

**SADDLE MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 11, 2015**  
**District Office- Centennial Board Room**  
38201 W. Indian School Road, Tonopah AZ 85354

**Minutes**

Attendance:

Gary Burton-President  
Paul Roetto-Clerk  
Dan Blackson-Member  
Jim Keith-Member  
Bernadette Delacruz-Member

Mark Joraanstad, Ed. D. –Superintendent  
Sandy Wilkins – Business Manager  
Vivian Martinez-Assistant Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Burton calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Blackson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

None at this time.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented without item #E.8-IGA between SMUSD and Wickenburg Unified School District. Mrs. Delacruz seconded and motion passed unanimously.

The motion carried and the following items were approved:

1. Approval of Minutes-The Board was presented with the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 7, 2015.
2. Student Activity Fund Balance Statement
3. Ratification of Vouchers
4. Certified Personnel Report
5. Classified Personnel Report
6. Revised Fee Schedule
7. Final Review/Approval on Policy CBI-Evaluation of Superintendent

**REPORTS, INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Policy Revision First Reading on Policy FCB-Retirement of Facilities-*  
Dr. Joraanstad provided explanation on the proposed changes.

### *Policy Revision-First Reading on Policy GBI-Staff Participation in Political Activities-*

Dr. Joraanstad provided explanation on the proposed changes.

### *Budget Report-*

Ms. Sandy Wilkins, Business Manager announced that the cash balances reported are as of July 31<sup>st</sup>. The district is in the process of reconciling TANS with the treasurer's office. Additional updates will be provided with the AFR in October.

### *Construction Report-*

Mr. Angel Tellez, Facilities Director reported that the following construction projects are now completed; LED lights in the Tartesso Elementary parking lot, LED lighting of the walkway at Ruth Fisher, Chiller extension at Ruth Fisher, the Ruth Fisher 300 building HVAC upgrade.

The following construction projects are currently in progress; Ruth Fisher Kinder playground, water tank refurbishment, drainage to the courtyard/retention area by the 300 building and the remodel of the Special Ed classroom at Tonopah Valley High School.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### *2016 Political Agenda-*

Discussion was held in regards to the proposed 2016 Political Agenda.

Mr. Roetto made a motion to oppose removing the words "trust land" from short-term focus goal #5. Mr. Keith seconded the motion. The motion passed with four "aye" votes from President Burton, Mr. Roetto, Mr. Keith and Mrs. Delacruz and one "nay" vote from Mr. Blackson.

Mr. Roetto made a motion to oppose 2016 Legislative Session-specific goal #8-Increase the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18 years. President Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed with four "aye" votes from President Burton, Mr. Roetto, Mr. Keith and Mrs. Delacruz and one "nay" vote from Mr. Blackson.

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve all items on the proposed 2016 Political Agenda with the exception of #5 and #8. Mr. Keith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### *Delegate and Alternate Delegate for 2016 Arizona School Board Association -*

Discussion was held regarding approving a board member to be the delegate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly. President Burton volunteered to represent the district. Mr. Blackson will be the alternate.

Mr. Roetto made a motion to approve President Burton as the delegate and Mr. Blackson as the alternate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly. Mr. Keith seconded and motion passed unanimously.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Dr. Joraanstad announced that the next board meeting will return to the normal schedule, first Tuesday of the month. The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

Dr. Joraanstad and Ms. Sandy Wilkins will attend the TVCC meeting on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> to answer questions regarding the override. President Burton made a suggestion to fellow board members and the community to plan and organize informal meetings to answer questions regarding the override.

## **SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Keith recognized Mr. John Spain for holding band camp at Tonopah Valley High School over the

summer. He welcomed the team at Ruth Fisher and mentioned that their Back to School night was a great success. Mr. Keith also thanked Ms. Burton for caring for her staff. He acknowledged Mr. Garcia and Mr. LaFevers for holding high expectations from the students at Tonopah Valley High School.

Dr. Joraanstad mentioned that board member Mrs. Delacruz hosted a driveway event within the Tartesso community to answer questions on school finance and funding. He also reported on transportation issues from the first day of school and added that there have been major improvements, thanks to the Transportation department. Dr. Joraanstad recognized the successful back to school nights held at Ruth Fisher and Tartesso Elementary.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Mr. Roetto. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Board Member  
Saddle Mountain Unified School District #90  
Merlinda Avila, Board Secretary