



TOLLESON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 214

**GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

The physical location of the Governing Board meeting will not be accessible to the public.

(District Administrative Center, 9801 West Van Buren Street, Tolleson, AZ 85353)

This meeting will be available to the public via listen-only mode using Zoom.com.

Public participants will need to go to zoom.com and download zoom free-of-charge to be able to listen to the board meeting. Meeting ID: 954 805 4601 and Password: 268324.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES
March 17, 2020**

Effective immediately and until further notice, the Tolleson Union High School District Governing Board will be enforcing the Center for Disease Control's health precautionary recommendation limiting all public gatherings to ten (10) people. There will be no call to the public and the physical location of the Governing Board meeting will not be accessible to the public.

Reference: Arizona Attorney General's Opinion dated March 13, 2020 Re: Concerns Relating to Arizona's Open Meeting Law and COVID-19.

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The Tolleson Union High School District No. 214 Governing Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Governing Board President Ms. Corina Madruga with the following members participating: Mr. Freddie Villalon, Vice President, Mr. Steven Chapman, Dr. Kino Flores, and Mr. Devin Del Palacio, Members. All members participated telephonically.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Madruga led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of the Regular Agenda

Mr. Chapman moved to approve the Regular Agenda; seconded by Mr. Villalon. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

4. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Superintendent Update

- We realize that times are difficult for students and families with the many changes happening in their lives and want to provide any and all support we can for the academic achievement and well-being of our students. Therefore, we are also working on a plan to support our students in the Fall to help them get back on track. I look forward to sharing the plans with you at the Work Study Session on June 9th.
- We are working hard to recognize our seniors during this unique time:
 - Seniors have had the opportunity to pick up yard signs to celebrate their accomplishment.
 - Diplomas will be mailed out this week to all qualifying graduates.
 - Caps and gowns will be distributed Thursday to families that ordered them.
 - We are hopeful that the graduation ceremony **tentatively scheduled** at State Farm Stadium on June 29th will take place, barring any new restrictions or orders. We will follow CDC guidelines in cooperation with the Stadium for the health and safety of our graduates, their families, our staff, and you – the Governing Board.
- To ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and community, Summer School will be offered 100% online this year. Currently we have approximately 900 students registered.
- We are recognizing our retirees and employees with 5, 10, 15, 25 and 30+ years of service a little differently this year. Employees will receive their certificates, pins, or awards individually. We will honor these deserving staff members on social media in the near future.
- As you know, the Governor's Stay-at-Home order expired last Friday, which means that Arizona is slowly starting to reopen. Although some businesses and activities are reopening, schools remain closed. We will continue to maintain CDC guidelines with social distancing and are requiring staff members to wear masks when on sites.
- Two (2) TUHSD students were part of a story on KJZZ talking about the challenges of being a senior in the Class of 2020. Tolleson Union High School Senior, Rachel Adams, and La Joya Community High School Senior, Alberto Pintor, took part in the radio and online story that aired last week.
- Congratulations to Heather Eaton, CTE Teacher from La Joya Community High School. She and her students received a Gold Level Chapter of Distinction in the Skills USA competition recently. Congratulations Ms. Eaton and her students!
- Susan Thompson, Academic Dean at University High School, recently had an opportunity to record a podcast for Education Evolution. The episode went live last Tuesday. A link to the podcast has been shared on the district's social media pages. Ms. Thompson is a true Hidden Gem!

- For many years, Rio Salado College and Sierra Linda High School have partnered to provide dual enrollment opportunities for high school students to get a head start in college. This year, five dual enrollment students are earning an associate degree, a certificate, or completing the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC). The students completing certificates from Sierra Linda High School are:
 1. Jennifer Arredondo
 2. Arissa Caayon
 3. Yazmin Marin
 4. Maria Mendez
 5. Erick Salazar
- Before I complete my update, I would like to invite Mr. Jeremy Calles, Chief Financial Officer, to share a celebration regarding the district finance division.
 - Mr. Calles shared that we received a letter from the Arizona State Board of Education dated May 19, 2020 approving Tolleson Union High School District's request to assume accounting responsibility for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. Superintendent Gutierrez congratulated Mr. Calles for this accomplishment.
- Those are just some of the highlights of our district since we last met. Thank you.

Governing Board Comments

- President Madruga congratulated Board Member Devin Del Palacio on being elected to continue as the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) National Black Council of School Board Members (NBC) Chair.
- Mr. Del Palacio thanked his fellow Board members for their support since the 2015 NSBA National Conference. He is proud to have a national voice for the District and community to advance equity.
- Mr. Chapman congratulated Mr. Del Palacio and added that he is also be on the NSBA Board.
- President Madruga thanked Superintendent Gutierrez, administrators, and everyone for all they have done to connect with our students and support them during the epidemic and school closures. She is proud that TUHSD offered online learning opportunities and needed resources to all students over the past months.
- Mr. Villalon echoed his fellow Board members' remarks. He thanked the entire TUHSD team for helping our students through this difficult situation. He truly appreciates the work and dedication of our staff.
- Mr. Chapman thanked district office and school site teams. He was impressed that TUHSD successfully did a 180° switch almost overnight. He thanked everyone for their incredible work during this time. He also shared that he is glad we will be recognizing our retirees in spite of school closures.
- Mr. Del Palacio thanked the entire team for their commitment, innovation and flexibility to serve our students and community. We ensured that students had the technology needed for online learning and provided every learning opportunity possible. He is looking forward to next year.

