

LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1
2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Governing Board Minutes

May 8, 2018

REGULAR MEETING:

1. Routine Opening of Meeting - Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Lake Havasu Unified School District No. 1 was called to order by Governing President, John Masden, in the District Boardroom, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona at 6:00 p.m., on May 8, 2018.

1.1 Moment of Silent Prayer or Reflection

1.2 Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Masden, President
 Nichole Cohen, Vice President
 Kathy Cox, Member (telephonically; left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.)
 Pat Rooney, Member
 Alan Ward, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Diana Asseier, Superintendent
 Michael Murray, Director of Business Services
 Brad Gardner, Director of Educational Services
 Denise Miner, Director of Personnel/Technology
 Connie Hogard, Principal, Smoketree Elementary
 Claude Sanders, Principal, Havasupai Elementary
 Corey Triassi, Principal, Starline Elementary
 Roger Burger, Principal, Nautilus Elementary
 Brett Bitterman, Principal, Oro Grande Elementary
 Andrea Helart, Principal, Jamaica Elementary
 Scott Becker, Principal, Lake Havasu High School
 Jaime Festa, Assistant Principal, Lake Havasu High School
 Brady Krueger, Assistant Principal, Lake Havasu High School
 Terry Fleming, Secretary

Others: 78

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

1.4 Call for an Executive Session - none

2. Call to the Public

Brynley Mosley requested that Board consider bringing back Arts, Music and Physical Education.

3. Recognition of Visitors

- Retirees were honored with a plaque from the District; Carol Bodman, Betsy Duda, Lynn Edwards, Ann Gauger, Bill Gauger, Mary Heronema, Gerald Hostetter, Jennifer Johnson, Marie Keife, Sherry Kortan, Mary Krmpotich-Niskanen, Rafael Martinez, Bonnie Maury, Denise Miner, Marie Timmons, and Rita Van Horn
- Lake Havasu High School 2018 MCC Mathlympics Champion students were honored with a Certificate of Appreciation.
- Lake Havasu High School Career Technical Education (CTE) National Student Contenders for SkillsUSA, FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, Ed Rising and National Thespians were honored.
- The High School Counselors give an update with a PowerPoint presentation.
- Lake Havasu City Education Association (LHCEA) Carol Nowakowski gave a LHCEA monthly report.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

May 8, 2018

- 4.1.1 Approval of Minutes:
 - Regular Session of April 17, 2018
 - Special Session of (2) April 5, 2018
 - Work Session of April 10, 2018
 - Executive Session of April 5, 2018
- 4.1.2 Approval or Modification of Agenda
- 4.1.3 Personnel Report: Certified; Employment, Separation, Exception to Policy, Long Term Medical, Other. Support Staff; Employment, Separation, Exception to Policy, Long Term Medical, Other.
- 4.1.4 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations to the Lake Havasu Unified School District in the amount of \$5,138.00 and to Student Activities Organizations in the amount of \$1,250.00.
A detailed list of donations can be viewed as background material by contacting the District.
- 4.1.5 Approval of Travel Asseier

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented
 ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

5. Old Business

5.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Governing Board Member Vacancy

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Governing Board discuss the Governing Board member vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Alan Ward on April 10, 2018; and possibly take action to appoint an interim Board member.

Per Mr. Mike File, Mohave County School Superintendent, the Governing Board has the following options:

- Agree to leave the position vacant until the 2018 General Election results are final and new Board member is sworn in January 2019.
- Select a community member to fill the open Board position and present the name to Mr. File. Mr. File would then appoint that person to fill the opening until the end of December 2018.
 - If the selected person desires to continue in the position, he/she would have to run in the November 6, 2018, General Election for the open position, which would be for the remaining two years of Mr. Ward's term (December 2020).
- There will be three open Board member positions on the November 6, 2018, General Election ballot.
 - Mr. Ward's position - January 2019 through December 2020
 - Mr. Rooney's position - January 2019 through December 2022
 - Mrs. Cohen's position - January 2019 through December 2022

For information on how to run for an open school board position for Lake Havasu Unified School District, please contact the LHUSD Superintendent's Office or the Mohave County Educational Service Center at <https://www.mohavecounty.us/ContentPage.aspx?id=130&cid=935> .

This item was postponed at the April 17, 2018, Governing Board Meeting.

