



LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 25  
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

TIME: May 14, 2018 – 6:30 PM

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

**I. OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Call to Order Mr. Paul Jensen, Governing Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 led by Mr. Aguire.
3. Review of FY2017-2018 Annual School District Expenditure Budget Revision #2  
Ms. Baysinger stated the School District may revise the budget prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> and must make revision that would decrease in the budget limits. The following changes will be made; maintenance and operations will create a net increase of \$314, 222, the adjustments made are related to growth, and District additional assistance will create a net decrease of \$16, 297.  
This was an information item. No action was taken.

**II. OPENING MEETING**

1. Call to Order Mr. Paul Jensen, Governing Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 suspended.
3. A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire 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
  - o Liberty Elementary School's Principal Ms. Gray recited Liberty's mission and vision goal. Mia and Jacqueline in 1<sup>st</sup> grade presented their projects on bees and Kade in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade described the process of growing radishes. New Governing Board Members were given treasure hunter pins and recited the pledge with the children.
  - o Teachers of the Year included Cesilia Gamboa-Lopez from Estrella Mountain Elementary School, Katie VanHorne from Freedom Elementary School, Michelle Wilson from Las Brisas Academy, Emily Glassick from Liberty Elementary School, Leticia Villasenor from Rainbow Valley Elementary School, and Judy Adams from Westar Elementary School.
  - o Retirees included Wayne Bryan, Raul Duarte, Maureen Gannon, Jolene Jenkins, Doris Leuba, Elizabeth Warriner, and Cinda Wood.
  - o Pride Awardees included Joni Sheesley, Tom Johnson, Tina Canedo, Carmen Armenta, Luz Rodriguez, Mindy Karafa, Amy Applegate, David Cruz, Bedelicia Reyna, Maria Lloyd, Kim Bertel, Liz Warriner, Wayne Bryan, and Loretta Zumbro.

**III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- o Julie Haut spoke about the gifted program and requested a public viewing of the finances and budgets that involve each school. She further stated that a study should be completed to determine if outsourcing speech services is cost effective compared to in-district staffing.

**IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. Update on District Office Remediation Project.  
Ms. Baysinger and Mr. Hainline summarized the status of the District Office Remediation Project. The District Attorney is sending demand package to Contractors and Subs with timeframe responses, and the District will submit an application for Emergency funds from the School Facilities Board. The rebuild phase is still to be determined.
2. Governing Board Update
  - o Mr. Jensen – stated he spent a day at the Capital for the Red for Ed campaign and then attended Estrella Mountain Elementary School to view the community projects.
  - o Mr. Aguire – stated he attended the Pirates of Penzance Jr. at Westar and Rainbow Valley's prism and science projects. He described how one student built a volcano by themselves and was impressed how they used the red sign.

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- Mrs. Lopez-Bearden - stated that she went to the field day at Westar and enjoyed all the support the teachers received during teacher appreciation week. In addition, she attended Pirates of Penzance Jr. at Westar and was impressed by their voices. She also stated she hopes to attend Las Brisas' Aladdin Jr. tomorrow.
- Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley – attended the Red for Ed Campaign and appreciated the solidarity among the teachers. She further stated that she had the privilege to attend the Teacher of the Year breakfast. In addition, she went to Estrella to view all the projects, was introduced to the National Spelling Bee winner for the district, went to Westar for their 5K run, and helped with the Gifted Scope and Sequence meetings.
- Mrs. McNamara – stated that she visited Rainbow Valley and Las Brisas on the 11<sup>th</sup> and witnessed the mass invasion of red shirts at the capital. In addition, she also attended Aladdin Jr. and Pirates of Penzance Jr.

### V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of the April 09, 2018, Regular Board Meeting; and May 07, 2018, Public Notice Meeting.  
A motion by Mr. Aguire/Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley was entered to accept the minutes with the noted changes.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
2. Approval/Ratification of Payroll Vouchers 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028 & 1029 in the amount of \$2,174,471.75.  
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the payroll vouchers 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, & 1029 in the amount of \$2,174,471.75.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
3. Approval/Ratification of Expense Vouchers 1835, 1836, 1837, and 1838 in the amount of \$557,889.42.  
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the expense vouchers 1835, 1836, 1837, and 1838 in the amount of \$557,889.42.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
4. Approval of Gifts and Donations for March 30, 2018 thru April 30, 2018.  
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the gifts and donations for March 30, 2018 thru April 30, 2018.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
5. Approval of FY2018-2019 General Statement of Assurance.  
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the FY 2018-2019 general statement of assurance.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
6. Approval of Board Resolution - Delegation of Signatory Authority.  
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the Board Resolution – Delegation of Signatory Authority.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
7. Approval of Student Activity Fund for the Month of March 2018.  
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the student activity fund for the month of March 2018.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
8. Approval of Personnel Action Items.  
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve the personnel action items.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
9. Discussion/Consideration to Approve the Food Service Management Contract (FSMC) for FY2018-2019.  
A motion by Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley/Mr. Aguire was entered to table this agenda item.  
**TABLED UNANIMOUS**

### VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Consideration to Approve the Gifted Scope and Sequence.  
Dr. Harris and Mrs. Matteson presented the Gifted Scope and Sequence.  
Mrs. Matteson stated the mission of the program is to meet the social-emotional and academic needs of identified gifted and talented students by providing rich learning opportunities to enhance their potential. She further stated they held stakeholder meetings and posted the information to the District website. The Cluster Model will separate students into three classes, and the MAG classrooms will be

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- used for the students in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade with a score of 97 or better. In addition, it was stated that the Cluster Model Gifted program would be implemented into all the schools within the district. Mr. Aguire questioned the feasibility of the costs of the program. Dr. Harris reassured the board that the program would be within budget. Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley recused herself. A motion by Mr. Aguire/Mrs. McNamara was entered to approve the Gifted Scope and Sequence. Approved **MOTION CARRIED (4-YES, 1-RECUSE)**
2. Approve FY2017-2018 Annual School District Expenditure Budget Revision #2.  
Ms. Baysinger provided information on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget in the opening of the meeting.  
A motion by Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley/Mrs. Lopez-Bearden was entered to approve the annual school district expenditure budget revision #2.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
3. Discussion/Review of Information on Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.  
Ms. Baysinger stated that the inflation would increase to 1.8%. She read three definitions that related to the definition of teachers. Mr. Jensen asked how many teachers were placed in the categories presented. Ms. Baysinger stated it was roughly 195 teachers and two counselors, which would allow the counselors to be paid. Dr. Shough stated the classroom site definition is the broadest definition for a teacher. Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley questioned if it follows AG definition and if it includes support staff. Ms. Baysinger stated it only refers to certified staff. Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley stated that the assumption was that it could be used for noncertified staff and could use some of the funding to advance the pay salaries. Ms. Baysinger stated they should wait to see what confirmed information the Legislature provides. Mrs. McNamara stated that without added support from Special Education teachers and counselors a lot of teachers would not be as successful without that added help. Mr. Aguire asked if it was going in front of the courts to make it legal. Dr. Shough stated that the District's interest is getting a budget built to attain a solid salary structure that is sustainable over time. Mr. Jensen asked if it was possible to use the budget in different ways. Ms. Baysinger stated she had asked if it was ok to use towards paraprofessionals and it was stated that it was not acceptable. Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley stated that the definition should be discussed with the teachers. Dr. Shough confirmed that information would be gathered from the stakeholders group and would be discussed at the Special Governing Board Meeting.  
This was an information item; no action was taken.
4. Discussion/Approval of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Calendar Change Request and School Closures.  
A motion by Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley /Mrs. Lopez-Bearden was entered to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 calendar change request and school closures.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**
5. Discussion/Consideration to Adopt Arizona School Board Association Policy Advisories 567 through 601 – Second Reading.  
A motion by Mrs. Lopez-Bearden/Mrs. McNamara was entered to approve the adoption of Arizona School Board Association Policy advisories with the exception of policies GCCA, GCF-ED, and GCQF to be tabled. Mr. Aguire casted the dissenting vote.  
Approved **MOTION CARRIED (4-YES, 1-NO)**
6. Discussion/Review of the Governing Board Retreat.  
Dates for the Governing Board Retreat are as followed; June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 8:30PM and June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
This was an information item; no action was taken.
7. Discussion/Consideration to Approve a May Special Governing Board Meeting.  
Dr. Shough stated the tabled agenda items and hiring of personnel would be discussed at the Special Governing Board Meeting.  
A motion by Mrs. McNamara/Mr. Aguire was entered to approve a May 29<sup>th</sup> Special Governing Board meeting at 6:30 PM to take place at Las Brisas Academy.  
Approved **UNANIMOUS**

### VII. GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS OR RECOMMENDED AGENDA TOPICS ADDITION

- Mrs. McNamara stated that Governing Board should show the public where the budget is being spent to demonstrate transparency. Mr. Jensen stated the last Governing Board discussed the override. Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley stated that they need to show where the funding went and why it was needed. Mr. Aguire stated that signs should be posted to state how the budget was used and that the monies should be applied to everything not just one area.

**VIII. UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS:**  
May 29, 2018 – Special Governing Board Meeting  
June 18, 2018 -- Regular Monthly Board Meeting

**IX. ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING**

On a motion entered by Mrs. Krogulecki-Crowley /Mr. Aguire and by unanimous vote the Governing Board Meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

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May 29, 2018

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