



**LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 25
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA**

TIME: February 12, 2018 – 6:30 PM

PLACE: Las Brisas Academy Theatre, 18211 West Las Brisas Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85338

I. OPENING MEETING

1. Mr. Paul Jensen, Governing Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Governing Board members constituting a quorum were present; Mr. Mark Aguire, Mrs. Connie Krogulecki-Crowley, Mrs. Yolanda Lopez-Bearden and Mrs. Kathy McNamara.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was not repeated due to being stated at the beginning of the Special Board Meeting.
3. A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley was entered to approve the Regular Agenda form and temporarily suspend Governing Board Policy with which this agenda may be inconsistent.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
4. School Reports / Presentation / Recognitions
 - School Presentations – Rainbow Valley Elementary School presented their experience with the Honeywell Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge. The contest promoted team-building, communication, problem-solving, and critical decision-making skills. The program supported the content areas of Science, Math, Technology, Engineering, Social Studies, Language, and Fine Arts. Primary mission is to develop a sustainable base for a colony of 24 people and second mission is to develop an infrastructure to support Command, Control, and Communication for robotics. A team from RVES received an Honorable Mention Award. Dr. Matteson stated 55 students in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders attended the Aerospace Challenge. She further stated that on Saturday the Rubik's team participated in the Rubik's Cube Challenge and placed third in the State of Arizona by solving 25 Rubik's cubes in 3 minutes. They moved from 18th place last year to 3rd place this year.
 - Estrella Mountain Elementary School – Ms. Marine stated that last week they had their reauthorization visit for two days. They had two consultants visit the classrooms and at the end of the visit they gave favorable reviews but is still waiting on the results. They are proud of starting the IB academy this year Ms. Chaney recently completed one of her 7th grade units using the "Scale Doesn't Lie" using proportional reasoning. Ms. Chaney stated that one of the units is about proportional reasoning about scale models. Scale models when created accurately representing the underlining form of a natural or human structure. Factual question asked how the scale was measured and determined, the conceptual question asked in what ways is the scale used to represent natural and human resources and structures. Debatable question asks if scale is subject to interpretation over time and/or at different locations. Scholars selected either natural or manmade structures to research and represent using scale drawings and models. They obtained their relevant measurements for their structures and obtained the appropriate scale factors to use to create their 2 dimensional scale drawings. Research included the history of the objects, importance to the people, place, area, and how it has changed over time. Four students Augustine Stewart, Claire Knappenbreger, Hannah Kieffer, and Caitlin Lewis featured Estrella's Star Tower. Claire stated that they got in contact with the HOA to get the measurements of the structure. Hannah stated that they love the IB Academy because they get to do fun projects. Caitlin stated they made the project out of clay, Popsicle sticks, and gold paper.
 - Student & Teacher from Freedom ES Visit with Governor Doug Ducey - Emilio Santos and Mrs. Amanda McShane. Ms. McShane stated that is a teacher advisor for the Chief Science Officers and that Emilio attends the State Cabinet meetings. Emilio stated that he and 14 other students got to visit with Governor Ducey to speak about Education, Health Care, Student Business, and other topics. The CSO program opens different gates and allows them to get their school on the map. He further stated that during his visit he spoke about the Opium crisis and future solutions. His future goal is to follow in his father's footsteps and be a firefighter.

II. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Ms. Michele Tucker addressed the Governing Board regarding her concerns about the budget and signature programs. She stated that counseling services are not equalized throughout the District should be part of the District responsibility to provide counseling to the students. She encouraged the board to look at the budget and balance it with the needs of the students. She also stated that the coffee with the principal helped speak about the issues with the IB program. She further stated that she was encouraged by the involvement. She stated that there is a great need for stability and that they shouldn't have to pick and choose which program gets funded to a point where we are not supporting our individual programs at each of the schools.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Governing Board Update

