

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD WORKSTUDY SESSION
FOR THE FOWLER SCHOOL DISTRICT #45
1617 SOUTH 67TH AVENUE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
February 6, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Ms. Montoya at 8:28 a.m.
OPENING OF MEETING: Roll Call	Ms. Francisca Montoya, Mr. Ignacio Fernandez and Mrs. Peggy Eastburn were present.
Others Present	Dr. Lobato, Ms. Nora Ulloa, Mr. Rick Conrad, Ms. Cheryl Miller and Mrs. Lisa Valencia.
Approve Agenda	There was a motion made by Mrs. Eastburn, seconded by Mr. Fernandez to approve the agenda for February 6, 2020 as presented. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Eastburn, Ms. Montoya
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Rick Conrad.
INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS	
Current Year Budget for FY20 and Proposed Preliminary Budget for FY21	<p>Mr. Conrad, Internal Financial Consultant provided a review of the latest Classroom Site Fund Information from 2017-2018. When the school district is measured against their peers, the district is considered low in spending costs in all areas, except for Food Service. He shared the difference in the Classroom Site Fund when Food Service information is excluded. The school district is spending more dollars in the classroom at an average of 72.3%, in comparison to the state average of 71.6% and the peer group average of 70.5%. Mr. Conrad shared that the school district's interest rate is at 4.4%, in comparison to the state average of 15.6% and the peer group average of 15.1%.</p> <p>Mr. Conrad gave an overview of the district's budget in planning for the 2020-2021 school year. He reviewed: weighted student counts; a decline in students, regarding the difference between those anticipated to enter kindergarten and those promoting from eighth grade; additions to the budget and a review of the personnel salary increase history from 2009-2010 to 2019-2020.</p> <p>Mr. Conrad mentioned that the school district's efficiency is noted in the following areas: low operational costs, low interest percentage, and the food service department's ability to provide a variety of menu items for students.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	There was a motion made by Mr. Fernandez, seconded by Mrs. Eastburn to adjourn the meeting. Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yea: Mr. Fernandez, Mrs. Eastburn, Ms. Montoya Ms. Montoya adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

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