

## MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

Meeting of the Governing Board

January 13, 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 (Arrived at 6:33 p.m.)

Mrs. Torri Anderson

Dr. Gary Miller

Mrs. Rhonda Melvin

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

District Spelling Bee Winners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

President Coutré requested to remove item 5A from the agenda as Mrs. Celaya is unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of item 5A. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

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

No one addressed the Board.

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

Miss Alyssa Hollingsworth, Maricopa High School Jr. Class President reported earlier in the day that the Performance Group Dance Team performed in a festival along with other schools. Miss Hollingsworth said the Maricopa High School Winter Awards for academic and attendance was taking place tonight at the Performing Arts Center. Miss Hollingsworth said for next week, DECA will be going to regional competition; Student Council, band and other groups will be going to Desert Wind Middle School and Maricopa Wells Middle School to talk with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders about Maricopa High School. Miss Hollingsworth reported that the National Honor Society is planning a volunteer trip to Feed My Starving Children to help package food.

Dr. Chestnut introduced Mr. Ivan Pour to speak about the new band uniforms. Mr. Pour first began by informing the board of some of the upcoming band events which include the Winterguard having 3 performances in February; the Marching Band will be performing at Our Lady of Grace Carnival on January 29<sup>th</sup> and will be performing the National Anthem at the Grand Canyon University basketball game 1-13-16 To ensure compliance with the Open Meeting Law, recipients of this message should not forward it to other Board members, and Board members should not reply to this message.\*MUSD Mission Statement: Ensure all students achieve their potential in school, career and life by unifying students, staff, curriculum and community in a safe, supportive, challenging, empowering and innovative learning environment.

on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pour mentioned the Music-a-thon will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> where Maricopa High School, Desert Wind Middle School and Maricopa Wells Middle School will be performing all day. Mr. Pour displayed a sample of what the new band uniforms will look like along with describing the details about it. Mr. Pour explained with the cooperation of the district, the district will match the cost of the uniforms to what the band is able to raise through fundraising and with these efforts are working towards having the new uniforms for this upcoming fall season. Mr. Pour explained that the current uniforms were purchased in 2003 and has 86 uniforms that are usable. Currently the band has 106 students in the program.

Dr. Chestnut presented each of the Board Members with their Arizona School Board Association Boardmanship Award plaques.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> Dr. Chestnut attended the Desert Wind Middle School Future Cities competition and on January 7<sup>th</sup> Dr. Chestnut judged at the Maricopa Wells Middle School Future Cities competition. The top cities from each school were chosen and will advance to the State competition later this month.

Dr. Chestnut announced the MUSD Quarterly Newsletter will be going out in the Maricopa Monitor on January 19<sup>th</sup> and on January 23<sup>rd</sup> the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual banquet where the Teacher of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will be announced. Maricopa High School Teachers Mrs. Bernadette Russoniello and Mr. Chris McDonald were nominated for Teacher of the Year and Mr. Jim Irving has been nominated for Volunteer of the Year.

Dr. Chestnut presented the volunteer update for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester where there were a total of 472 volunteers that logged in a total of 13,565.

Dr. Chestnut introduced Mr. Rick Neilson to give an update on the budget committee. Mr. Neilson reported the budget committee held their second meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Neilson said Dr. Chestnut and Mr. Rausch had clarified some anticipated funding sources that are expected for next year and for the next 10 years. Mr. Neilson showed the priority list that the committee has begun to compile and at the next meeting they will begin to start to prioritize the list.

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

Mrs. Anderson reported she was a judge at the Desert Wind Middle School Future Cities Competition on January 6<sup>th</sup> and served as the pronouncer for the District Annual Spelling Bee on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Anderson congratulated the winners, Ariana Vaida (1<sup>st</sup> place), Joey Russoniello (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and Tyrell Packard (3<sup>rd</sup> place). Mrs. Anderson attended the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Board Meeting on January 8-10<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting Mrs. Anderson was updated on the Legislative process as the Legislative session is in full swing and Prop 123 was discussed. Mrs. Anderson said information on Prop 123 will be posted on the ASBA website. Mrs. Anderson announced and congratulated Mrs. Melvin for being elected as ASBA Treasure for the Black Caucus. Mrs. Anderson said School Choice Day at the state Capitol will be on January 29<sup>th</sup> and she encouraged all parents and kids to attend with their school colors/shirts on and signs to promote public education. Earlier in the day Mrs. Anderson met with Councilman Wade and the City Manager Rose about education issues and how to promote it. Mrs. Anderson announced on January 15<sup>th</sup> there will be the Desert Wind Middle School and Maricopa Wells Middle School Football Scrimmage starting at 6 p.m. at the high school. Mrs. Anderson stated that on Martin Luther King Jr. Day there will be a city wide celebration at Sequoia Pathway School. Mrs. Anderson is planning on visiting Santa Cruz Elementary School on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Anderson will be

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meeting with Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Russoniello at the high school to talk about volunteer opportunities with the Women & Children's Shelter and the Seeds of Hope Gala.

Mrs. Melvin is excited to announce that she was elected as ASBA Treasure for the Black Caucus.

Dr. Miller thanked the Butterfield Elementary School PTO for doing a great job of erecting the new readerboard sign and how they are a good example of a good PTO. Dr. Miller attended the second budget committee meeting. On January 15<sup>th</sup> Dr. Miller will be visiting Santa Cruz Elementary School. Dr. Miller reminded everyone that on the district website and school website pages there is a link for people to register to vote.

