

SADDLE MOUNTAIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting
February 9, 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
Vivian Martinez-Assistant Superintendent
Sandy Wilkins – Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Joraanstad presented a M.A.D. award to Ms. Martha Daniels, 8th Grade Math Teacher at Ruth Fisher. Ms. Daniels continues to be an outstanding teacher and was recently recognized as an Exemplary Teacher of the Year by the Rodel Foundation of Arizona.

Dr. Joraanstad also introduced and recognized 6th grade Tartesso student, Gabriella Murillo for being the District's Spelling Bee Champion.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Blackson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented with the following changes- remove item E.7, IGA between SMUSD and West-MEC and change the title of Item E.8 to Award of Bid. 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 Meeting on January 12, 2015.
2. Acceptance of a Special Gift Donation
3. Student Activity Fund Balance Statement
4. Ratification of Vouchers
5. Certified Personnel Report
6. Classified Personnel Report
7. IGA between SMUSD and West-MEC- moved to Reports, Information and Discussion Items
8. Award of Bid

REPORTS, INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

IGA between SMUSD and West-MEC

Mr. Blackson mentioned the unbalance between the amount of tax payer dollars paid to West-MEC and the amount of services that the district receives. Ms. Wilkins provided clarification on state aid funding. Dr. Joraanstad mentioned the agreement with West-MEC to provide the district with a small schools grant funding. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Roetto made a motion to table the West-MEC IGA to the March 9th board meeting. Mr. Blackson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Ed Tech Presentation-

Mr. Mike Bailey and Mr. Joel Wisser provided the Governing Board with a PowerPoint presentation. Students from the Tartesso Robotics Club provided the Board with a demonstration of their robotic projects.

Policy Revision-First Reading on Policy JFB-Open Enrollment-

Dr. Joraanstad provided explanation on the proposed policy changes.

Website Discussion-

Mr. Keith mentioned that the district's website is dull and needs improvement. Further discussion was held. President Burton requested for general information and links to social media outlets be added to the website as a temporary solution.

Legislative Update-

Dr. Joraanstad provided the Governing Board with a PowerPoint presentation with legislative updates.

Budget Report and Discussion-

Ms. Sandy Wilkins provided the Board with a report on the District's budget. Cash flow remains on the positive side. The M&O budget is positive due to TANS as we await the tax collection.

Ms. Wilkins also provided the Governing Board with a PowerPoint presentation on planning for the failed override election.

Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS

Future Use of Winters' Well-

Roxana Morales from Orcutt Winslow addressed the Governing Board. Ms. Morales presented a design plan to a proposed future use for Winters' Well Elementary.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Roetto made a motion to table the Future Use of Winters' Well to the March 9th board meeting. Mr. Blackson seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Fee Schedule-

Mr. Blackson made a motion to approve the Proposed Fee Schedule. Mr. Roetto seconded and motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS, AGENDA TOPICS AND EVENTS

Discussion was held in regards to scheduling a study session to address the West-MEC IGA, future use of Winters' Well and budget decisions. Dr. Joraanstad will follow up with the date and time in the near future.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Keith asked for an update on the Tartesso parking lot lighting. He also requested to shorten the length of board presentations.

President Burton commented on the great meeting he recently had with Ms. Burton at Tartesso. He was delighted to see the changes and mentioned that the campus has come a long way.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business a motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Roetto, seconded by Mr. Keith. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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