

## MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

Meeting of the Governing Board

April 27, 2016

### OPENING

#### **Call to Order**

President Coutré called a meeting of the Maricopa Unified School District No. 20 Governing Board to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Office Administration Building.

Roll call reflected the following members:

Ms. Patti Coutré, President  
Mrs. AnnaMarie Knorr, Vice President (Absent)  
Mrs. Torri Anderson  
Dr. Gary Miller  
Mrs. Rhonda Melvin

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Henry Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

#### **Call to the Public**

Ms. Julia Gusse addressed the board regarding Veterans Reach to Teach Initiative and requested that the administration and Board have this initiative in the back of their minds when hiring new teachers for the District. Ms. Gusse is also a substitute teacher for the District and as part of a lesson in one of her 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Santa Cruz Elementary School she had them write birthday cards for a WWII woman veteran, Ms. Stella West in Kentucky that was celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ms. Gusse received in the mail from Ms. West a thank you card and a check for \$100.00 that she wished to donate to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Santa Cruz Elementary School to have an ice cream party. Ms. Gusse presented this check to Santa Cruz Elementary School Principal Dr. Conley.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### **Rotary Students of the Month**

Mr. Aron Rausch presented awards to the following selected Students of the Month who were nominated from the staff at their respective schools:

Ashley Lynn – 12th grade student at Maricopa High School  
Savannah Shelabarger – 8th grade student at Desert Wind Middle School  
Emma Berg – 8th grade student at Maricopa Wells Middle School

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### Additional Information

Dr. Chestnut welcomed Lt. Colonel Allen Kerksey as Maricopa High School AFJROTC teacher. Lt. Colonel Kerkey will be taking over this position formally in the 2016-2017 school year but has currently been filling in at this position since April 1<sup>st</sup> due to Major James Alonzo's retirement.

Dr. Chestnut said on April 23<sup>rd</sup> that approximately 45 Province residents attended a luncheon catered by the Maricopa High School culinary students and then were bussed to the Performing Arts Center to attend the Maricopa High School performance of Les Miserables.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Chestnut and Mr. Rausch attended a meeting with the Arizona School Administration Lobbyist. On April 27, Dr. Chestnut attended the forum for Central Arizona College President finalist, Dr. Jackie Elliott.

Dr. Chestnut reminded everyone that on May 4<sup>th</sup> the MUSD "Best of the Best" celebration will be taking place to recognized outstanding performances of MUSD employees. This will take place at the Performing Arts Center at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Chestnut also reminded everyone that on May 5<sup>th</sup>, the annual MUSD Art Walk will be taking place from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the District office.

Dr. Chestnut requested that everyone include in their calendar the Maricopa High School Senior Awards taking place on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Chestnut will be making a presentation on Prop 123 to the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

### **Governing Board Member Activity Reports**

Mrs. Melvin visited several schools this past week which included Desert Wind Middle School, Santa Rosa Elementary School and Maricopa High School. Mrs. Melvin will be visiting Maricopa Elementary School and Butterfield Elementary School in the upcoming days. Mrs. Melvin was very impressed with the Blended Learning class in the middle school and the AFJROTC class at the high school.

Dr. Miller announced that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and specifically May 1-7 is Children's Mental Health Awareness week. Dr. Miller says on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Copper Sky at 6:30-8:30 p.m. he has scheduled an event called Healthy Families/Resilient Children Mental Health is a Family Affair where there will be representatives from the school district and various other groups. Dr. Miller announced that on May 4<sup>th</sup> he will be acting as Police Chief for the day. Dr. Miller visited with Maricopa High School and in the upcoming days he will be visiting Butterfield Elementary School. Dr. Miller thanked all of the schools PTO's for their involvement within the schools. Dr. Miller also thanked all of the students who have been involved with the Relay for Life event that will be taking place on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Anderson reminded everyone that the Prop 123 vote is coming up and asked that anyone who has received an early mail-in ballot to vote and get that back in the mail. Mrs. Anderson requested if anyone has questions on Prop 123 to contact her or Dr. Chestnut. Mrs. Anderson visited Desert Wind Middle School and attended the Saturday matinee performance of Les Miserables at the High School. Mrs.

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Anderson says on May 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5 p.m. is the secondary schools music and band combined Music Fest and encourages everyone to attend.

President Coutré attended the Saturday matinee performance of Les Miserables at the High School. President Coutré says the Maricopa High School Spring Dance Recital is taking place on April 30<sup>th</sup>. President Coutré participated with the Butterfield Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade AWIM project and also attended the field trip at the Nissan facilities. President Coutré attended the Community Night Baseball game on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. President Coutré encouraged everyone to contact her if they have questions on anything.

