

# ***AJO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15***

## **Governing Board Members:**

**Mrs. Marcia Duncan**  
President  
**Mr. Eric Krznarich**  
Clerk  
**Ms. Lonnie Guthrie**  
Member  
**Mrs. Windy Robertson**  
Member  
**Mr. Rodney Hopkins**  
Member

## **Administration:**

**Dr. Robert F. Dooley**  
Superintendent  
**Mr. Leonard Edlund**  
Principal  
**Ms. LeAnn Burns, CPA**  
Business Manager  
**Ms. Marichou Beltran**  
Special Ed. Director

## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING**

Ajo Unified School District Board Room #23, 5:30 p.m.

June 9, 2021

#### **1. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.**

- a. Statement of Welcome

#### **2. Roll Call**

Present - Marcia Duncan, President  
Present - Eric Krznarich, Clerk  
Absent - Lonnie Guthrie, Member  
Present - Rodney Hopkins, Member  
Present - Windy Robertson, Member  
Present - Robert Dooley, Superintendent  
Present - Leonard Edlund, Principal  
Absent - LeAnn Burns, Business Manager  
Present - Lance Chebultz, Principal Designate

- b. Appointment of Acting Clerk, not necessary

#### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Krznarich, and seconded by Mr. Hopkins, that the Governing Board adopt the agenda as presented. The vote to approve the agenda passed 4-0.

#### **4. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **5. Visitor's Comments**

Visitors are welcome to speak on agenda and non-agenda items. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Please state your name and address prior to making your comments. Please note that members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, action taken is limited to directing the administration to look into the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for future consideration. (A.R.S. §38-431.01(H))

#### **No Visitors Comments**

#### **6. Information Items**

##### **a. Governing Board Report**

No governing board members wished to give a report.

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## **b. Superintendent's Report**

- It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of secondary summer school; our numbers are approximately 20-25 students per teacher. 138 students were counted today.
- Mr. Edlund is on vacation this week and will return next week for his last week.
- Dr. Chebultz is here early and thank you to the Board for supporting him on coming into the district a month early.
- SFB is kind of a challenge this year. We are working on a few projects: the completion of two grants for the HVAC unit replacements that are approved and are in production but are having problems with a \$1.4-million roofing grant. SFB is in discussion to make it part of the administration of the state government.
- Before you leave tonight, please remember to sign the proposed budget sheets. In repeat of what LeAnn Burns said on Monday; The AZ Legislature has not passed the state budget yet, so a revision budget will come sooner than expected because of the unknowns of budget limits in this proposed budget; change of ADM, 301 percentage, etc.
- The district has been advertising the intention to approve opening school on August 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope Arizonan's use their judgement. That decision will be brought to the Board in July, but with CDC, Pima County Health, and other advice.
- The comments last Monday night on the call to the public were complete with error. Not necessarily from the individual that made the comments, but I was never asked anything about the situation. Without going into the event in a public meeting, I was amazed on the misinformation that was there. Also, sometimes only one half of the story is told, if we could have communication before the call to the public, which was a sensitive topic, that would be helpful. Several months ago, we had a board meeting that had some very sensitive topic, and we had a unanimous vote on sensitive topics. If we can do anything to work together and come to a common ground it would help our staff and students.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

The following items are being recommended for approval on the consent agenda:

- a. Financial Report
- b. Voucher Approval
- c. Board Minutes
- d. Donations
- e. Library Report
- f. Monthly Contact Report

It was moved by Mr. Krznarich and seconded by Mrs. Robertson that the Governing Board adopt the agenda as presented. The motioned passed 5-0.

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## **8. Board Action Items**

### **a. Personnel**

#### **1. Certified & Classified Employment – July 2021 Elementary Jump Start**

Jump Start for Elementary students will be July 12-16 to July 19-23 from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. Teachers will work 6 hours per day, for 8 days, pending the number of students to teacher ratio. Teachers recommended to teach for June summer school are: Chelly Arancon, Marichou Beltran, Mary Grace Roble, Reylee Melendres, Daryl Palicte, Richard Rigodon, Kara Stocker, Ana Silvano, and Dawnell Connelly  
Paraprofessionals/Teacher's Aides are being recommended as one-on-one aides, if their students are in attendance: Alejandra Figueroa, Marcia Martinez, Maria Villa Silva, Sherry Simpson, and Bernardine Tamayo

**Mr. Hopkins made the motion to approve the above teachers and aides to work during Elementary Jump Start from July 12-16 and July 19-23, 2021, pending the number of students who attended Jump Start. Mrs. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

#### **2. Classified Employment – Paraprofessionals – June Summer School**

Teachers for June Summer School were approved at the May 12th Board Meeting. The administration is requesting permission to employ two paraprofessionals as one-on-one aides for special education +students. Employment of the aides depend on the attendance of their students. Aides will be paid their hourly rate for 5 hours per day.  
Aides recommended are: Rafaela Duran & Patricia Muñoz

**Mr. Krznarich made the motion to approve the two aides above to work during June 2021 Summer School. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

#### **3. Classified Resignation – Paraprofessional – Lori Daniels**

Lori Daniels has submitted her resignation as a parapero effective May 21, 2021.