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox, to postpone item 5.1 until there is an empty board seat.

Mr. Ward feels he could possibly be here through June.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6. New Business

6.1 Renewal of Taher Food Service Contract for 2018-19

Mr. Murray recommended the Governing Board approve renewal of the contract with Taher Food Service for the fiscal year 2018-19.

In 2014, the district approved a five-year contract with Taher, with four annual renewals. This contract can be mutually cancelled or renewed by the parties. If this action item were approved, it would be the fourth renewal of the contract.

The renewal document has been submitted to the Arizona Department of Education and has been approved. A copy will be emailed to the board's review prior to the meeting.

A Taher representative, Scott Papke, was available at the meeting to answer any questions.

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve item 6.1 as presented.

Mr. Papke stated that they hope to have a new Director by the end of June for LHUSD's Taher, and that they had just had a Review Audit from the Arizona Department of Nutrition.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.2 Approval to Increase School Meal Prices

Mr. Murray recommended the Governing Board approve an increase of \$.05 to school lunch prices for school year 2018-2019. There will be no increase to the school breakfast price.

The governing board is asked to approve an increase to school lunch prices, to become effective in the 2018-19 school year. USDA requires that there is "Equity in School Lunch Pricing"; a provision that requires school districts to charge students for paid meals at a price that is, on average, equal to the difference between free meal reimbursement (\$3.31) and the paid meal reimbursement (\$0.39), \$2.92. Schools that currently charge less for meal prices than the amount needed to create paid lunch equity are required to gradually increase prices over time until they meet the requirement or supplement their food service operating funds with non-federal funds to insure equity.

The prices for breakfast and lunch, during 2018-19, are as follows (an increase of \$.05 to lunch prices and \$0.00 to breakfast from 2017-18.)

Elementary Breakfast	\$1.25
Elementary Lunch	\$2.40
Middle & High School Breakfast	\$1.25
Middle & High School Lunch	\$2.65

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve Item 6.2 as presented.

Mrs. Cohen would like to have a future conversation on concerns after watching "the Magic Pill" documentary. Anne Taffe, District School Nutrition Supervisor, spoke to reason for the rise in lunch prices.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.3 Approval of the Thunderbolt Middle School Student Handbook for 2018-19

Mrs. Asseier recommended the Governing Board approve the 2018-2019 Thunderbolt Middle School Student Handbook with Board recommended changes.

A copy of the 2018-2019 Thunderbolt Middle School Student Handbook was provided electronically to the Governing Board prior to the May 8 board meeting.

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, to approve item 6.3 as written.

Discussion on possible changes to the dress code information.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.4 Approval of High School Student Handbooks for 2018-19

Mr. Becker recommended the Governing Board approve the 2018-2019 High School Student Handbooks:

- Lake Havasu High School Student Handbook
- NO CHANGES have been made to the Lake Havasu High School Athletic Student Handbook

A copy of the 2018-2019 Lake Havasu High School Student Handbook and changes for 2018-19 was provided electronically to the Governing Board prior to the May 8 board meeting.

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, to approve item 6.4 with the change of new page 37 to read, "Bottoms shall be fingertip length, appropriately hemmed, cover all undergarments, and be free from rips, frays, holes, and tears."

After discussion, Mrs. Cohen withdrew her second, and Mr. Masden amended his motion to add to the change above, "This will be a district-wide policy." Seconded by Mrs. Cohen.

A lengthy discussion ensued with comments and concerns from Board members, Mrs. Asseier, and audience members: Nicolas Kurta, Deborah Lanhoff, Brynley Mosley, Corey Porter, Rachel Bishop, Carol Nowakowski, and Lisa Remont.

Mrs. Cox left the meeting at 8:04 p.m. with a Yes vote on the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.5 Approval of 2017-18 Revised Budget

Mr. Murray recommended that the Governing Board approve the 2017-18 revised budget. It is recommended that the Governing Board approve over expenditures in any of the following funds for the fiscal year 2018:

1. Regular education
2. Special education
3. Pupil transportation

The revised budget includes adjustments based upon changes that have occurred since the adoption of the budget last July. The revised budget and a summary sheet was presented to the governing board for review prior to the May 8, 2018, board meeting.

