



MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

A. Opening Items.

Procedural: 1. Roll Call.

Members present: Ms. Jill Barragan (President), Ms. Michele Anderson (Clerk), Dr. Torrence Watkins (Member), and Mrs. Linda Abegg (Member).

Members absent: None.

Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Sprout was present.

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Barragan led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Procedural: 3. Moment of Silence.

Ms. Barragan led attendees in a Moment of Silence.

Action: 4. Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Ms. Anderson, second by Dr. Watkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Aye: Mrs. Barragan, Ms. Anderson, Dr. Watkins, and Mrs. Abegg.

No: None.

B. Organization of the Governing Board.

Action, Discussion: 1. Election of Governing Board President.

The Governing Board elects Jill Barragan as president for the 2024 calendar year.

Motion by Ms. Anderson, second by Dr. Watkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Aye: Mrs. Barragan, Ms. Anderson, Dr. Watkins, and Mrs. Abegg.

No: None.

Action, Discussion: 1. Election of Governing Board Clerk.

The Governing Board elects Michele Anderson as clerk for the 2024 calendar year.

Motion by Mrs. Barragan, second by Mrs. Abegg.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Aye: Mrs. Barragan, Ms. Anderson, Dr. Watkins, and Mrs. Abegg.

No: None.

C. Approval of Minutes.

Action, Minutes: 1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Abegg, second by Dr. Watkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Aye: Mrs. Barragan, Ms. Anderson, Dr. Watkins, and Mrs. Abegg.
No: None.

D. Information and Proposals.

Information: 1. Superintendent's Report.

Presented by the Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Sprout.

Governing Board Appreciation Month

January is School Board Appreciation Month! We would like to recognize President Jill Barragan, Clerk Michele Anderson, and members Linda Abegg and Dr. Torrence Watkins, who make up the best Governing Board in Arizona. Simply put, your leadership tremendously impacts the lives of students, families, staff, and the community. Thank you. Please join me in showing our appreciation for the Governing Board.

Dr. Watkins was featured on ABC15.

Laveen Governing Board Member Dr. Torrence Watkins was featured on ABC15 Arizona last night for providing free eye exams at the Phoenix Rescue Mission Changing Lives Center. Over 40 women received exams to get updated prescriptions and new glasses free of charge. Watch it from our district Facebook page.

Cheatham's We the People.

Cheatham students will be at the "We the People" State Showcase on January 12, participating in a simulated congressional hearing. This format allows students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles. Our students did very well in their last event before the break, received praise from the program's leaders, and are ready to go to the next event. Background: We the People is sponsored by the Arizona Bar Association to promote student's competence in civics, the understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy, and the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Paseo Pointe Posadas.

Paseo Pointe Dual Language Academy hosted its annual Posadas at the Pointe event on December 20. Structured in the spirit of the centuries-old Las Posadas tradition in Mexico in which people participate in festivities at a family's home for nine nights in December, Paseo offered nine activities; such as crafts, games, and student performances for families to participate in across the campus. Well over 1,000 people attended this year's event.

Parent Advisory Meeting.

The Superintendent held the second Parent Advisory meeting of the year just before the break. Topics included Jobs of the Future, one of our presentations tonight.

Parent/Teacher Conferences.

We are looking forward to our winter conferences with parents. Conferences will be taking place next week, with Thursday and Friday both being half-days of school, in order to allow teachers sufficient time to meet with parents. It is our goal to meet with every student's

parent/guardian during this second round of conferences. Teachers will be sharing and discussing important topics such as grades, NWEA and AIMSWeb data, attendance data, and will be establishing goals in collaboration with parents.

Mission Kindergarten.

We invite all prospective families of students entering kindergarten next year to join us for Mission: Kindergarten on February 5 from 5:00 - 6:30 at all Laveen schools.

VDS Career Day.

Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy held a career day for students in fifth through eighth grades just before the break. Over 20 professionals from a variety of industries hosted stations in which students could ask questions and learn about how their own skill sets could benefit them in each career field. Students chose three careers to focus on and had the opportunity to interview the professional using a questionnaire to help guide them. Professionals included a pilot for Frontier Airlines, a defense lawyer, medical field staff, and a school district superintendent.

Legislative Session.

As of Monday, the Legislative Session is officially underway. We are carefully watching the education bills being introduced and will advocate for the best interests of the District.

Art Grant.

I am excited to announce that the District has been awarded the Arts Consumable Grant by the Arizona Department of Education. The grant provides \$187,000 in consumable supplies to be distributed across staff. Those teaching art, music, band, and drama as well as Grades Preschool-3 will each receive \$1,000. Grant funds can be used on art supplies, materials and instructional aids such as painting supplies, props for performances, sheet music, and ceramic supplies to name a few. We are excited about this opportunity and to continue supporting the Arts in Laveen!

Job Fair.

The Laveen School District is hosting a job fair for teachers interested in joining our team. The job fair will be held on January 25, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Laveen Education Center, 5001 W. Dobbins. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with Laveen administrators, including school principals. On our consent agenda, we will have a recommendation for our referral incentive for teachers who refer and new teachers who is hired by the District.

Math Curriculum Adoption.

To bring you up-to-date from our last meeting, the K-8 Math Adoption has been reviewing and scoring the top two math programs (Eureka Math Squared and Illustrative). We expect a recommendation for a new math program at the February board meeting.

National Board Certified Teachers.

Kassey Rysdyk and Robert Dolecki received their National Board Certification.

Employees of the Month.

Jen Veney - K-2 Life Skills Teacher - Laveen Elementary
Jose Rodriguez Gomez - Plant Manager - Desert Meadows

Classroom Spotlight.

Presented by Estrella Foothills Global Academy.

Jobs of the Future Presentation.

Presented by Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Leadership Jaime Camacho.

City of Phoenix Presentation on Future Economic and Business Development.

Presented by Christine Mackay, Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Phoenix.

E. Call to the Public Regarding Agenda items.

Information: 1. Call the Public.

No requests to speak received

F. Consent Agenda.

Action (Consent): 1. Personnel Report.

Submitted by Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Timothy Thomas.

Action (Consent): 2. Expense Vouchers.

Submitted by Bookkeepers Crystal Gray and Perla Herrera.

Action (Consent): 3. Payroll Vouchers.

Submitted by Payroll Supervisor Brenda Long.

Action (Consent): 4. Teacher Referral Incentive.

Submitted by Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Timothy Thomas.

Action (Consent): 5. Preschool Tuition Fee Schedule.

Submitted by Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services Sarah Zembruski.

Action (Consent): 6. Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates Program School Board Awareness Certification.

Submitted by Chief Financial Officer Charlie Martin.

Motion by Mrs. Abegg, second by Ms. Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Aye: Mrs. Barragan, Ms. Anderson, Dr. Watkins, and Mrs. Abegg.

No: None.

G. Board Consideration and Action.

No items for Board Consideration or Action.

H. Comments.

Information: 1. From the Board.

Information: 2. Call to the Public Regarding Non-Agenda Items.

No requests to speak received

I. Future Meetings.

Information: 1. A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on February 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

At Laveen Education Center (unless otherwise posted), at 5001 W. Dobbins Street, Laveen, Arizona.

J. Adjournment.

Action: 1. Meeting Adjournment.

Motion by Ms. Anderson, second by Dr. Watkins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries.

Aye: Mrs. Barragan, Ms. Anderson, Dr. Watkins, and Mrs. Abegg.

No: None.