- Mr. Paul Jensen – stated he looks forward to the presentations by Freedom Elementary School and Estrella Mountain Elementary School and wishes Rainbow Valley Elementary School good luck on the statistics testing.
- Mr. Mark Aguire – stated he visited three schools and was thankful with both the principals and staff for having them. He stated it was nice to see that Las Brisas had both dual language and performing arts, and smiling kids. At Liberty he was surprised to see the special needs program for younger children. At Freedom he enjoyed the data room because the setup looked like the job sites he has been to. He further stated he looks forward to meeting with the other schools.
- Mrs. Yolanda Lopez-Bearden – N/A
- Mrs. Connie Krogulecki-Crowley – one of her primary focus is to get to know all of the signature programs and she did take a tour but missed the Ed Science program. She stated that at Freedom she loved Ms. Reynolds' data room and felt like it was a data driven school. At Las Brisas she loved the dual language program and performing arts. She likes how they are empowered to be creative. She further stated that she missed Ms. Gray but had the opportunity to visit with her during the AAGT conference. She thinks it is great that her website it updated with her site council agenda, and even though she did not visit the campus her website clearly states any issues/concerns that were brought and the results that were conducted. She got a glimpse of the IB and two of her choices are the IB and dual language. Mrs. Riley's class let her grandson attend her class. She testified in the HB2112, she stated it is apparent it is lacking all across the state and it needs to be addressed. The coffee was great and she appreciated that the parents attending were able to voice their concerns.
- Mrs. Kathy McNamara – stated that she is going to be visiting with the Paradise Valley School District because they have an award winning District Level Volunteer Program that and stated that if any of the other board members wanted to attend let her know so she can set up a meeting. Mrs. Crowley has reached out and AARP has a reading intervention that they get volunteers for so they are looking at resources for that. The audience members at the community member who received invitations were the bulk of those who attended and encouraged anyone who did not have a chance to attend, complete the survey online by 02/12/2018. The BOLTS training built a lot of synergy with the other board members, and administration. The 31st and the 1st they had the Gifted parent meetings and stated she was excited with Dr. Harris' attendance and her energy. She further stated that she had the opportunity to support Mrs. Crowley at the Arizona Legislature with her daughter. Together they represented the Gifted students at the West Valley for HB2112 and it is sad that the appropriations committee have mandated Gifted services but they don't fund it. Some of the statistics include; gifted students have a 35% dropout rate, there is a high number of gifted people in our prison system, and high number of suicide rates. They talked about a 9 year old boy who has had suicidal tendencies since he was 4. It showed the legislature that they need to put money into the program. She thanked Dr. Rundhaug personally for addressing the concerns at Estrella and she hopes they can fund all of the signature programs.

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of the January 18, 2018, Special Board Meeting; January 29, 2018, Work Study Session Board Meeting; January 29, 2018, Special Board Meeting; January 31, 2018, Public Meeting Notice; January 31-February 01, 2018 Public Meeting Notices; and February 06-07 Public Meeting Notices.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018, Special Board Meeting; January 29, 2018, Work Study Session Board Meeting; January 29, 2018, Special Board Meeting; January 31, 2018, Public Meeting Notice; January 31-February 01, 2018 Public Meeting Notices; and February 06-07 Public Meeting Notices.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
2. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 117, 118, 119, 120, 1017, 1018, 1019 & 1020 in the amount of \$2,184,699.26.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve and ratify the payroll vouchers 117, 118, 119, 120, 1017, 1018, 1019, & 1020 in the amount of \$2,184,699.26.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
3. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1823, 1824, 1825, and 1826 in the amount of \$857,166.46.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve and ratify the expense vouchers 1823, 1824, 1825, and 1825 in the amount of \$857, 166.46.
Mr. Aguire questioned what services Sun Valley Builders provided on voucher 1823. It was stated that it involved the weatherization project and is part of that base pay which is a payment toward the total amount around \$100, 0000,000. Estrella Mountain is unique because it has separate wings that lead to the exterior and creating some unique challenges. Change orders with the roof have been made.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
4. Approval of Student Activity Fund for the Month of December 2017.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the student activity fund for the month of December 2017.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
5. Approval of Gifts and Donations for December 1, 2017 thru January 31, 2018.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the gifts and donations for December 1, 2017 thru January 31, 2018.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
6. Approval of Personnel Action Items.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the personnel action items.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
7. Approval of Arizona Assessment Collaborative (AzAC) Intergovernmental Agreement.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the Arizona Assessment Collaborative (AzAC) Intergovernmental agreement.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
8. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Maricopa County Department of Transportation Agreement for Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the Maricopa County Department of Transportation agreement for Right of Way and temporary construction easement.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
9. Approve Arizona School Facilities Building Renewal Grant - Request for Funds for Freedom Elementary School HVAC Replacement.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the Arizona School Facilities Building Renewal Grant – request for funds for Freedom Elementary School HVAC replacement.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Issuance of a Request for Proposal for Audit Services.
A motion by Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the issuance of a request for proposal for audit services.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**