The district does not expect an over expenditure in any of the funded areas mentioned above at this time; however, per A.R.S. §15-905 G., if there needs to be an over expenditure in any of the funds, we must have board approval prior to the end of the fiscal year. The maintenance and operation expenditures will not exceed the total budgeted.

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 6.5 as presented.

Mr. Murray gave a PowerPoint presentation with information from the revised budget. Discussion on District Additional Assistance and how those funds can help with our textbook adoption.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.6 Discussion and Determination of Arizona School Boards Association Top Five Priorities for the 2019 Legislative Session

Mr. Masden recommended that the Governing Board discuss the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) 2019 Political Agenda Priorities and determine Lake Havasu Unified School District's top five priorities.

A copy of ASBA's 2019 Political Agenda Priorities was provided to the governing board for their review.

Mrs. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 6.6 and submit priorities to ASBA.

Discussion and suggestions on points to send to ASBA:

- Priority #1 Current Year Funding - remove
Rationale #1 Not helpful for declining districts. Make it harder to budget and anticipate needs.
- Priority #2 Auditor General Report to redefine "Classroom Spending"
Rationale #2 2015 Governor and Legislature acknowledged (and promised to change) definition of "Classroom Spending" to include: Instruction, Instructional Support, and Student Support.
- Priority #3 Arizona Immediately restore Department of Ed Technology Funding for APROPRIATIONS and CHARTER system.
Rationale #3 These systems are 20 years old and Microsoft stopped supporting them in 2010. If they break there is no fix and approx. 3 years to develop and implement a new payment system from scratch. ADE received approximately \$5.3m for their maintenance budget for 2018/19; however, they cut \$2.4m for new development. This is how our district is paid and is a critical piece to our operations.
- Priority #4 Restore requirements for Charters to post their annual budget online as well as an Apples to Apples comparison for District and Charter schools on the Auditor Generals website.
Rationale #4 This is public tax payer money being used to build and operate schools under the "choice" movement. How do parents make an informed "choice" without the facts? Accountability for all.

- Priority #5 Arizona Federal Public Lands (revenue source for schools) - Revisit 2015 HB2076 (Representative Thorpe) and HB2318 (Representative Barton) to join state compact through American Lands Council to get control of our land and add a new revenue source.
Rationale #5 We are supposed to be a sovereign state as promised in 1910 Enabling Act. We are not, and yet even ASBA promotes comparisons between Arizona and states that benefit from almost all of their land as a tax base.
- Priority #6 Increase age of Compulsory Education from 16 to 18.
Rationale #6 This is not in the best interest of our students. Keeping students in school when they do not want to be there is detrimental to the learning environment.

Mrs. Fleming will submit the list to ASBA by May 11 deadline.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.7 Approval of Sole Source with Rachel's Challenge and Rachel's Challenge Agreements

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Governing Board approve Rachel's Challenge as sole source and to approve the attached Agreements for Services with Rachel's Challenge for a total cost Not to Exceed \$59,000.00. Services will occur during the 2018-19 school year.

This past fall, our school community was shaken by the tragic suicide of one of our high school students. While none of us want to face it, the statistics around suicide are hard to ignore. In Arizona, suicide is the first leading cause of death for ages 10-14 and the second leading cause of death for ages 15-34.

As a school district, we have been discussing how we can better serve our youth through both prevention and intervention. Having safe schools, creating an engaging classroom environment focused on meaningful learning, and ensuring we have adults on campus who care and who can make connections with our students are priorities.

We have also noted that when a need arises, the community steps up to help. A group of community members from Citizens for Havasu Schools formed a subcommittee focusing on teen suicide and bullying. In their research for community solutions that focus on prevention, the team identified a program entitled Rachel's Challenge. After several conversations with the founders of Rachel's Challenge, the committee has proposed a community wide event to include training of all staff, assemblies at all schools for all students, and a weeklong event working with all tenth grade students. More detailed information will be provided at the meeting.

The initial cost will be paid by the district with a significant portion to be reimbursed through fundraising by the committee. This item has been reviewed by Legal and Purchasing.

Mr. Rooney moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve item 6.7 as presented.

