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NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 3:30 pm

Bouse Elementary School

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-432.01, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the GOVERNING BOARD and the general public that the GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 will hold a meeting open to the public. The Governing Board reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorney, in person or by telephone, for any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02(A) (3). Additional documentation relating to the public meeting agenda may be obtained at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting the business office at (928)851-2213.

****Minutes****

- 1. Call the meeting to order / roll call:** Public Hearing meeting just adjourned.
Roll Call: Pam Finkbeiner, James Pontious, Ann LeMaster- Wilson, Ron Fletcher, Brandy Peck, Cassandra Calderon and Janell Carbary.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Already recited at Public Hearing.
- 3. Approve the agenda:**
James Pontious made a motion to approve the Board Agenda as presented. Ann LeMaster-Wilson second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.
- 4. Call to the public- *This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38- 431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.***
No one is present from the public.

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5. Superintendent's Report-

Brandy Peck: This month in the school's gym the VFW is hosting their annual Christmas Party for our students, their younger siblings, homeschooled students and kids in our community 8th grade and younger. Bouse Elementary's annual Christmas program will be December 15th at 1:00PM. Each class is working diligently on their part of the program. The Spelling Bee will take place right after the winter break for grades 4-8th. The first and second place students will have the opportunity to participate in the County spelling Bee in March. Students have taken the second Galileo Test. As a school, we saw a 9.3% increase in the average score for ELA and a 6.7% increase in the average math score. Teachers are currently working on disaggregating the data and creating action plans to help students in the areas they are scoring lower in. Mid year DIBELS testing begins next week for grades K-6th. We have seen a drop in excessive absences in the second quarter. First quarter we had 40% of students in the excessively absent category. We are currently at 27%. It appears we are heading in the right direction and hopefully the percentage will be even lower when I up-date you in March.

Mr. Fletcher: ASBA has changed. They seem to be more aggressive.

6. Approve regular board minutes for November 3, 2021.

James Pontious made a motion to approve the regular board minutes from November 3, 2021 as presented. Ann LeMaster-Wilson second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

7. Discussion/Action to approve Financial Report to include Fund Balance Report for FY 21/22 November, expense voucher 2210 in the amount of \$11,339.76, expense voucher 2211 in the amount of \$13,964.75, payroll voucher 9 in the amount of \$24,865.09, payroll voucher 10 in the amount of \$26,015.68 and Student Activities Fund Report for October.

James Pontious made a motion to approve the Financial Report as read. Ann LeMaster-Wilson second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

8. Discussion/Action to approve Modified Policies. (2ND Reading)

These policies relate to the teaching of CRT and COVID-19 mandates requiring vaccines and face masks. These were developed with the guidance of the District's Attorney. They were designed to prohibit the teaching of CRT and requiring staff and students to receive the COVID vaccination and/or the wearing of face masks. Staff and students will be able to continue to wear the face masks if they choose to.

Policy Advisory 712, Policy GBGB-R- Staff Personal Security and Safety

Policy Advisory 713, Policy GCH-Professional/Support Staff Orientation and Training

Policy Advisory 714, Policy IMB- Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues

Policy Advisory 715, Policy JLCB- Immunization of Students

Regulation JLCB-R- Immunization of Students

James Pontious made a motion to approve modified board policies as read. Ann LeMaster-Wilson second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

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9. Discussion/Action to accept Revised #1 FY 2021/22 School Budget.

ARS 15-905.01 E— If the Governing board wants to use its budget balance carry over in the present year's budget, we had to have a public hearing. The district's actual budget balance carry forward in the Maintenance and Operations budget is \$113,601.00. The district's actual carry forward in capital is \$58,251.00.

James Pontious made a motion to approve the Revised #1 budget as presented. Ann LeMaster-Wilson second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

10. Discussion/Action to approve raising the rent on the teacherages from \$350 to \$450 a month for the next school year.

We are proposing to raise the rent on the teacherages from \$350 to \$450 effective July 1, 2022. We ended up paying more for these homes than we anticipated when this project started. Originally, we budgeted around \$35,000 per house. Because of the low availability, we were unable to find homes at this price unless we wanted to wait up to 18 months for them to be delivered. The cost of the current houses were about \$60,000 plus the cost of set up.

James Pontious made a motion to approve raising the rent on the teacherages from \$350 to \$450 a month for the next school year. Ann LeMaster-Wilson second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

11. Discussion/Action on purchasing a 2 bedroom tiny home instead of two more tiny homes in the FY 22/23 budget to be purchased and delivered after July 1, 2022. This would be an incentive for a younger teacher with a family who might be interested in teaching at our school. We would keep the other spot open for someone with an RV.

James Pontious made a motion to approve purchasing a 2 bedroom tiny home in the FY 22/23 budget. Ann LeMaster-Wilson second and the motion carried a unanimous vote.

12. Next regular board meeting is on January 5, 2022.

13. Adjourn regular board meeting: Pam Finkbeiner adjourned this meeting at 4:01PM.

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Pamela Finkbeiner, President

James Pontious, Clerk

Ann LeMaster-Wilson, Member

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