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2. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Award in Response to Invitation for Bid #17-08-18 for Exterior Weatherization Projects for Freedom and Westar Elementary Schools.
They would be making any repairs needed to the exterior of the building. It was stated that general contractors are more qualified to complete the weatherization project, meet the bonding requirements, and the district pays for the project whereas hiring a subcontractor they cannot meet the bonding requirements and the board would have to pay a salary and it would cost the board more money. Weatherization is termed by the SFB liaison as a new sealants and repair and restoration. The determination is contingent on the School Facilities Board. Mrs. McNamara's questioned if Sun Valley Builders completed within the timeline and their noncompliance with OSHA and what liability will it have on the District. Mrs. Baysinger stated that Rainbow Valley was on time and under budget and Estrella Mountain did not get the procurement on time so they had to start late. Dr. Rundhaug stated that the people are employed by the General Contractors so there is a low probability they will come back to the District saying there is a liability for Liberty School District. Invitations for bids are hard bids and they have to award the lowest bid. To get SFB to fund the project they are requiring hard bids, they determined alternative methods used the School Districts were not getting the best deals but have implemented requirements to protect the School Districts. The warranties based on BASF products include coating and sealants for 10 years and roof coating for 20 years. The first two years the General Contractors are liable then the manufactures are liable for the remaining years. Mr. Aguire stated low bid is not always the best bid, low bid is low bid for a reason, and quality craftsmanship goes a long way when done right the first time.
A motion by Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the award in response to invitation for Bid #17-08-18 for Exterior Weatherization Projects for Freedom and Westar Elementary Schools.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
3. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Retention Signing Bonus for Returning Teachers for the 2018-2019 School Year.
It was recommended that the District extend the date for 5 days to avoid the pressure of signing contracts.
A motion by Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the retention signing bonus for returning teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
4. Discussion/Consideration to Approve Compensation Increase for Returning Teachers for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
It was stated that the compensation would be implemented in their contract.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the compensation increase for returning teachers for fiscal year 2018-2019.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
5. Approval of Work Calendars for Certified Staff for Fiscal Year 2019.
Minimal changes included the start date to align with the calendar and the High School District.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the work calendars for certified staff for fiscal year 2019.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
6. Discussion/Consideration to Approve FY19 Certified Teacher Contract Issuance.
The total numbers of contracts issued is 160 with 2% increase.
A motion by Mr. Aguire/ Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley was entered to approve the FY19 certified teacher contract issuance.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
7. Discussion/Consideration to Approve the Rescheduling of the June 2018 Governing Board Meeting from June 11th to June 18, 2018 and cancelling the June 25th meeting.
The Administrator Retreat is June 11th as a result the June 11th meeting and the proposed budget would occur on June 18th, 2018.
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley was entered to approve the rescheduling of the June 2018 Governing Board meeting from June 11th to June 18, 2018 and cancelling the June 25th meeting.
Approved **UNANIMOUS**

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8. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION II

A motion by Mr. Aguire/Mrs. McNamara was entered to recess to executive session for legal advice from its attorneys under ARS 38-431.03 (A) (3); in regards to advice from attorney concerning the Board's supplemental responses to open meeting complaints.

Approved

UNANIMOUS

RECESSING OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:55 PM – 8:42 PM
RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING 8:45 PM
GENERAL BUSINESS CONTINUED

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING
GENERAL BUSINESS CONTINUED**

9. Discussion/Consideration for Possible Action on the Settlement Agreement Proposed by Dr. Kyann McMillie.

A motion by Mr. Aguire/Mrs. Lopez-Bearden was entered to approve the authorization of counsel and the Superintendent to proceed as instructed. Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley recuse themselves.

Approved

MOTION CARRIED (3-YES, 2-RECUSE)

VI. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS OR RECOMMENDED AGENDA TOPICS ADDITION

- Mr. Paul Jensen – N/A
- Mr. Mark Aguire – stated the board should have a board retreat. Dr. Rundhaug stated that administration can plan that and question if they would also like team building. Mr. Jensen stated that it should be added to the Saturday training. Dr. Rundhaug stated the topics for the Saturday training include open meeting laws, roles, responsibilities, and relationships, agenda builder, and board retreat
- Mrs. Yolanda Lopez-Bearden – N/A
- Mrs. Connie Krogulecki-Crowley – stated she would like to solidify the Gifted program. Dr. Rundhaug responded that he would like Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley and Dr. Harris work together so they could get a proposal out by April with the feedback from the parents.
- Mrs. McNamara – stated that part of the board retreat is to dig into the signature programs and ensure they align with our mission and statement. Also identify how they can provide support to the principals and help them grow their signature programs.

**VII. UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS:
March 5, 2018 -- Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING

On a motion entered by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire and by unanimous vote the Governing Board Meeting ended at 8:51 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

March 05, 2018