Mrs. Asseier gave an informational PowerPoint presentation about Rachel's Challenge. Present from Citizens for Havasu Schools was Marcia Cox, Jaime Festa, Wendy Moore, Andrea Helart, and Shannon Williams. Board members, Mrs. Asseier, Wendy Moore, Marcia Cox, and Kathryn Hubert voiced comments and concerns.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.8 Approval of Changes to Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular, Enrichment Activities for Tax Credit Funds

Mr. Murray recommended the Governing Board approve the addition of After-School Tutoring to the list of eligible tax credit programs at Starline Elementary School.

The After-School Tutoring program offers educational reading intervention for at-risk students in grades Kindergarten through three. After-school tutoring will allow struggling readers more time, support, and instruction that focuses on a framework of foundational reading skills, which includes phonics, vocabulary, fluency/accuracy, and comprehension.

Upon closure of the program, remaining funds will be transferred to Starline's All/No Preference tax credit account.

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mrs. Cohen, to approve item 6.8 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.9 Approval of Vouchers, Student Activity Funds, and Auxiliary Funds

Mr. Murray recommended that the Governing Board approve:

Approval of Vouchers – April and May 2018 will be presented in June for approval.

Student Activity Funds for K-6 for March 2018 / \$6,942.08

Student Activity Funds for 7-8 for March 2018 / \$29,451.82

Student Activity Funds for 9-12 for March 2018 / \$246,973.80

Auxiliary Funds for March 2018:

District Office	\$ 7,948.04
Smoketree	\$ 7,254.41
Havasupai	\$ 6,731.05
Starline	\$ 15,463.46
Nautilus	\$ 11,449.43
Oro Grande	\$ 5,362.88
Jamaica	\$ 18,508.09
Thunderbolt	\$153,279.53
High School	\$617,544.70

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Rooney, to approve item 6.9 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

6.10 Presentation/Review of Policy ACA and ACA-R Sexual Harassment

Mrs. Asseier recommended that the Board suspend Governing Board Policy BGB (Policy Adoption) related to a first and second reading, and approve this presentation of revisions to Governing Board Policy ACA and Regulation ACA-R Sexual Harassment.

Approval of the revised policies from the Office for Civil Rights was received on April 25, 2018. The District has until June 24, 2018, to implement the remainder of the requirements of the Voluntary Resolution Agreement.

Prior to June 24, 2018, the Governing Board must adopt the approved policies, and the District must then provide notice of the approved policies to District staff, parents, and students. This notice may be accomplished by placing information regarding the sexual harassment policies and procedures in school newsletters and the Districts' website with links to the posted policies. Lastly, the District must identify and train pertinent staff on the policies. In order to meet the terms of the agreement, the policy must be approved prior to the June 19, 2018, meeting.

Policy has been reviewed and approved by the District's Legal Counsel.

Mr. Masden moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to suspend Governing Board Policy BGB (Policy Adoption) related to a first and second reading, and approve the first presentation of revised Policies ACA and ACA-R Sexual Harassment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cox: YES, Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward, YES, Masden: YES

7. Informational

* Superintendent

- High School English Language Arts 9-12 Textbooks (McGraw-Hill/Pearson/ Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) for adoption will be on public display in the District Office Boardroom the required 60 days (April 18-July 12) per District Policy IJJ Textbook/Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption.

- Mrs. Asseier shared that the Budget Committee will be reconvened to review the Arizona State Budget results.

- Mrs. Asseier share a handout on the information about the Vision 20/20 Chamber Mixer for Educator of the Year on May 17.

* Directors - Educational Services, and Special Services Reports.

* Governing Board Members

* Advisory Committees

* Employee Benefit Trust (EBT) Ex-Officio

8. Call to the Public

Senator Sonny Borrelli shared update and follow up of the state budget. He thanked LHUSD for keeping our schools open while being well represented. Senator Borrelli requested that the Board add to the list going to ASBA the need for a curricular tax credit, along with the extra-curricular tax credit.

9. Communications

- The next regular board meeting will be June 19, 2018. There will be a Work Session on June 12 2018, to review the draft June19 packet.
- Graduation will be May 24 at the Havasu 95 Speedway.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Rooney moved, seconded by Mr. Ward to adjourn at 9:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Cohen: YES, Rooney: YES, Ward: YES, Masden: YES

Video of the entire meeting may be seen on the District website [www.havasu.k12.az.us] under Governing Board.

Minutes of the Regular Governing Board meeting of May 8, 2018, are approved as submitted.

John Masden, Board President

Nichole Cohen, Board Vice President