to be a part of the school community.
- Mrs. Jenkins attended Graduation. She also thanked Dr. Allen for his leadership and is glad that he will remain as the Executive Director of Finance. She also said goodbye to Mrs. Simmons. She attended the Summer Leadership Conference virtual platform.
- Mrs. Reed thanked Dr. Allen for his diligence and patience and also his meticulous preparation and explanation of the budget. She thanked Mrs. Simmons for her longtime service to the Governing Board, she will be missed. She also attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade drive through promotion and thanked Mr. Carrick for his preparation and making the event special. He did an amazing job. She attended FHHS Graduation and thanked Dr. Jagodzinski for including her in the preparation meetings and she wished him well on his new adventure. She also welcomed the new administration and faculty.

**Dates of Upcoming Meetings**


Thursday, July 2, 4:00 p.m. Board Retreat in the FHUSD Learning Center Conference Room.

At 7:32 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020

  
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Jill Reed, President

  
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Nadya Jenkins, Vice President

  
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