President Coutré reported she was a judge at Desert Wind Middle School on January 6<sup>th</sup>. President Coutré mentioned that the Arizona Science City will be taking place during the Salsa Festival on March 19<sup>th</sup> and a science fair will be held. President Coutré said the Arizona Science City is looking for donations for scholarships and if interested people can contact David Schaffer who is an intern at Maricopa Center of Entrepreneurship (MCE). President Coutré will be meeting with Councilman Wade and City Manager Rose along with Dr. Chestnut in the next few weeks regarding education. President Coutré said that the Maricopa High School band will be opening up at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Our Lady of Grace Parish Festival on January 29<sup>th</sup> and all-day wrist bands for rides at a discount rate of \$18 are currently on sale in the Parish office. The cost of the all-day wrist bands will go up on the day of the carnival. President Coutré announced that the opening and church dedication for Our Lady of Grace will be taking place on February 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. President Coutré announced that Mrs. Anderson has been appointed Pinal County Director for ASBA and thanked Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Melvin for stepping up and being part of the state-wide partnership.

### **Information Items/Work Study**

#### **Review 2015 Governing Board Evaluations**

The board reviewed the 2015 Governing Board Evaluations which included the Board's self-evaluations and the Stakeholders evaluations. The Board observed that the Stakeholders ranked the board higher than the Board ranked themselves. There were a total of 57 stakeholders that provided their evaluations of the Board. Mrs. Anderson felt the comments were honest and informative. Mrs. Anderson suggested for the next evaluation the term "community support" in question number 1 of the evaluation should be defined more clearly as people look at it differently and could be misunderstood. Mrs. Anderson also feels that in question number 2 that it should be explained that legally the board as a whole cannot talk about school issues outside of a scheduled board meeting or work session. Mrs. Anderson noticed there were some comments on the Boards expenses and she suggested that on the budget report it should show how much the Board's budget is and how much is actually spent on conferences, travel, etc. Dr. Miller commented that he noticed a lot of comments on the Boards lack of visibility at school sites and he suggested the Board make an effort to be more visible during the year at all school sites within the Board's Operating Protocol.

#### **Review of Governing Board Operating Protocol**

The Board reviewed and discussed the Governing Board Operating Protocol.

#### **Discussion of Governing Board Goals**

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President Coutré would like the Board policies to be reviewed to make sure they are falling in line with what the district is doing. Dr. Chestnut suggested that at each upcoming board meeting approximately 5 board policies will be on the agenda for review. After further discussion, the Board decided to schedule a separate work session to work on the 2015-16 Governing Board Goals. Dr. Chestnut will provide suggested dates for a work session to the Board so the work session can be scheduled.

#### Discussion of alternative options for Maricopa High School students

Mrs. Anderson began the discussion that she feels it is time to address the classroom needs in all secondary schools where discipline is an issue. Mrs. Anderson says the District mission statement mentions “all students’ will succeed.” Mrs. Anderson explained there are students that cannot function in a regular classroom environment for various reasons and she wants all of MUSD students to be successful. One of the suggestions Mrs. Anderson has is for a later start school time for these students, which will also help to reduce class sizes during the regular day. Mrs. Anderson says other districts have this option for their students and would like MUSD to look into this possibility. Dr. Chestnut and administration will do some research on this topic and bring it back at the next board meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Melvin seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

- A. Approve Expense Vouchers.
  - Voucher #1619 Ratify
  - Voucher#1620 Ratify
  - Voucher#1621 Ratify
- B. Ratify Payroll Vouchers #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17
- C. Approve the December 16, 2015 Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact
- E. New Account at Great Western Bank
- F. Approve contract award to US Energy for the purchase of Exterior Lighting Retrofits through Mohave Educational contract # 14F-USES-0825
- G. Approve contract award to SDB Contracting Services for the Maricopa High School Front Office Remodel through Mohave Educational contract # 14G-SDB-0903
- H. Approve travel for Maricopa High School student to attend the Regional Fire Service Character Education Camp Bullhead City, Arizona from January 25-28, 2016
- I. Approve travel for Maricopa High School DECA Students to DECA Disney Experience in Anaheim, CA on March 7-10, 2016
- J. Approve travel for Pima Butte 6th grade students to attend the Prescott Pines Camp on April 25-27, 2016 in Prescott, AZ

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## 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.

Mr. Beckett explained the stipends for items #35-69 to secondary personnel are provided in lieu of hiring teachers. Many of these teachers are teaching 6 periods a day which allows the district to not have to hire additional staff members which is a cost savings.

Mrs. Knorr motioned to approve the Resignations, Reclassifications, Terminations, Non-Renewals, Stipends, New Position Requests, Employment/Ratifications, Stipends, Leave of Absence/FMLA Requests, and Other Administrative. Dr. Miller seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Elect Governing Board President to serve from January 2016 to December 2016

Mrs. Anderson motioned to elect Patti Coutré to serve as Governing Board President from January 2016 to December 2016. Mrs. Knorr seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Elect Governing Board Vice President to serve from January 2016 to December 2016

President Coutré motioned to elect AnnaMarie Knorr to serve as Governing Board Vice President from January 2016 to December 2016. Mrs. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

**Adjourn:**

**Mrs. Knorr motioned and Mrs. Melvin seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5/0.**

**Time: 8:02 PM**

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Patti Coutré, President

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