**Information Items/Work Study**

Santa Cruz Elementary School Academic Focus Update

Principal Dr. Loraine Conley introduced Mrs. Dawn Dodd, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, who explained Santa Cruz’s academic focus being a learning community where staff and students work together to set personal goals. Students set academic goals based on individual data and set healthy nutrition and physical education goals. Mrs. Traci Ragatz, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, explained Santa Cruz accomplished more PE & Health classes, NFL Play 60, after school sports, mile meet, and more activities. Mrs. Ragatz further explained specifically for this year Santa Cruz students visited the Halle Heart Museum and during AZ Merit testing, the students continued to participate in PE classes to help ease the stresses of the test taking. Principal Dr. Conley says Santa Cruz plans to continue with teacher goals set within PLC’s, student individualize learning plans and posting weekly and quarterly academic class goals. Principal Dr. Conley reported Santa Cruz needs to overcome obstacles that include writing for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant and a soccer grant; needing a technology teacher; adding blended learning opportunities school-wide; and grade level planning time.

2016-17 Budget Discussion

Dr. Chestnut again presented the draft Cabinet recommendations and asked if the Board had any questions or comments. The recommendations are:

Option B – with Passage of Prop 123	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>
1. Class Size Reduction (10 FTE)	\$ 550,000	
2. Annual Stipend	\$ 500,000	
3. K-12 ISS (18 overloads, 1 parapro)	\$ 200,000	
4. All Staff COLA (3.5%)		\$ 995,250
5. Increase Site Budgets		\$ 220,000
6. Curriculum Update/Material		\$ 200,000
7. Secondary Gifted PD/Curriculum		\$ 37,000
8. Nurse (1 FTE)		\$ 52,500
9. K-12 Mental Health Counselor (1 FTE)		\$ 55,000
10. Additional HS Security Staff (1 FTE)		\$ 40,250
Total:	\$1,250,000	\$1,600,000

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Dr. Chestnut clarified that the items in the FY16 column are one year items and will be funded if Prop 123 is passed in May. To continue funding these three items in FY17 and beyond would be if the override passes in November. The items in FY17 are Prop 123 funding that would continue over the next ten years because it is a ten year revenue stream. Dr. Chestnut explained the district will still have the annual budget process each year and the list will need to be fine-tuned as with all of the items in the budget.

Mrs. Anderson is happy to see that if Prop 123 is passed, those funds are slated to be used in the classroom as that is what is was originally intended for.

#### 2017 Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Legislative Priorities

President Coutré explained that ASBA has requested that the school boards review the 2017 ASBA Legislative Priorities and pick the top 5 priorities from the agenda and any additional items to be considered and submit to ASBA by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Each board member provided their top 5 items along with any additional items to consider and the Board Secretary will consolidate those items and send to each of the board members so they can review and vote on what top 5 items will be submitted to ASBA.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

A. Approve Expense Vouchers.

- Voucher #1635 Ratify
- Voucher #1636 Ratify
- Voucher #1637 Ratify
- Voucher #1638 Ratify

B. Approve the April 27, 2016 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

C. Approve List of Authorized District Personnel Check Signers

D. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy BDF - Advisory Committees

E. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy JK - Student Discipline

F. Approve the 2nd and final reading of Policy JLDB - Restraint and Seclusion

G. Approve the 2nd and final reading of updated Policy KF - Community Use of School Facilities

H. Approve Donation

## CLOSING CONSENT AGENDA

The attached schedule lists Resignations, Reclassifications, Terminations, Non-Renewals, Stipends, New Position Requests, Employment/Ratifications, Stipends, Leave of Absence/FMLA Requests, and Other Administrative Actions. Board may approve to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to: A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, or dismissal of personnel.

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the Resignations, Reclassifications, Terminations, Non-Renewals, Stipends, New Position Requests, Employment/Ratifications, Stipends, Leave of Absence/FMLA Requests, and Other Administrative. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBBA - Board Member Qualifications  
Board discussed wording of Policy BBBA and requested a change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph in regards to “spouse” and members of the same household. Dr. Chestnut will request advice from the district attorney to see if changes can be made and what the appropriate wording would be. No motion made.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBBB - Board Member Oath of Office  
No motion made.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBBC - Board Member Resignation  
No motion made.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBBD - Board Member Removal From Office

Board discussed the wording in bullets 2, 4 and 5 of Policy BBBD and requested some changes to those items. Dr. Miller requested changing the wording in bullet 2 by taking out the word “Insanity” and replacing it with “Mentally incompetent”. President Coutré would like the wording in bullet 4 to be expanded to include what is stated in the A.R.S. 38-291 statute. Mrs. Anderson would like the wording in bullet 5 to take out the word “he” and replace with “he/she”. Dr. Chestnut will request advice from District attorney to see if changes can be made. No motion made.

Review, Discussion and Possible approval the 1st reading of Policy BBBE - Unexpired Term Fulfillment  
Board discussed and requested that at the end of first paragraph of Policy BBBE to include the wording “if it’s in the best interest of the District.” Dr. Chestnut will request advice from District attorney to see if changes can be made. No motion made.

**Adjourn:**

**Mrs. Melvin motioned and Mrs. Anderson seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4/0.**

**Time: 7:57 PM**

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