- Dr. Flores congratulated the Superintendent and her team for navigating through his unique time in history. He looks forward to hearing of the plans to open in the Fall. He said that he appreciates Mr. Calles, the best CFO ever! He also congratulated Mr. Del Palacio for his leadership in NSBA.
- Superintendent Gutierrez shared with Board members that she emailed them a letter for their approval to share with our seniors tomorrow, May 20th, the original date of their graduations. They approved the letter to share. She also asked Board members, if they desire, to create a 30-second video with a message to our seniors. The videos would be shared on the district and school websites if they choose to participate.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Chapman moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by President Madruga. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA * ITEMS

***1. Human Resources**

A. Personnel Items

CERTIFIED STAFF

Employment of Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year

Amram, Daniel	LJHS	JAG Teacher
Hughes, Nathan	SLHS	Science Teacher
Cruff, Michelle	TUHS	Performing Visual Arts Teacher
Eldracher, Alexa	TUHS	English Teacher
Hinkley, Kelsie	TUHS	English Teacher
Little, Danielle	TUHS	Spanish Teacher
Hill, Tyler	UHS	Science Teacher
Martindale, Zachary	WHS	CTE Teacher
Baez Duran, Maria	WPHS	Mathematics Teacher
Jones, Amber	WPHS	Science Teacher
Parker, Joseph	WPHS	Science Teacher

Resignations

Billar, Louis	SLHS	Social Studies Teacher
Goodman, Devin	SLHS	Special Services Teacher

Retirements

Ward, David	SLHS	Mathematics Teacher
Solomon, Carol	WHS	English Teacher

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Employment of Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year

Turner, Michelle	CCHS	LPN Nurse
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***2. Athletics, Safety & Security**

A. Delegation of Authority to Conduct Student Discipline Hearings – 2020-2021 School Year

The Governing Board authorized Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc. to conduct student disciplinary hearings during the 2020-2021 school year.

***3. Business Services**

A. Gifts and Donations

The Governing Board approved and accepted donations from Symphonic Choir, Bank of America Employee Giving Campaign - Barbara Contreras, Target Corporation - Maria Ulloa, Target Corporation - Miguel Ortega, YourCause/Wells Fargo - Lisa Messina, YourCause/Wells Fargo - Judy Misquez, YourCause/Wells Fargo - Richard Valdez, YourCause/Wells Fargo - Miguel Chavez, YourCause/Wells Fargo - Jennifer Perez, Pepsico - Anonymous, Pepsico - Robert Bartow, Pepsico - Company, and The Cotton Gallery, totaling \$1,212.93.

DONOR	SCHOOL/ PROGRAM	DONATION	VALUE (\$)
Symphonic Choir	LJHS	La Joya High School Choir	\$ 200.00
Bank of America Employee Giving Campaign - Barbara Contreras	TUHS	Unrestricted funds for Tolleson Union High School	\$ 80.00
Target Corporation - Maria Ulloa	TUHS	Tolleson - Miscellaneous	\$ 20.00
Target Corporation - Miguel Ortega	TUHS	Tolleson - Miscellaneous	\$ 5.00
YourCause/Wells Fargo - Lisa Messina	LJHS	Miscellaneous Expenses - La Joya	\$ 120.00
YourCause/Wells Fargo - Judy Misquez	TUHS	To support the fundraising efforts of Tolleson HS football program	\$ 60.00
YourCause/Wells Fargo - Richard Valdez	TUHS	Tolleson Girls Softball	\$ 120.00
YourCause/Wells Fargo - Miguel Chavez	TUHS	Tolleson Baseball Team	\$ 240.00
YourCause/Wells Fargo - Jennifer Perez	TUHS	To support the fundraising efforts of Tolleson HS football program	\$ 150.00
Pepsico - Anonymous	TUHS	General Use	\$ 40.00
Pepsico - Robert Bartow	TUHS	To be used for Tolleson Robo Krew	\$ 30.00
Pepsico - Company	TUHS	General Use	\$ 70.00
The Cotton Gallery	CCHS	Royalties from local Walmart for Copper Canyon	\$ 77.93
		TOTAL	\$ 1,212.93

***4. Superintendent's Office**

A. Minutes – May 5, 2020 Governing Board Regular Teleconference Meeting

The Governing Board approved the May 5, 2020 Governing Board Regular Teleconference Meeting minutes.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)

- June 9, 2020 – Work Study Session and limited Action Items
 - President Madruga asked to include an alternate plan for graduation if the tentative June 29th ceremony isn't possible.
 - Dr. Flores requested an update and discussion on the Capital Plan. (The Capital Plan was mailed to Board members after requested at the May 5th meeting).
 - Mr. Chapman requested to receive an update on scholarship totals.
 - Mr. Calles will provide an update on Transportation for 2020-2021.
- June 23, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- July 21, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- August 11, 2020 – Work Study Session
- August 25, 2020 – Regular Meeting

FORMAL ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Chapman moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; seconded by President Madruga. President Madruga called the Regular Meeting of the Tolleson Union High School District Governing Board adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Corina Madruga, Governing Board President