



# **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, September 23, 2020**

**6:30 p.m.**

---

I. Call to Order

Time: 6:30 pm

II. Roll Call

Board members present are Jill Reed, President, Nadya Jenkins, Vice President, Judith Rutkowski, Member. Wendy Barnard, Member was present virtually. Not present was C.T. Wright, Member.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Nadya Jenkins  
Second: Judith Rutkowski  
The board approved unanimously 4-0

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Reed called upon Mr. Markle to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Informational Reports

a. Superintendent's Comments

- We've had a very busy week this last week. Ms. Glass attended the cross country meet last Wednesday and Volleyball on Thursday. They were both well organized. The kids were fabulous and it was great to see them back playing their sports. Both swim and volleyball had meets televised on Facebook live which was a lot of fun for families to watch.

- Last Thursday and Friday we had attendance taken for in person learning and we had a cumulative total of 845 students attending across all three schools.
  - The High School had their A+ visits yesterday and today.
  - Ms. Glass was very fortunate to meet with all the staff via google meet this week and had a great time meeting with them.
  - Sports will have parent attendance. 25% of our total capacity will be for our families and students and this will be in place for sports starting this Friday.
- b. Unaudited Report
  - c. Principal's Reports
    - Nice to have updates from what is going on at the schools even though they are not having school site council meetings at this time.
  - d. Current Enrollment/Withdrawals
    - 1332 Total students
    - 348 total at MMES with 8 new enrollments and 4 withdrawals
    - 469 total at FHMS with 4 new enrollments and 3 withdrawals
    - 515 total at FHHS with 2 new enrollments and 0 withdrawals
    - Ms. Glass is working to upgrade the report so that it is pulled directly from PowerSchool so that we have more accurate data.

VI. Public Comments

VII. Consent Agenda

- a. Donations
  - Christ's Church of Fountain Hills generously donated an Amazon gift card to every FHUSD teacher at all three sites. Thank you notes were sent by the sites as well as one from Superintendent Kelly Glass. The Board really appreciates any support that is given to our teachers and considers this an amazing gift.
- b. Obsolete Technology Disposal
  - Obsolete items including old desktops, laptops, Cisco switches, and other outdated broken devices cannot be used due to the fact the software required to operate the systems is outdated and a security risk. The district is contracting with American Recycling NE to inventory all obsolete equipment and record all FHUSD asset tag and serial numbers of the material. Once approved, this equipment will then be designated for destruction or recycling.
- c. Payroll Vouchers
  - September 15, 2020 – September 15, 2020
- d. Personnel Action
- e. Approval of Minutes for September 9, 2020

Motion: Nadya Jenkins  
 Second: Wendy Barnard  
 Board approved unanimously 4-0

VIII. Information/Discussion Items

- a. School district metrics

- In regards to meeting the benchmarks, the town of Fountain Hills is 20 per 100,000 cases, 2.6% positivity and 2.06% Covid like illnesses. FHUSD is 19 per 100,000 cases, 2.42% positivity and 2.0% Covid like illnesses. Dr. Sonenshein from the Arizona department of health recommends we should be using under 50 per 100,000 cases to give us the greenlight to go back full time 5 days a week. In talking with school staff the majority were comfortable with that so Ms. Glass proposes that we go back full time after Fall break.
  - There is also talk of the state and the county releasing mask requirements. In speaking with staff, we would like to ease into the release of current requirements and precautions.
  - We will continue practicing state and county mandates regardless of if we are full time face to face or in our current hybrid program.
  - For districts that are already full time, face to face, they have had very few cases of Covid. Where they did have Covid cases, was in athletics.
  - After having this discussion with the Board as well as earlier conversations with the staff, we will start making plans to return to school full time, face to face and be ready to do so after Fall break.
- b. Distribute Board Self Evaluation Instrument with instructions. To be discussed on October 21, 2020
- Policy BAA states the Board will meet at least annually for the purpose of appraising its function as a Board and to evaluate Board performance. The Board will complete their self-evaluation in preparation for discussion on Wednesday, October 21.
- c. Board Goals 2020-2021
- Routine item that is discussed each year. We have our 5 goals that include:
    1. Support and promote policies and practices that increase student achievement and inspire all students to reach their maximum potential.
    2. Support, promote, and champion the district's success and excellence.
    3. Build and sustain a collaborative pre-K through 12 learning environment that meets the needs of individual students, their families, and our community.
    4. Implement and maintain responsible stewardship of district funds and other resources, guided by the best interests of our students.
    5. Create and maintain an environment for students, staff and visitors that nurtures health, safety and security for all.
  - After discussion it is agreed there will be no changes this year.

## IX. Action Items

- a. Change of Title and Job Description for Director of Finance
- The Executive Director of Finance and Support Services will be changed to a Director of Finance. The position will solely focus on the operations of the business office. The job description reflects the changes in responsibilities for the position.

Motion: Jill Red

Seconded: Nadya Jenkins

Board approved unanimously 4-0

X. Governing Board Reports

- Wendy Barnard – Mrs. Barnard shared that she also had nothing significant to report but wanted to echo the appreciation of Dr. Allen once again and wished him a happy retirement. She stated that there is so much that happens behind the scenes and she wanted to extend her appreciation to Ms. Glass, the principals, the teachers and the staff as well as everyone else that has gone above and beyond for our students. It has not gone unnoticed so thank you.
- Judith Rutkowski – Mrs. Rutkowski shared that she finished the rest of the virtual law conference and right now is getting herself ready for the delegate meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> by looking over all the ASBA political agenda for 2020. She is wondering how it'll be done virtually and feels it'll be interesting.
- Nadya Jenkins – Mrs. Jenkins shared that she had no significant items to report but wants to thank teachers and staff for everything they especially during these difficult times when there is a lot for everyone to have to juggle.
- Jill Reed – Mrs. Reed shared that there is not much to report but she does drive by the high school a lot and even though her son has chosen to do the independent study this year that she loves seeing the cars in the parking lot. A lot of the kids that are at the high school now she has been connected with through sports, PTO and things like that. Every time she drives by she gets the warm and fuzzies and can't wait until we go back full time, face to face and get these kiddos back in the classroom. Mrs. Reed also wanted to thank everyone who is working so hard to make that happen. She also thanks the parents that are working with us and abiding by the mask situation and sending their kids when they are healthy. She also thanks them for working through the hybrid program and online instruction because it is not easy. She has two adult children now and they are both online. Thank you to everyone.

XI. Future Action

XII. Dates of Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 21, 2020- Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the FHUSD Learning Center

XIII. Adjournment

Time: 6:52 pm

Motion: Nadya Jenkins

Second: Judith Rutkowski

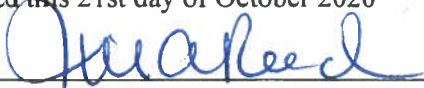
Board approved unanimously 4-0

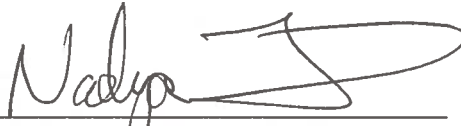
Please Note: The Board may change the order of items listed in the Agenda prior to the meeting or during the meeting. ALSO, THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON ANY ITEM THAT IS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION/CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3)

A copy of the agenda background material provided to Board members (with the exception of material relating to possible executive session) is available at the Administrative Center for public inspection.

*Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting Krista Andreae at 480-664-5011. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.*

Dated this 21st day of October 2020

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Reed, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nadya Jenkins, Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_  
C.T. Wright

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judith Rutkowski

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Barnard