**Mr. Krznarich made the motion to approve the resignation of Lori Daniels as an aide effective May 21, 2021. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

#### **4. Classified Resignation – Paraprofessional – Luisana Torres**

Luisana Torres has submitted her resignation as a parapero effective May 26, 2021.

**Mrs. Robertson made the motion to approve the resignation of Luisana Torres as an aide. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

#### **5. Classified Reassignment – Frances Lopez**

Frances Lopez, with Board approval, was reassigned from the position as a paraprofessional to serve as the food serve assistant manager. She is requesting to be returned to the position as a parapero as of July 1, 2021.

**Mr. Hopkins made the motion to approve the reassignment of Frances Lopez from Asst. Food Service Director to Paraprofessional as of July 1, 2021. Mr. Krznarich seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

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## **6. Classified Employment – Cafeteria – Fernanda Osorio**

Fernanda Osorio has been interviewed and reference checks completed for the position of cafeteria worker.

**Mrs. Robertson makes the motion to approve the employment of Fernanda Osorio as a cafeteria worker. Mrs. Duncan seconds the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

## **7. Extra Pay Positions**

The administration is seeking Board approval of for extra duty stipends to the following staff members:

Freshman Class Advisor/Dawnell Connelly, Athletic Director/Jose R. Yon, Athletic Coordinator/Arcelia Munoz, Yearbook Advisor/Dawnell Connelly, Senior Class Advisor/J. Abaja & C. Arancon, EL Coordinator/M.A. Domalanta, HS Student Council Advisor/Mercy Arancon, CTE/JTED Director/Chad Chidgey, Special Education/Marichou Beltran, Powerschool Tech Mentor/Babu K.C.

**Mr. Krznarich made the motion to approve the above extra duty positions for the individual staff members listed. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

### **b. Business**

#### **1. Approval of Proposed 2022 Budget**

The administration has prepared the proposed 2022 fiscal year budget for Board review. The proposed budget is being recommended for approval and the administration is asking permission to advertise the proposed budget per ARS 15-905.

**Mr. Krznarich made the motion to approve the 2022 fiscal year proposed budget. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

#### **2. Approval of District Signers on All Bank Accounts**

To help the district guarantee checks and balances on our accounts with National Bank of AZ, a request is being made (recommendation from the auditor) for the Board to approve a change of signers on AUSD's accounts. The recommended signers are: Robert F. Dooley, Lance Chebultz, and Venus Gallerani

**Mr. Hopkins made the motion to approve Dr. Dooley, Dr. Chebultz, and Ms. Gallerani as signers be approved for all AUSD bank accounts with National Bank. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

#### **3. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement – JTED**

Annually the Pima County JTED and the AUSD agree to an IGA for the operation of the JTED Program. The agreement is attached.

**Mr. Krznarich made the motion to approve the attached IGA between AUSD & JTED. Mrs. Robertson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

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#### 4. Approval of Disposal – Library Books

Dawnell Connelly has “weeded” the school library and is seeking Board permission to discard 519 library books. These books are recommended for disposal based upon lack of circulation and condition.

**Mr. Hopkins made the motion to approve the attached list of 519 books be approved for disposal from the Ajo Schools Media Center. Mr. Krznarich seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

#### 5. Approval/Second Reading of Governing Board Policy GCQE

Per Board discussion, the attached Governing Board Policy GCQU – Retirement of Professional/Support Staff Members was submitted to the district attorney for approval. His recommendations and approval are attached along with a comparison of the two versions.

**Mr. Hopkins made the motion to approve the revised policy GCQE, after removal of as hereinafter defined. Mr. Krznarich seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.**

#### c. Curriculum & Instruction

1. K-3 Literacy Program – Rona Cotay & Carolyn Rodriguez

**Due to illness, the following item has been tabled.**

#### d. Governing Board Action

##### 1. Agenda Item to Add Agenda Items

Mr. Hopkins requested discussion on an Employ Satisfaction Survey  
Mr. Krznarich wants to have a Special Board Meeting on 6/29 at 5 p.m.

Noting no other business, President of the Board, Mrs. Duncan, adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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Date